

NEBRASKA'S BLIND ASYLUM

Wonderful Proficiency of the Blind Pupils.

An Essay that Would Do Credit to a High School Graduate, and Shows the Blind School to be Efficient.

There has been a great deal said through the columns of the press of late concerning the Blind Institute at Nebraska City and its present management. On Friday of last week a representative of this paper visited the institution. The management of the institution had no knowledge of the intended visit until the representative of the paper presented himself at the door. He was shown into Prof. Johnson's office and afterwards through the entire building, and into the class rooms where the pupils were at work. Everything was quiet and orderly. The recitations showed very careful preparation. The first classroom visited was the geology class, in charge of Prof. H. E. Dawes. To show the quality and character of the work we publish the following article which was prepared and written without assistance, by Miss Stella Miller, eighteen years of age, totally blind from birth. It would be a credit to any pupil in any of the high schools in this state. We select the article because it was the first read after we entered the room. There were five others just as good, some of them much longer.

The original essay in the point, or dot writing of the blind, is in the office of THE INDEPENDENT, and we will take pleasure in showing it to any one interested in the education of the blind. The following is Miss Miller's essay:

REVIEW OF GEOLOGY, BY MISS STELLA MILLER.

The time from the beginning of the earth's formation to the present, is divided into long periods called "Times." The first is called the "Azoic," a word meaning no life.

The earth was one great mass of gaseous substances, heated to a high degree; this gradually cooled to a liquid state, and by and by a film came over the liquid and finally grew into a crust, but the interior was still a boiling mass, and often portions of it would be forced up through the thin places of the crust, and the great quantity of moisture contained by the rare heated atmosphere would become condensed and fall as rain covering the entire globe with water; after a time depressions were made in the earth and the water flowed into them, thus forming oceans.

The mountains were formed by the melted rock of the interior being forced through the crust and piled up on the surface; the low mountains were formed on the thin places of the crust and the high ones where it was thick; the greater resistance the higher the mountain.

The rocks of this time were of igneous formation; after several changes the earth was ready for the first forms of life. The Eozoic time, the dawn of life, is divided into two ages—the Laurentian, named from the St. Lawrence river, because the rocks deposited in this age are found chiefly in this region, and the Huronian, named from the rocks found near Lake Huron. During this time little plants and animals, composed of one or two cells, appeared on the earth. We know this fact to be true from the fossil remains which we find in the rocks of this period. There was no life before; this because the rocks were of an igneous formation.

Most of the stones of all other times are either stratified or metamorphic. Fossils are formed in the rocks when the decayed matter of animals or plants is carried away by water, or by some other means, and the stony substance is deposited in its place, and forms the shape of the plant, or animal, as the case may be. Often the mold and not the form of the original is left. The Paleozoic time, ancient life, is divided into three ages—the Silurian, age of mollusks; the Devonian, age of fishes, named from Devon, a county in England, because of the great amount of fossil fish found there; and the Carboniferous, age of coal. During this age the earth was thickly covered with vegetation. This, after dying and decaying, was affected by the vapors of the atmosphere and was finally changed to coal, and as time went on sediment and other matter was deposited on the coal beds and buried them deep in the earth.

The Mesozoic time, middle life, was the age of reptiles. Not the common snakes and others of that class that we now see and start back from in terror, but lizards and others of enormous size, and snakes that could fly. The Cenozoic time is the age of mammals; it is divided into the tertiary and post-tertiary periods; at the latter part of the tertiary the northern hemisphere was covered with ice down to about the 39th parallel; this was called the glacial period; these great glaciers carved deep hollows in the land, ground many of the rocks to dust, thus making more soil, while the surfaces of others were polished perfectly smooth; Some bear marks or lines called striae.

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Total, \$159.19 Paid losses, \$50.00; other expense, \$51.79; total expense, \$101.79; balance on hand \$45.40. If the member had been insured in a stock company on time at 2 per cent for five years, this one year would have cost them \$473.90. It cost the Mutual \$104.70, leaving a balance of \$359.20 in favor of the Farmers' Company.

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HASTINGS CORRESPONDENCE.

Adams County will Help Put Governor Holcomb in for a Second Term.

HASTINGS, NEB., Feb. 4, 1896. The funeral of Father Fitzgerald, whose death occurred on last Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the residence of Jerome Crowley, in this city, took place from St. Cecilia's church at 10:30 o'clock this morning, and was very largely attended, there being an unusual large number of Catholic priests in attendance. The deceased was honored and beloved by all who knew him.

Isaac L. Deoyt left this morning for Fremont to attend the sugar beet convention, which meets there to-morrow. There will be several there from this county.

W. R. Parmenter, member of the "Black Flag" mercantile company, was among the passengers east this morning, who he goes to purchase a new stock of goods for his large establishment here.

George Ronian left last evening for Leadville, where he goes to assist Jack Houseman in his mining operations. The mine is reported as doing well and paying better than expected.

Female sneak thieves are doing something in their line in this city. They wear large capes as a means of concealing their shop-lifting propensities.

M. F. White, general merchant of Kenesaw, this county, was closed by creditors this week. Liabilities, \$4,000; assets, \$2,500. Crop failure and close money the cause.

