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NEBRASKA NEWS.

Hebron retains for another year all of its school teachers.

The hond-reissuing scheme in Tecumseh carried by a good majority.

The condition of the winter wheat in Adams county is not very encour-

A new banking company is being organized with Illinois and Kansas City capital for a new bank to be opened in Wymore.

Two residences in Valentine were burned last week, and heroic efforts were required to keep the conflagration from destroying others.

A grainary and two corn cribs together with grain and machinery burned on Henry Loney's farm, three miles northeast of Plainview. The cause of the fire was the explosion of

The twenty-third annual tournament of the Nebraska State Sportsmen's association, which will be held in Lincoln May 2, 3, 4 and 5, will probably be the largest tournament held in the west for some years past.

Captain Baxter disposed of the interior furnishings of the old post-office building in Omaha last week. Although the property when it was new cost many thousands of dollars, it was sold for the sum total of \$56.25.

Orders have been received by the custodian of the government building in Nebraska City to have certain repairs made on the same. The outside walls will be cleaned and painted and a number of repairs made on the in-

Dietrick Gaede of Nebraska City was found dead in his room at the home of his son-in-law, ex-Mayor H. H. Bartling. During the night he had put a cord around his neck and fastening it on the closet door hanged himself. He was seventy-six years of age.

It has been reported that a big strike was brewing among the packing house men at South Omaha and that May 1 had been selected as the date on which the walk-out was to But it is now reported that the strike has been called off and that whatever differences there may be will be settled by arbitration.

One morning about 2 o'clock a fire which was started north of Vroman, burned back north of Brady Island with a heavy northwest wind and destroyed much property. At the home of Mrs. Anderson, a widow, the fire spread rapidly and all clothing was burned from her body, she being frightfully burned. Her nephew, John Westerland, was badly burned about the head and hands. N. Flicklinger and son were badly burned about the feet

From a careful examination of the condition of the fall wheat in Richardson county, it is safe to say that fully 50 per cent of it has been destroyed by the constant freezing and thawing since the first of March. Alfalfa and red clover are also badly frozen out. Peaches and blackberrries cold weather of the winter, while apples, plums and cherries seem to be all

The class of '99 of Hastings college will be the largest that has ever graduated from that institution. Commencing about June 14, there will be a full week of commencement exercises, which will include class, concert, debate and banquet. The graduating class is composed of Clarence Cooke, Ernest Brouillette, Henry Heiler, Richard Moritz, Wilson Stichter, James Brown, Edward Bushnell, Charles Stine and Miss Erdell Montgomery.

Mrs. Abdiel V. York of Rising City has been adjudged insane and will be removed to the asylum at Lincoln if her health well permit. She was stricken with erysipelas a few days ago, and from the inception of the disease she grew rapidly worse. At last she appeared to be dying, all the symptoms of approaching death appearing. The family was called to what was supposed to be a death bed, where there was a sudden change in the appearance of the patient. She became hot and flushed and full of animation. But it soon appeared that her mind had gone. Her mania is said to be one of religion.

The mortgage record for the state. as compiled by the labor bureau from all the counties except Banner, shows that during the last six months of 1898. there were 6,411 farm mortgages filed, the total amount being \$7,003,266.46. There were 8,758 satisfied, amounting to \$8,197,147.84. The town and city mortgages filed amounted to \$1,908,-343.60, while the releases amounted to \$3,62a,290.64, or almost double the filings. The report on chattel mortgages was incomplete for the reason that a large proportion of the mortgages of this class filed with county clerks are never released. The compilation shows 38,839 filed, amounting to \$21.518,388, and 20,558 released, amounting to \$9,019,358.

J. J. Everingham, deputy of the insurance department of Auditor Corneil's office, has issued the annual statement of risks written, premiums received and losses incurred and paid by the fire insurance companies doing business in Nebraska, for the year ending December 31, 1898. The joint fire insurance companies of other states and nations wrote risks amounting to \$96,326,346 and received \$1,250,-079 in premiums. The losses paid amounted to \$552,704 and the losses incurred amounted to \$569,760. This shows a great increase in the amount of business transacted. The figures for the previous year were as follows: Risks written, \$87,915,160; premiums received, \$1,221,879; losses paid, \$395,-999; losses incurred, \$361,647.

