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Here is Number of Schools in the State, Number of Pupils and Condition of the Districts.

In the district schools of the state there are 4,312 men and 9,787 women teachers. The average monthly wage paid the men is \$73.43; to the women, \$52.73.

The school census shows 191,906 boys and 184,574 girls between the ages of 5 and 21 years, a total of 376,477. Between the ages of 7 and 15 there are 212,629. Of those between the ages first given 278,326 were enrolled and only 192,154 attended. In short, the average daily attendance is about half the number between 5 and 21 who have a right to be in school.

There are 1,457 school houses in the state. Of this number 188 are sod houses and 62 log. There are 52 stone, 411 brick and 6,448 frame buildings.

Of the 7,071 school districts in the state, 410 have school terms of less than three months or none at all; 565 have terms running from three to six months, 4,132 from six to nine months, and 1,964 nine months or more.

Over \$7,500,000 was spent last year in the district schools of the state. Of this sum, \$4,500,000 were for salaries, and nearly \$1,000,000 for buildings and sites, while the coal bills and the repair bills footed up a third of a million each.

For books and school supplies last year \$317,697 was expended in the district schools of the state.

The total value of all school district property in the state is a little over \$16,000,000, against which is an indebtedness exceeding \$4,500,000.

Nearly \$34,000 was paid last

year by the taxpayers of the state to aid in maintaining schools in districts where sufficient money could not be had. There were 387 of these schools in thirty-five counties. Nearly all of these were in western Nebraska or in the cattle country of the north. Nemaha county had one district thus assisted.

Nearly \$600,000 a year is distributed by the state among the public schools of the state, based on the proportion of children of school age found within the district. This money represents interest upon investments of the state school fund derived from the sale or lease of state school lands.

There are 435 districts in the state where school is maintained for from one to five scholars; 1,488 where the daily attendance is between six and ten; 1,761 where it is from eleven to fifteen; 4,174 where it is from sixteen to twenty; 833 where it is from twenty-one to thirty; 147 where it is from thirty-five to forty, and only 483 where it is above forty. There are 45 schools in Holt and 25 in Perkins county where there are less than five children in attendance. There are two of these in Lancaster county.

Died at Havelock.
From Saturday's Daily.
Mrs. W. H. Pickard received word yesterday of the death of her sister-in-law, Mrs. George Anderson, who died at her home at Havelock yesterday. The deceased was the wife of George Anderson, a former Plattsmouth man. She leaves her husband and a small child. Her father, mother and four brothers and two sisters also survive her.

Miss Laura Smith of York, who has been visiting her father, William Smith, for a time, returned to her home this morning. Her sister, Miss Rena Smith, departed on the same train for Missouri Valley, Iowa.

THOMAS JOYCE DROWNED WHILE OUT BOAT RIDING

Unfortunate Man Was a Resident of Plattsmouth and Had Gone to Bellevue for a Few Days.

From Saturday's Daily.
A man and woman were drowned in the Missouri river yesterday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock, after a skiff in which they had rigged a sail was capsized. Three other members of the party were saved. The dead: MRS. JAMES DILLON, 30 years old, Bellevue. THOMAS JOYCE, 41 years old, Bellevue.

The others in the party were Mr. Dillon, Arthur Dillon, a son, and Mrs. Joyce. The party had pulled up the river. Then they improvised a sail and intended to go back with the wind. A sudden puff overturned the topheavy craft. Every member of the party succeeded in holding to the boat for a time.

Earnest Collins saw the peril of the party from the bank. He put out after them in a skiff. Just before he reached them he called to them to hold on for a minute more. Just then, however, Dillon released his hold on the boat and started to swim. That spoiled the balance and the skiff sank. The five persons were struggling to save themselves in a moment. Mr. Joyce and Mrs. Dillon sank for the last time before Collins could reach them.

Mrs. Dillon was born and lived all her life in Bellevue. Joyce had lived there for twenty-five years. He was a laborer.

Efforts to find the bodies were without success.—Omaha Bee.

The Thomas Joyce referred to was a resident of this city and lived in the Fourth ward near Constable J. R. Denson's home. Mr. Joyce was a fisherman and frequently had fish for sale on the street here. A few days ago he and his brother went to Bellevue, their old home, for the purpose of fishing for a time, and last Thursday night, after Mr. Denson had retired for the night, Mr. Joyce called him on the telephone from South Omaha and requested him to call Mrs. Joyce and have her come to Bellevue the next day. Mrs. Joyce left for Bellevue yesterday morning.

