

The Teachers Institute.

The Teachers Institute convened Monday with an able corps of instructors. Already 200 teachers have been enrolled and there are more to follow.

Tuesday afternoon was school officers and patrons day. The meeting was held in the Presbyterian church. The first business was the temporary organization of a school officers association of the county with the view of effecting a permanent organization in the near future.

The organization of the county association was followed with a speech by State Superintendent W. K. Fowler. It was a most excellent address. It should have been heard by every school officer in the county.

The subject of "grading and Uniformity of our Rural Schools" was discussed by A. C. Towle of Merna and others. The discussion favored the Uniformity and a motion to adopt the Nebraska course of study was carried.

J. J. Tooley gave an able review of the county's progress in school affairs.

EVENING SESSION.

The evening session was held in the park. J. D. Ream gave an extended

talk on the question "teaching agriculture in the common schools." His address contained a number of good suggestions and was well received. The closing address was to the teachers by State Superintendent Fowler. Music was furnished by the Ladies Glee Club, and the Ryerson Male Quartette.

ORTELLO.

Corn cultivation is not all over yet. Everybody attended the Old Settlers Picnic, and declared it a winner.

The Misses Ashbaugh and Fodge are attending the institute from this place.

The oldest inhabitant is ready to swear that this has been the coolest July in his memory.

George Cooley's wife stepped upon a nail on last Tuesday and has had a painful foot since.

Mrs. Mary Beals and son Frank spent Sunday visiting at the Ranch of B. W. Kellenbarger in the sand hills.

School district No. 54 is building a new school house. Mr. C. G. Empfield is the architect and will soon have the house complete.

Marshall Eddy and Mr. Peterson, collector for Deering & Co., were calling upon old customers in these parts one day last week.

The soliciting committee of the church at this place, will begin a canvass for funds to build, and it is expected to finish the work, and complete in the early fall.

What is the matter with the REPUBLICAN that it does not reach this place until Tuesday after publication? Two weeks in succession it failed to get in before Tuesday. (The REPUBLICAN has been mailed from this office on Thursday afternoon, with one exception, for several months. That was two weeks ago when our paper did not reach us until Friday morning. It was mailed that week Friday afternoon. Our Uncle Sam has delayed the Ortello package somewhere along the route.—Ed.)

F. M. Currie Writes a Letter.

Dear Amsberry—it is well known that there is a shortage of horses in the United States. The foreign demand is active and will continue so for years to come. In spite of the Automobile, the electric cars, the bicycle the horse is still an important commercial factor, he has not gone as was predicted some years ago and what is more he is not going. He will be a popular and useful means of locomotion long after the automobile and the bicycle have been consigned to the scrap pile. To meet a growing need I have decided to open a horse market at Sargent. I will offer July 26th, a large number of good horses. All parties desiring to sell horses should bring them in on that date. This sale has been extensively advertised, and a large number of foreign buyers are expected. F. M. CURRIE.

HALF RATES LINCOLN AND RETURN.

Tickets on sale August 5 to 9, and August 12. Return limit, August 15. Among the distinguished speakers will be General Fitzhugh Lee, U. S. A.; Bishop Earl Cranston, Portland, Ore.; former President John De Pauw University; Charles A. Crane, D. D., Boston; Rev. C. F. Aked, Liverpool, England. Splendid musical features by the Kaffir Boy Choir, 20th Century Quartette, Hesperian Male Quartette and Imperial Hand-Bell Ringers. Many Educational Advantages will be offered during the Assembly. For tickets and additional information ask the Burlington Agent. 5-8



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Lights Not Wanted.

Monday night the city council caused to be called a public meeting at the court house to ascertain the sentiment of the tax-payers on the question of securing a gas plant for light and fuel purposes. The council had gone to considerable expense and trouble investigating the subject of lights and felt inclined to ask the city to vote a bond for a sufficient amount to put in a plant or if preferred to grant a franchise to some corporation who would put in a plant. Mayor Purcell who stated the object of the meeting was elected chairman and Willis Cadwell, secretary. The discussion had not advanced very far until it drifted onto the question of buying the water works plant. But the opinion expressed was that in case a light plant was to be put in, the city should own and operate it. But the more the light question was urged the stronger grew the sentiment of the ownership of the water works and that the question of lights should be of secondary consideration. Walt George was called out and explained his project of furnishing electric power from the Georgetown mill dam sufficient to run the pumps, the manufacturing establishments and electric lights for the city. While all looked upon Mr. George's scheme with favor, if practical it had no effect on the expressed sentiment and on motion of S. J. Lonergan it was voted as the sentiment of the meeting that before any debt was incurred for lights the council should enter into negotiation for and purchase the water works plant, if it could be secured for an amount the city was able to pay.

There were thirty or forty of the representative citizens present at the meeting and the sentiment was apparently unanimous, with possibly the exception of two or three of the council. The meeting adjourned subject to the call of the chairman.

NEBRASKA VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S TOURNAMENT.