The entire force of government microscopists at South Omaha, numbering about thirty young women, has been laid off until further orders. D. C. Ayer, chief of the bureau, received an order to this effect, and it is understood that the falling off in export orders in the cause of it.

THE NORTHWESTERN. THE NEW LAWS OF NEBRASKA

A Digest of Bills Put Through at the Recent Session of the Legislature.

A SAMPLE OF THE BALLOT MEASURE

The Election, Insurance and School Laws Undergo Liberal Amendment--Criminal and Civil Codes Materially Changed--Appropriation and Other Bills.

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FOR PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS.

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M. L. Hayward	Republican	7
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The party polling the highest number of votes at the last general election for the hand of the state those shall have the right of its nominer of the office and the state the party polling the second highest number of the condidate was nominated the party polling the second highest number of the shall have the necond place, the party polling the second highest number of the party polling the second highest number of the party polling the second highest number shall have the third place, and so otherwise the party polling those candidates whose names appear upon said bailot by petition to appear upon said bailot by petition to appear beneath all other candidates placed there by nomination in each divise an and helow all candidates placed there by nomination or petition, a blank space shall be provided, into which electors may write the name of any person for whom they wish to vote, and whose name or not printed upon the bajlot.

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one voting place, a doorkeeper may be provided for each additional machine.

Sec. 8. The voting machine shal be placed within a railed enclosure at least three feet from such railing. There shall be one machine for every three hundred voters or fraction thereof.

Sec. 9. A model of the voting machine key-board shall be at every polling place on which the instructor shall instruct the electors thoroughly before they are permitted to enter the machine to vote.

Section 10. The county or municipal clerk shall provide four official ballots on white paper, ten sample ballots on white paper, ten sample ballots on white paper, and two hundred blank ballots on white paper, for each machine. Sample ballots shall be conspicuously posted at the polling place for inspection of voters. Nothing contained in any section or provision of the election law as to the manner of preparing, casting, preserving or transmitting paper callots in precincts where voting machines are not used which conflicts with this act shall apply to elections in precincts where voting machines are used.

Section 11. When a qualified elector presents himself at the polling place to vote, his name shall be recorded in the poll-books and he be given a blank ballot if he so request, on back whereof two judges shall first write their names in ink. The voter shall then, if not challenged, be admitted to the voting machine, till he securely locks the buttons opposite the pump of the control of the co

lenged, be admitted to the voting machine and record his vote by pushing buttons, till he securely locks the buttons opposite the name of every candidate for whom he desires to vote. Should he desire to vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot of the voting machine, he may write the name of such person in the proper space on the blank ballot furnished and return it to the judges of election who shall deposit it in the ballot box in the voter's presence who shall forthwith leave the railed conclosure. No voter shall be permitted to occupy a voting machine beyond two minutes. Voters who by physical disability, are unable to record their votes in the machine, may have aid of one of the election board. Intoxication, diliteracy or want of mental capacity shall not be

want of mental capacity shall not be deemed physical disability.

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Section 13. If the voting machine becomes out of order and cannot be operater, the election board shall proceed by voting with paper ballots and all such balliots cast while the machine is out of crder, shall be counted, and be separately canvassed and returned.

Section 14. Any person who shall tamper with any voting machine so as to derange its working, or change any counter, or falsify report or return the result of any voting machine, shall, upon conviction, be fined not to exceed \$1,000 or be imprisoned in the penitentiary not more than three years or both.