Lived in Weeping Water.
From Saturday's Daily.
The following dispatch from Cincinnati, under date of May 24, appeared in the state press yesterday:
"Christian Shrumph, aged 34, supposed to be of Weeping Water, Neb., and to be insane, is being held here pending receipt of word from Weeping Water. A week ago Shrumph was arrested in Chillicothe, Ohio, where he was wandering about the residence districts. He said he was looking for a boarding house. He was sent to Cincinnati, where he continued to act strangely and finally was picked up by the police."
Christian Shrumph has been a resident of Weeping Water for more than twenty-five years, and at one time was so popular that he was elected engineer for Weeping Water city. He has always lived alone, having never been married. At times of recent years he has acted queerly, and the small boys have often teased him until he would be in a rage.

In District Court.
From Saturday's Daily.
A novel case has been filed in the district court of this county, the plaintiff being Mrs. Lizzie Fields, who names her husband, Fred Fields as defendant. The relief sought is the annulment of a marriage between the parties, the ground for the prayer being that the plaintiff was but 15 years of age in 1906, when the marriage was solemnized. She alleges in her petition that she could not legally consent to the marriage, and that she resided with her husband but little more than a month, and that she has not lived with him since. This is the first case of the sort to be filed in this court and will create some interest on the hearing.

Miss Clara Applegate returned to her home in Union this morning, having finished her work in the city schools for the present term.

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Doing Well in Oregon.
We are in receipt of a communication from Mrs. Chris Christensen, who, with her family, are now residing near Yaquina, Oregon, in which she encloses \$1.50 due on her subscription to the Journal. She says that our paper is full of news and is well read by them. She states that the Christensen family are nicely located on their ranch, and are in the dairy business. The many friends of the Christensen family will be pleased to know that they are doing so well.

MISSOURI PACIFIC TO USE BIC-SUM IN IMPROVEMENT

To Sell Twenty-five Millions in Three-Year Notes to Pay for the Work.

The Missouri Pacific is now arranging to negotiate the sale of \$25,000,000 worth of three-year 5 per cent notes for use in rebuilding the system. Speyer & Co., New York bankers, are said to have the sale of securities in hand.

H. I. Miller, who has recently made a physical valuation report for the company, has been named first vice president and will have charge of operation and maintenance. It is understood that a construction expert will be placed in charge of rebuilding, probably reporting to President Bush direct.

A New York paper says the bankers have decided that no more than \$10,000,000 a year will be advanced for the purpose of rebuilding the system, holding that a greater sum cannot be spent to advantage and its expenditure properly supervised.

Construction experts have figured that it will take between five and seven years to properly rebuild the Missouri Pacific main lines and the branches on which heavy traffic is handled. This rebuilding of course in the end amounting to rebuilding all the branches, because material taken from the main lines will be replaced on the branches, taking out the lightest steel and thus adding to the weight of rails over all the system.

It is not believed that much show of new work can be made by the present management before the end of the summer or early fall, as it will take that long to decide what is to be done and to organize for doing the work.

President Bush has announced that the management of the road will be changed from the departmental plan to the divisional plan and that this change has been made to facilitate the work of rebuilding and improvement.

Notice of Application for Liquor License.

Notice is hereby given to all persons interested and to the public, that the undersigned, W. H. Thiele, has filed his petition and application in the office of the County Clerk of Cass County, Nebraska, as required by law, signed by a majority of the resident freeholders of Center Precinct, setting forth that the applicant is a man of respectable character and standing and a resident of the state of Nebraska, and praying that license be issued to said W. H. Thiele for the sale of malt, spirituous and vinous liquors for the period of one year from June 10th, 1911, ending June 10th, 1912, in a building on lot 1, block 2, in the village of Manley, in Center Precinct, in Cass County, Nebraska. W. H. Thiele, Applicant.

Fine Strawberries.

From Saturday's Daily.
The Journal publisher was once more treated to a mighty fine box of home-grown strawberries, coming from our excellent friend, Julius Pitz, residing south of the city. We believe we are safe in saying that the strawberry crop this year will be the finest for some time. We are judging from what we have already seen. They are the finest ever.

Receives Locomobile.

Mr. C. C. Parmele is the possessor of the finest car which has ever been brought to this city, the auto having arrived yesterday. The machine is a Locomobile and an up-to-date model, costing Mr. Parmele about \$3,500. The car is a beauty and no doubt the owner will find that it pays to buy the best.

Mr. Joseph Sans, jr., left for Omaha this morning, where he expected to visit his aged father at the Immanuel hospital, and, if his condition is sufficiently improved, Mr. Sans will leave for his home at Berthoud, Colorado, this afternoon.

RAVAGES OF THE FIREY ELEMENT DESTROYS JOSEPH ROUCHKA HOME

The Loss Very Heavy for a Poor Man, But He Carried Insurance on Building and Furniture for \$1,200—Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars in Cash Destroyed.

From Saturday's Daily.
A disastrous fire occurred last night in the west Second ward at the home of Joseph Rouchka, which resulted in a total loss of his nice cottage, his household furniture, as well as \$250 cash, with only \$1,200 insurance. The fire department did all in its power to save the building and contents, but the distance out from the central station and lack of hose at the west station were obstacles which could not be overcome.