Tenth Annual Event to be Held at Grand Island, August 5 to 7. Half Rates From All Nebraska Points, Via The Burlington Route.

The Nebraska State Volunteer Firemen's Association has arranged to hold its annual tournament at Grand Island. Nearly \$1500 has been appropriated for cash prizes, in addition to many valuable medals and trophies, for exhibition drills, contests and races. Fireman will attend from all parts of the state.

For this occasion the Burlington Route has made a rate of one fare for the round trip. Tickets on sale August 4 to 7, inclusive, good returning until August 8. Ask the Burlington Route agent or write J. FRANCIS, General Passenger Agent, Omaha.

It's Cool in Colorado.

July 1 to 13. August 1 to 14, 23, 24, 30, 31. September 1 to 10. On the above days the Burlington Route will sell round trip tickets to Colorado at extraordinarily low rates. It's cool in Colorado all summer long, and there are hundreds of resorts in the Rockies where one may escape from the heat of the plains and spend an altogether delightful vacation. A card to J. Francis, General Passenger Agent, Omaha, Neb., will bring you a good supply of Colorado booklets that will help you plan your trip. 3-11

Low Rates to the Black Hills.

The Burlington Route has announced low rates to the Black Hills of South Dakota for the following dates: July 1 to 13. August 1 to 14, 23, 24, 30, 31. September 1 to 10. On other days until September 15 low rates somewhat higher than those in effect on the above dates will be offered. Sylvan Lake, Hot Springs, Deadwood, Lead City, Spearfish and a number of other points in the Black Hills are well worth visiting. Any Burlington Route agent will be glad to tell you more about these excursions. 3-11

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ACTION OF BOARD OF EQUALIZATION EXPLAINED. Reduction in Valuations by County Assessors Obliges the Board to Make Similar Reductions in Railroad Valuations.

General Investigation Shows that Nebraska Railroads Are Still Assessed Too High, Compared with All Other Property in the State, Notwithstanding Reductions Made by Reform Boards in the Latter '90s.

Table with 7 columns: Year, Party, Lands, Lots, Pers. Prop., Railroad and Telegraph, All Prop. Rows show data for years 1889, 1890, 1891, 1892, 1893, 1894, 1895, 1896, 1897, 1898, 1899, 1900, 1901.

From this statement it will be seen that the railroad and telegraph property had a valuation in 1901 10-20 per cent less than it was in 1889, and that lots are also assessed for 10-20 per cent less, while the value of personal property has decreased 17 per cent in that same time. The only property that appears to show any increase whatever is the item of lands, which shows an increase of 7-20 per cent.

Now, how are all these decreases and variations in assessment brought about? In 1889 and 1894 the assessors through the various counties so materially reduced the assessment of lands, lots and personal property that the railroad valuations given by the Board of Equalization in prior years was away above that figure which would obtain an equality in taxation with other property.

The changes made in the valuation placed on different kinds of property through the state of Nebraska have been erratic and hardly explainable. From the appearance of the reports made, it is evident that the county assessors have valued the property within their respective counties more with a view of adopting a valuation that would raise sufficient money for the county purposes, irrespective of any determined value. The result is that the various counties do not coincide at all in regard to price of any article which should have a general relative value.

We give below a statement of changes in values reported on those items which are generally recognized as having a relative value throughout the state:

Table with 4 columns: Year, VALOR, VALOR, VALOR. Rows include Improved Land, Unimproved Land, Horses, Cattle, Mules, Sheep, Poultry, Water Craft.

It will be noticed that while the tendency has been to report lower values on all these items, they have not been reported on a gradual decline in all cases. The highest assessment made in the state on most classes of property was in 1893. In that year improved lands in Douglas county were assessed at \$15.43, while in 1900 they were assessed at but \$11.82. In Clay county improved lands in 1893 were assessed at \$5.39, while in 1900 they were assessed at but \$3.13. In Lancaster county in 1893 lands were assessed at \$5.93 and in 1900 at but \$4.62, while in Saline county they reported improved lands in 1893 at a valuation of \$10.55 per acre, which were reported in 1900 at but \$3.43. So it would appear to an investigator that Saline county needed money in 1893, and that their immediate wants were not so pressing in 1900, but this change in valuation of their property obliged the railroads in that county to pay one-fifth of the taxes paid in the county for the year 1900, while in 1893 they only were obliged to pay one-tenth of the amount collected.

Some newspaper critics who advocate a material advance in the assessment of railroad property on account of their betterment and conditions, and the improvements that have been made in the past ten years, should carefully consider the figures given in Bulletin No. 5. It will be noticed that there has been an increase in acreage of improved lands returned for taxation amounting to 62.7 per cent. of the lands reported in 1889. This is accounted for by the fact that in 1889 large numbers of homesteaders were still perfecting titles to their property and were relieved from taxation in that interim. It should also be noticed that in Omaha from 1893 to 1901 the following building permits have been issued:

Railroads Pay 15-4-10 Per Cent of Taxes Paid in Nebraska.