House roll 184, by Olmstead. No candidate indirectly or directly under penaity of a fine of \$50 or six months imprisonment shall pay for any entertainment to any meeting of electors previous to election; give away or treat to any drinks, cigars or other refreshments; pay anything to promote the nomination or election of any candidate except for the tona fide personal expenses and then not in excess of sums as follows:

For five thousand voters or less, \$100 ff; for each one hundred voters over live thousand, \$1.50; for each one hundred voters over live thousand, \$1.50; for each one hundred voters over twenty-five thousand. Any payment, contribution or expenditure, or agreement or offer to pay-contribute or expend any money or thing of value, in excess of the limit prescribed by this act, for any or all such objects and purposes, iz hereby declared to be unlawful and to toake void the election of the person making it. But this section shall not apply in cases where such nomination of such candidates, or any rival candidate for the same office, shall have 5251 made prior to the taking effect of this

Emergency clause. Approved April 4.
Senate file 15, by Van Dusen of Douglas—to protect primary elections and conventions of political parties and to punish offenses committed thereat.
Section 1. A primary election, within the meaning of this section, and as used in this act, is an election held within the state, county, city, district or subdivision thereof, as the case may be, by the members of any political party, or by the voters of some political faith for the purpose of nominating candidates for office, or electing delegates to party conventions.

for office, or electing delegates to party conventions. Sec 2. All primary elections held in this state by the various political parties shall be held and conducted in the same form and manner and under the same re-quirements as are or shall be provided by law for the holding of regular state elec-tions, except as is herein otherwise pro-vided.

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Sec. 3. Any act or deed denounced an offense by the laws of this state concerning elections shall also be an offense in all primary elections, and shall be punished in the same form and manner as a provided for the punishment of similar offenses by the laws of this state.

Sec. 4. A committee of governing authority of any political party desiring to hold a primary election under the provisions of this act shall give twenty days notice, giving the date of the proposed election, the offices for which candidates are to be nominated or conventions to which delegates are to be elected.

Where registration is required the polls

reasons or causes for his failure to register as herein provided, together with the affidavit of at least two well known and reputable resident freeholders of the

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Section 8. The person or persons appointed by the committee or governing authority of any policial party to copy the names of those persons entitled to vote at any primary election from the regular state registration books into the primary registration books shall, before entering upon the discharge of such duty, be sworn by some officer authorized by law to administer an oath.

Section 11. The officers for each election precinct, in all primary elections held under the provisions hereof, shall consist of two judges and one clerk, and their duties and responsibilities shall be precisely the same as those of legally appointed and regularly qualified officers of regular state elections. They shall be appointed by resolution passed by a majority vote of the members of the regularly organized and constituted committee or governing authority of the political party holding such primary elections.

Section 15. All expenses for holding such primary elections shall be borne and paid by the political party holding the same, and the pay of officers, cost of publishing and circulating notices of elections and all other expenses shall be defrayed in such manner as may be provided for by the committee or governing authority of the political party holding such primaries. The Australian ballot shall be used in voting.

Section 16. The provisions of this article shall apply to all primary elections held for the purpose of nominating candidates for state, county, district or municipal effices hereinafter held in this state, except those held in the year one thousand light hundred and ninety-nine, but the irrst registration of voters as required by this act shall be had at the state registration held in the fall of the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine.

House roll No. 292, by Detweiler, An act to amend section 13 of chapter

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House roll No. 322, by Detweiler,
An act to amend section 13 of chapter
12a entitled cities of the metropolitan
class of the compiled statutes and to
repeal said section 13 as heretofore existing; also to amend chapter 25 entitled
"Elections," and being section 7 of said
chapter, and providing for a police judge
for cities of the metropolitan class, and
to repeal said section 2508 of said compiled
statutes as heretofore existing.

Adds a provision for the election of a
police judge in metropolitan cities in addition to six justices and six constables in
the law formerly existing, the election
to take place at the time specified in
the act creating the office. Approved
April 4.

House roll No. 413, by Clark. Amends
section 7, chapter 25, compiled statutes,
and repeals them as existing before.
Frovides that instead of three justices
of the peace and three constables in cities
having less than 80,000 and more than
25,000 inhabitants there shall be two justices of the peace and two constables in
cities of the first class having less than
100,000 and more than 25,000 inhabitants.