Governor Holcomb, while here last week increased the number of his friends by large accessions. The governor is very popular at Hastings. His administration of the affairs of the state are giving entire satisfaction to the party and the public so far as Adams county is concerned, and if he will accept a second term Adams county stands ready to boost him in for a second term, and we expect to surround him with lieutenants who will stand by him in his efforts to correct some of the evils that have gone on for the past thirty-five years in public places. Give him another term and surround him with state officers that have a common interest in the welfare of the people of the state, and the good work already begun will be supplemented by more and better work.

Chicago Board of Trade. CHICAGO, Feb. 4.—The following is the range of prices of the grain and provision market on the board of trade:

Table with columns: High, Low, Close Feb. 3, Close Feb. 4. Rows include WHEAT, CORN, OATS, POKE, LARD, SHORT RIBS.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Feb. 4.—Cattle, receipts since Saturday, 4,468; calves, 175; shipped Saturday, 1,334 cattle; no calves. The market was strong to 3c higher. The top sale was \$4.10 and the bulk of sales \$4.00.

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AMONG WRITERS AND BOOKS.

Archibald Forbes, the well-known war correspondent, is seriously ill at his home in London.

Dr. A. Conan Doyle has bought some land near Hindhead, in Surrey, and begun the erection of a house on it.

Anna Katherine Green of detective story fame says she does not regard great beauty as a blessing to a woman.

E. C. Stedman, who has just refused a professor's chair at Yale, was dismissed from that university when a student.

The death is announced from Austria of Mrs. Charles Meredith, a well-known writer, and the "grand old woman" of colonial literature. She was 80.

Mrs. Humphrey Ward is one of the most thrifty of women. The author of "Robert Elsmere" has saved \$100,000 from her receipts from her novels.

The younger Dumas once went to his father and told him he had run in debt \$10,000. "Work as I do," said the elder Dumas. "I have just cleared off \$50,000."

Maclaren, the Scottish novelist, who has sprung into sudden fame, will leave his church in Liverpool, England, next fall and come to this country to give readings.

Edward W. Townsend, the creator of "Chimmie Fadden," is in London, where his book is doubtless taken as a correct representation of the New York vernacular.

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THE MARKETS.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Feb. 4.—Wheat sold at irregular prices here this morning, generally about a cent higher, except in low grades which in some cases sold 2 to 4 cents above the prices bid Saturday. There was a spasmodic demand, seeming urgent at times, and very indifferent at other times.

Hard Wheat—No. 2, 67c; No. 3, 63c; No. 4, 51c; rejected, 45c; no grade \$56.00. Soft Wheat—No. 2, 78c; No. 3, 77c; No. 4, 69c; 67c; rejected, 50c; Spring Wheat—No. 2, 67c; No. 3, 65c; rejected, 50c; white spring wheat, 55c; 56c.

Corn—No. 2, 22c; No. 3, 22c; No. 4, 21c, white corn, 23c. Oats—No. 2, 17c; 18c; No. 3, 17c; No. 4, 15c; no grade, 14c; No. 2 white oats, 19c; No. 3 white oats, 18c.

Rye—No. 2, 33c. Bran—40c; 41c in 100-lb sacks; bulk, 6c less. Hay—Timothy, choice, \$11.00; No. 1, \$10.00; No. 2, \$7.50; No. 3, \$5.00; alfalfa prairie, 8c; choice, \$3.00; No. 1, \$3.00; No. 2, \$4.00; packing hay, \$3.00.

Broom Corn—Short and common, \$20.25 per ton; self-working, fair to good, \$23.25 per ton; self-working, choice, \$19.50 per ton; dwarf corn, \$20.00 per ton; all hurl, \$25.00 per ton, according to quality.

Eggs—Strictly fresh candled stock, 11c per dozen. Poultry—Live poultry—Hens, 5c; springs, 7c; 6c; roosters, 15c; young, 17c; turkeys, 15c; 14c; gobblers, 8c; ducks, 8c; geese, fat, 5c; 4c; pigeons, dull, 10c. Dressed—Hens, 7c; springs, 8c; turkeys, 9c; gobblers, 9c; ducks, 9c; geese, fat, 5c; 4c.

Butter—Creamery, extra separator, 19c; first, 17c; dairy, fancy, 15c; fair, 13c; store packed, fresh, 10c; 12c; off grades, 8c; country roll, fancy, 12c; clover, 11c.

Apples—Single barrels sell as high as \$3.25; fancy, \$2.25; 20 per barrel; choice, \$1.75; 20; common to good, \$1.50 per barrel. The prices in a small way are irregular and range from 50c to 80c per bu.

Potatoes—Choice, 1 1/2c per bu in car lots; fancy, 2 1/2c per bu. Minnesota and Iowa 20c in car lots. Colorado stock, fancy, 50c per bu in a small way. Sweet potatoes, 30c to 50c per bu in a small way.

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Test Vote on the Silver Bill.