The origin of the fire, which started about 11 o'clock, is mysterious, and the building is almost entirely burned, so that from appearances this morning it is difficult to tell just where the fire started, but from Mr. Rouchka's statement, it probably started in the kitchen. Mr. Rouchka was occupying a bed in the kitchen, while his wife and two children were sleeping in a room to the north. The first Mr. Rouchka knew of the fire the embers were dropping from the ceiling on the kitchen to the floor and the rooms were filled with smoke. He and his wife and children had a narrow escape.

The fire had gained considerable headway when the alarm was turned in, which was done by someone not known to Mr. Rouchka. A Mr. Hall, who lives near the green-house, observed the glare of the fire, and informed someone that there was probably a fire on the hill, and when he reached his home heard the alarm whistle. The fire boys in the west end of town immediately responded and got the west hose cart, with its 500 feet of hose stretched from a hydrant on Main street, but found that the hose would not reach far enough. The department down town got to the

fire and coupled onto the hose already laid and prevented the fire from spreading to adjacent residences. The wind was high and the danger of firebrands alighting on the roofs of neighboring houses was great.

After the fire was extinguished the scene of wreckage was remarkable. The floor was so badly burned that the cook stove dropped into the cellar. Nothing whatever was saved. The place where Mr. Rouchka kept his money was near the flue in the kitchen. He says he had a small fire in the kitchen stove about 8:30, but that it was all out long before the blaze which burned his house started.

Mr. Rouchka has been a Plattsmouth resident about six years, and had bought his home some time ago and had the house and premises fixed up in good shape, and the loss will fall very heavily on him and his family. His residence was on North Thirtieth street, which is hard to reach with a hose cart drawn by hand.

Since the above was placed in type the writer has been informed that the alarm was given by James Polacek, who was awakened by Mrs. Rouchka coming to the door with her little child and rousing him. A part of the furniture was saved, although very little.

The fire department is entitled to much credit for the manner in which the fire fighting was carried on, and, considering the handicap of distance and the course over the hills, the department did exceedingly well. Mr. C. C. Wescott, who made the run to both fires yesterday, said he had not a word of criticism for the boys, but thought that the department did exceedingly well.

SCHOOL CHILDREN SMASH INK BOTTLES ON WALK

The Law Very Severe Upon Such Prepetrators, and They Want to Look Out.

From Saturday's Daily.
Some of the Plattsmouth citizens are quite perturbed at the reckless manner in which the school children have dashed their ink bottles against the concrete walk about the school ground. There is a strict law against the placing of broken glass in the street or highway, and the penalty for its violation is severe. Any kind of broken glass, ink bottles, beer bottles, whisky bottles or any other kind of glass thrown on the sidewalk or street or road in Nebraska is a violation of the law and should be punished.

Last year at the close of school a boy threw his ink bottle on the pavement in front of a little girl, the bottle being broken into many pieces, the ink flying on her dress and the pieces of glass cutting her hands, so that she went home crying with her hands bleeding. It is reported that one of the teachers encouraged the breaking of bottles yesterday evening, but this is hard to believe, as such encouragement would subject the teacher to a fine as well as the boy throwing the glass.

Robbed of His Watch.

From Saturday's Daily.
County Attorney G. H. Taylor today prepared and filed a complaint against Charles McCauley, charging him with larceny of a watch from the person of Mr. Chris Gobelman on May 26, 1911, while then and there being in the county of Cass, state of Nebraska, which the complaint alleges is contrary to the form of the statutes and against the peace and dignity of the state. The defendant was thrown in jail last night for being intoxicated and for making an attempt to harm his brother, threatening him with a knife while in a drunken condition. The complaining witness, Mr. Gobelman, was on the street when he was robbed of his watch. He was with the accused and was asked by him as to the time. When Gobelman took his watch from his pocket the defendant took it in his hands, and while assisting Mr. Gobelman to replace it in his pocket unfastened the watch from the chain and placed

it in his own pocket. Mr. Gobelman missed his watch soon after, and it was found in the possession of the defendant when he was taken to the jail for being drunk.

Has Collision.

From Saturday's Daily.
Mr. W. E. Rosencrans was chancing his new Mercer car in the country this morning and collided with some immovable object, wrecking the lamp and badly smashing a fender before he could reverse his engine. Whilst the damage was not great, it was somewhat annoying at the time.

George Klinger and family, of Geirich, South Dakota, arrived in the city last evening for a week's visit with their many friends and relatives at the old home. George called at the Journal headquarters this morning and we enjoyed a few moment's chat with him and find that everything in that locality is looking very prosperous. The hardware business has been good, and they are all happy and well pleased with that part of the country.

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