INSURANCE LAWS.

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not more than \$10 may be levied with a tax of not more than \$5 in smaller places.

Foreign country companies of all kinds shall pay the same fees and taxes as other state companies of like character.

Fees of examiners are fixed at \$10 a day with necessary traveling expenses. Nothing in the act shall be construed to affect either fraternal beneficiary associations doing business in the state under the laws except the exemption from taxes on premiums and assessments and occupation and fire department fees. The exception shall apply to all fraternities from any state or country doing business on the lodge plan.

The fees and taxes provided for other state companies shall apply to and be paid by each company of every character organized under the laws of any other state doing business in Nebraska except frdaternal beneficiary associations, mutual accident insurance companies, mutual accident insurance companies, mutual accident insurance companies, conflicting provisions in other acts notwithstanding. Provided that this act shall not apply to any fraternal beneficiary society or association or to any mutual accident insurance company, society or association doing business in the state. Provided that associations of employes for mutual benefit of members shall not be subject to the provisions of the act.

The law provides a code for life insurance companies and various mutual companies included in former insurance legance companies and various mutual com-panies included in former insurance leg-

Sec. 6. A committee of governing authority of any political norty desiring to hold a primary election under visions of this act shall give twenty only on the property of the offices for which candidates are to be derived. Where registration is required the polls are to open at 12 and close at 7 p. m.

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taking duplicate receipts therefor, one tobe filed with the state auditor, a sumequal to 3 per cent upon the amount of
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holders, upon all policies procured by
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license pursuant to the provisions of this
act, and in default of such payment the
attorney general of the state shall sue
such licensed broker upon his bond and
upon conviction such licensed broker shall
forfeit and pay the sum of \$100 in addition to the 3 per cent required by this
section to be paid, and his license from
the state shall be revoked and the guilty
party or parties be debarred from either
directly or indirectly being again licensed
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in this state, for the period of twelve
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sued to residents of this state, or upon property situated in whole or in part in this state by companes or persons who have not compiled with the laws of this state, unless procured under and by virtue of the provisions of this act, are hereby declared void.

Emergency clause. Approved March 4. House roll 187, by Weaver. To provide that all fire insurance policies, written and covering an whole or in part upon property within the state of Nebraska shall be written, countersigned and issued only by a duly authorized officer or agent of such company, resident of the state of Nebraska.

Section 1. All applicants to do fire insurance business in the state shall in addition to the returns required by the insurance law, file with the insurance department a return that they will not directly or indirectly by way of reinsurance on property in the state except by the agent resident in the county or state where such property is situated.

Section 2. The returns provided for in section 3 shall be filed annually.

Section 3. Refusal to comply with the provisions of the act shall be met by revoking of the authority or license to do business.

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Section 4. The issuance of every policy contrary to the provisions of the act shall be deemed a separate misde-

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Section 5. The penalty for violating the act shall be on conviction imprisonment in the county pail for not less than 39 or more than 90 days or by fine of \$50 to \$100 for each offense.

Section 6. Any company or person who shall place or solicit insurance in a company not authorized to place insurance in the state shall on the failure of such insurance company to pay the caim, be liable to the insured for the amount the insurance company would have been liable. Such insurance companies shall not again do business in the state for a period not less than 90 days or until liability for the action is discharged. The insurance commissioner is empowered to make investigations of companies seeking admission to the state with the end ing admission to the state with the end of ascertaining whether they have been doing business in the state.

Section 7. All acts or parts of acts in conflict herewith are repealed. Section 8. Emergency clause. Approved

Section 8. Emergency clause. Approved March 24.

Senate file 25. by Holbrook of Dodge. For an act to amend sections 70, 85, and 87, chapter 43 of the complied statutes of 1857 and to add to said chapter 43, two new sections herein designated as sections 85a and 85b.

Section 70—Every corporation or association organized under the laws of this state upon the mutual assessment, stipulated premium, plan, for the purpose of insuring the lives of individuals, or of furnishing benefits to the widows, heirs, orphans, or legatees, of deceased members, or paying accident indemnity, shall, before commencing business, comply with the provisions of this act.

