

### State News

John N. Kirby, a member of the Soldiers' Home, Grand Island, died at Stockwell, Frontier county, Sunday.

Mr. Charley Mead, assistant cashier of the Beemer State bank, was arrested last night and now lies in the county jail on a charge of embezzling the sum of \$8,300, the funds of the bank.

The new trunk line of the Home Telephone company between Beatrice and Blue Springs has been completed and was put in operation Saturday.

An epidemic of measles which has been prevailing at Humboldt for a couple of weeks still continues unabated and is interfering considerably with the attendance at the city schools.

A large wolf was caught in a trap on the farm of C. H. Lane, a mile from Table Rock last night. It was turned loose to be captured by the trailing hounds recently purchased and brought here for that purpose.

At the local declamatory contest for the purpose of deciding upon the representative of the Grand Island schools in the district contest of the State High School association, Miss Ida Rouse won first honors and will represent the local school in the Hastings contest two weeks from last Friday.

During the last week the county commissioners have had men at work measuring the spans of the Platte river bridge at Schuyler. They also took measurements of the piling and the number of spans that are worthless. They are going to have an estimate made as to the amount it will take to repair the bridge.

The women of the library association of Minden gave one of their best series of entertainments Friday evening for the benefit of the public library and it was a great success. The supper was the finest ever spread here for the public and the crowd was large. The proceeds were \$85. They will continue with suppers and other entertainments.

William Winters, an employe of the Griffith Construction company of Kansas City, while at work on the new Rock Island bridge at Beatrice on the 23d inst. had his right leg broken and his ankle crushed by a steel girder weighing 2,000 pounds falling on his at it was being hoisted by a crane. His leg will probably have to be amputated.

The fight over the Gibbon water-works bonds was decided in court at Kearney on the 23d in favor of the bonds.

"The Konquest of Koda-Kola," an original comedy-drama in two acts, was given by the seniors of Doane college, Crete, at Whitin library last evening. About 120 students and town people were fortunate enough to

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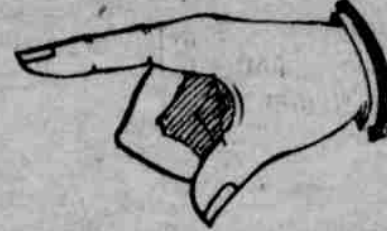
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The anti-license people of Table Rock are making a prodigious effort to carry the municipal election here this year, and to this end have secured the services of Rev. Eugenia F. St. John of Salina, Kansas, the eloquent temperance evangelist, who will give free lectures at the opera house, Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings next, and the afternoon and evening of Sunday, April 1. There are three trustees to elect, the two holdovers being one of each party, so that whichever party elects two has won the victory. Both sides seem to be confident of victory.

An exciting game of basketball was played last night at the Table Rock opera house, wherein the Tecumseh high school and the Table Rock high school contested for the honors. At the close of the game the score stood 14 to 21 in favor of the Tecumseh school.

The eighth annual declamatory contest of the Seward high school was held at the opera house on the 24th inst. Augustus Brokaw was awarded first place, and Mable Schmidt second. Augustus Brokaw will represent Seward at the district contest at Hastings, April 6.

The subscriptions for the new Young Men's Christian association building at Fremont reached the \$28,000 mark yesterday noon. Special meetings in the interest of the building were held this afternoon in the opera house and in the Congregational church, the latter exclusively for the women. At the opera house addresses were delivered by State Secretary Bailey and representatives of the different churches. Owing to the extremely bad weather the attendance was not large.

Word has finally been received from the Humboldt train of emigrants to Canada, which started from here nearly three weeks ago bound for the province of Saskatchewan, and it is learned that they reached their destination about the 20th only after innumerable delays caused largely by the severe storms and drifted snows. All got through in fairly good shape except Arthur and Walter Unland, two well known young men of this city, in whose car fire started in some manner, and before it was discovered the smoke and fumes caused the suffocation of four head of horses.

Yesterday was the last day for the filing of petitions for the various offices to be filled by the voters of Grand Island on Tuesday, April 3, and the result shows that there will be a contest only as to water commissioner. R. O. Watters, who was appointed to the office about six months ago, and has made an excel-

lent official, is a candidate for reelection, while Charles Wasmer, also a capable and quite popular citizen, will contest. A third party is out by petition, without any caucus strength, and is therefore not expected to draw over 100 votes. H. A. Edwards, Henry Rosswick and C. B. Norris have no opposition for members of the school board, and Chris Birk, Albert Etting, John Schwyan and George Leister have no opposition for the council. The death of Mr. Hooper, city clerk, creates a vacancy which will be filled by appointment, there being not sufficient time for a legal election.

Thomas C. Kunkel, who has been in the jewelry business at Weeping Water for the past fifteen years, has sold out and will soon go to Perkins county and engage in the drug and jewelry business.

The juniors of the Lexington high school gave a banquet in honor of the seniors last night at the Odd Fellows hall. The faculty of the high school were present, also the school board. The juniors furnished an excellent musical program. This was followed by an address of welcome by Mr. Edward Roberts which was responded to by Mr. Edmond Berger, the president of the seniors. Mr. McElhiney, secretary of the board, responded to the toast, "The Seniors—The Best Class of 1906." Mr. Grantham responded to the toast, "The Juniors—The Best Class of 1907." The president of the board, Mr. John F. Kutz, responded to the toast, "The Ladies of the Faculty."

Activity in local politics at Hartington has commenced by the filing of two petition tickets for the annual spring election. The candidates on the first ticket are: H. E. Burkett, mayor; B. Ready, clerk; C. H. Whitney, police judge; Clair Smith, city engineer; Martin Nelson, Councilman First ward; F. O. Rolinsen, Second ward. The second ticket named is: A. B. Gable, mayor; Ole Mengshol, councilman First ward; A. F. Lubely, Second ward. The campaign does not promise to be a lively one, as there is not much in the way of local issues.

District court for Dawes county is now in session at Chadron with Judge Westover on the bench. The case of Thomas Wilkes who was charged with arson was dismissed after the state had finished its evidence.

Actual work on the two long distance trunk lines of the Nebraska Telephone company's lines from Beatrice to Wymore has begun. The material for these lines is already on the ground at Putnam and Blue Springs and the work will be pushed to completion as fast as possible. One of the lines is expected to be in operation by the first of April, while the second will not be ready for business until the tenth of the same month.

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