Saturday, Feb. 1, was a field day in the Senate. Practically the first test vote of the session on the silver question was taken and in order that our readers may be able to know who and where our friends are we have carefully tabulated the vote. Cut it out and place it where you can easily refer to it as you probably will want to do so many times. The fight is on between the gold bugs and plutocrats on one side and the common people on the other. We make these tables complete by giving the name of the state, senators, and the date at which their terms expire.

SILVER STATES.

ALABAMA. Term exp. 1901, J. T. Morgan, d. 1897, J. L. Pugh, d. ARKANSAS. 1901, James H. Berry, d. 1899, David Turpin, d. 1897, James K. Jones, d. 1897, D. W. Voorhees, d. CALIFORNIA. 1901, E. C. Perkins, r. 1899, E. C. Walthall, d. 1899, S. M. White, d. 1899, J. G. George, d. COLORADO. 1897, H. M. Teller, r. 1899, F. M. Cockrell, d. 1901, E. O. Walcott, r. 1897, George G. Vest, d. FLORIDA. 1897, Wilkinson Call, d. 1901, Thos. H. Carter, r. 1896, Samuel Pasco, d. 1899, Lee. Mantle, r. GEORGIA. 1901, A. O. Bacon, d. 1901, Wm. M. Stewart, p. 1897, J. B. Gordon, d. 1897, John P. Jones, p. NORTH CAROLINA. 1901, Marion Butler, r. 1899, F. J. Cannon, r. 1897, P. C. Pritchard, r. 1901, Arthur Brown, r. NORTH DAKOTA. 1897, H. C. Hansbrough, r. 1899, J. W. Daniel, d. 1899, Wm. N. Roach, d. 1901, T. S. Martin, d. SOUTH CAROLINA. 1901, R. B. Tillman, d. 1901, F. E. Warren, r. 1897, J. L. M. Irby, d. 1899, C. D. Clark, r. SOUTH DAKOTA. 1897, Jas. K. Kyle, p. 1897, W. C. Squire, r. 1901, R. T. Pettigrew, r. 1899, John L. Wilson, r. TENNESSEE. 1899, Wm. B. Bate, d. 1901, I. G. Harris, d. DIVIDED STATES. KENTUCKY. 1897, W. Lindsay, d. 1897, J. H. Mitchell, r. 1897, J. C. S. Blackburn, d. 1901, G. W. McBride, r. S. G. LOUISIANA. 1901, D. Caffery, d. 1897, J. D. Cameron, r. 1897, N. C. Blanchard, d. 1899, Matt. Quay, r. NEBRASKA. 1901, J. M. Thurston, r. 1901, H. Chilton, d. 1899, W. V. Allen, p. 1899, R. Q. Mills, d. GOLD STATES. CONNECTICUT. 1901, J. H. Hawley, r. 1897, J. H. Hill, d. 1897, Orville H. Platt, r. 1899, E. W. Murphy, Jr. d. DELEWARE. 1899, George Gray, d. 1897, Calvin S. Bries, d. 1901, H. A. Dupont, r. 1899, John Sherman, r. ILLINOIS. 1901, S. M. Cullom, r. 1899, C. S. Davis, r. 1897, John M. Palmer, d. 1901, Knute Nelson, r. IOWA. 1901, Wm. F. Fry, r. 1897, J. H. Gallinger, r. 1901, W. E. Chandler, r. 1899, Wm. E. Chandler, r. KANSAS. 1897, Wm. A. Peffer, p. 1899, James Smith, Jr. d. 1901, A. Baker, r. 1901, Wm. J. Sewell, r. MAINE. 1899, Eugene Hale, r. 1899, W. Aldrich, r. 1901, Wm. F. Fry, r. 1901, G. P. Wetmore, r. MARYLAND. 1897, Chas. H. Gibson, d. 1897, J. S. Morrill, r. 1899, A. P. Gorman, d. 1899, Redfield Proctor, r. MASSACHUSETTS. 1899, Henry C. Lodge, r. 1899, C. F. Frankler, r. 1901, Geo. F. Hoar, r. 1901, S. H. Elkins, r. MICHIGAN. 1899, J. C. Rowe, r. 1899, J. L. Mitchell, d. 1901, Jas. McMillan, r. 1897, Wm. F. Vilas, d. A close inspection of the above tabulation shows the senate has ninety members as follows:

Table with columns: State, Senator Name, Party, Term Expires. Lists Silver States, Divided States, and Gold States.

Republicans 45 Democrats 38 For silver 48 Against silver 42

States casting two votes for silver 14 States casting two votes against silver 17 States casting one vote against silver 7

It will be seen that there will be no change in the silver examination of the whole list of senators will show that only three states are likely to send gold men in place of silver men in 1897, Indiana, Kentucky, and Pennsylvania. The legislators in these three states may defeat a man that is for free coinage. Taking everything as it looks at this time there is no possible chance for the gold bugs to get control of the senate before March, 1899, or practically speaking the first Monday in December, 1900. It is not admitted by any one that the silver men will be in the minority in the senate at the above date. It is plain to see that the gold men cannot hope to get control before December, 1900, if at all, except by purchase.

The above table shows that 40 per cent of the republicans, 70 per cent of the democrats, and 100 per cent of the populists are silver men.

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