Section 86, chapter 43, statutes of 1897, is amended to read: Any corporation or associattion doing business in this state which provides in the main for the payment of death losses or accident inndemnity by any assessment upon its members, or upon the natural premium plan, shall, for the purpose of this act be deemed a mutual benefit association. No corporation or association operating upon the assessment plan, or upon any plan other than the natural premium plan, or stipulated premium plan, as hereinafter provided in this act, promising benefit upon any other event than that of the provided in this act, promising benefit upon any other event than that of the death, or disability of the member resulting from accident, shall be permitted to do business in this state, and it shall be unlikeful for any such association or corporation now or hereafter organized corporation how or hereafter organized of authorized under this act, to provide for or promise cash surrender values, extended or paid up insurance, endowments, or any form of investment insurance. This act shall not relieve any corporation or assessment association now doing business in this state from fulfillment of any contract heretofore entered into with its members under its policies or certificates or membership, nor shall any member be relieved thereby from his or her part of said contract.

Section Soa, a new section, provides for the distribution of any surplus accumulations, for extended and paid up insurance and for equitable cash surrender value of policies by any natural premium or stipulated premium life association.

Section 85b provides that the state

Section 5b provides that the state shall receive from each company of their states or nations \$2 for each certificate issued to an agent, and from companies of this state 50 cents.

Companies of other states or nations complying with this act shall pay to the state for a certificate of authority \$25, and also an annual fee of \$20, and each company organized in this state shall pay an incorporation fee of \$20, and each company organized in this state shall pay an incorporation fee of \$25, provided that the reciprocal law shall be applied to companies of other states and nations.

Section 87, chapter 43, statutes of 1897, is amended to read:

Sec. 87. When such insurance associations or companies not organized in this state, having assets of not less than \$60.00 shall comply with the requirements of the laws of this state, and shall satisfy the auditor of public accounts that it is in a solvent condition and able to meet its obligations at maturity, he shall issue to such company a certificate stating that such company has complied with the laws of this state. Provided, That this section shall not apply to purely mutual accident associations or corporations. Provided further, that this act shall not apply to any fraternal beneficiary society or association doing business in this state.

Senate file 18, by Talbot of Lancaster, to authorize the organization of mutual bond companies to insure the fidelity of members of such companies holding places of trust and responsibility in, to or under any corporation, company, person or persons. Section 87, chapter 43, statutes of 1897.

members of such companies holding places of trust and responsibility in, to or under any corporation, company, person or persons.

Any number of persons not less than ten, a majority of whom shall reside in this state, may organize such companies. Such companies, shall embody the word "mutual" in their name, Articles of incorporation shall be filled with the state auditor. Any officer or member of any mutual, fraternal, social, civio or military organization may become members. The members shall elect directors who shall elect officers from their own number, except that the secretary may be chosen elsewhere. If any member shall fall to pay his assessment, then the company may sue to recover. Suits against such company may also be brought by a member thereof if payment is withheld after a loss becomes due. Such company may issue bonds guaranteeins the fidelity of a member in any sun from his to \$5.00. No assessment shall be made upon any member for flabilities incurred prior to his membership. A reserve fund of not less than a per cent of the amount curected in cash from assessments shall be set apart. When any commany disorganizes the 28-sets, after liabilities are paid, shall be divided pro rata among the members. Any commany erganize dunder the provisions of this act, shall put an incurporational fee of 100 not a fee of 11 for filing annual reports, and in cants even for certificates of this act, shall put an incurporational fee of 150 not a fee of 11 for filing annual reports. Any commany even for the assessments of authority to agents, provided, that has accupation tax or tax on the assessments of authority to agents, provided, that has accupation tax or tax on the assessments of authority to agents, provided, that has accupation tax or tax on the assessments af any member shall be levted and collected.

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Gates college at Neligh opened for the spring term with an attendance nearly the same as that of the winter term, an anusual occurrence.