

NEBRASKA IN BRIEF

NEWS NOTES OF INTEREST FROM VARIOUS SECTIONS.

ALL SUBJECTS TOUCHED UPON

Religious, Social, Agricultural, Political and Other Matters Given Due Consideration.

The new opera house at Tekamah is nearing completion.

Humboldt will hold a special election on the question of putting in a sewerage system.

The new Y. M. C. A. building at Hastings has been dedicated. The structure cost \$30,000.

Thomas McComas died at Bassett as the result of an injury received by falling out of a wagon.

Kimball is discussing a water works proposition and will vote bonds on that question in a few weeks.

Bishop Keene of Cheyenne, Wyo., confirmed a class of fifty at Holy Rosary Catholic church in Alliance.

Frank Robinson, the most prosperous and respected colored man in Nebraska City, died suddenly of heart failure.

The Law and Order league has organized in Hall county for the purpose, it is believed, of closing every saloon in the county on Sunday.

The barn of S. J. Rice, in the northeast portion of Harvard, and a long distance from the nearest fire-plug, was destroyed by fire last week.

Kimball county is overrun now with buyers of real estate. Land has advanced and is still going up. Good crops prevail generally all over the county.

The Sheridan County Agricultural society closed a very successful four days' fair and carnival. The attendance was the largest of any fair ever held in the county.

Reliable information has been received that the Burlington will, in a very short time, commence the rebuilding and enlargement of its paint shops in Plattsmouth.

Mrs. J. H. Chamberlain, living north of Ashland, who was bitten by a rattlesnake, is improving and is past the critical stage. While walking in the orchard she was bitten.

Superintendent Avery of Pawnee county recently received from the State Fair association a check for \$63 for the premiums won on his educational exhibits at the state fair.

Judge and Mrs. W. H. Newell of Plattsmouth have gone to Portsmouth, O., where they will attend a reunion of the surviving members of the Fifty-sixth and Ninety-first Ohio regiments.

York college opened with an increase in attendance over last year and with good prospects for the year. The enrollment of the York schools is 1,025, of whom 280 are in the high school.

R. J. Wolcott, a fireman on Union Pacific local freight No. 58, was injured at Waterloo quite severely, being struck on the head by the gate of the cattle chutes while the engine was switching.

A substantial building boom has set in at Clarks. The Clarks State bank, just incorporated with an authorized capital of \$25,000, is beginning the erection of a fine building to be finished about November 1.

Word has been received in Oakland of the death of Mrs. Ina Thomas at Wenatche, Wash., of malarial fever. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas were residents of Oakland from 1880 until a few years ago, when they moved to Washington.

William Koehner, formerly of Elk-horn, who has been residing with his son near Osmond, was accidentally killed while returning from Osmond with a load of lumber. His horse became frightened at a camp of gypsies and threw him out of the wagon, the wheels passing over him.

Contracts have been let at Exeter for an up-to-date system of water works, city hall and jail, and a franchise granted private parties for furnishing electric light and power service. In addition to these, contracts have been let for nine brick business buildings.

Secretary to the governor, Dimery, has returned from Central City and Chapman, where he investigated the causes leading up to the death of James McGirr, near Central City, July 16 last. He is rather inclined to believe McGirr was struck by a Union Pacific train and met his death in that way rather than at the hands of a mob.

O. M. Robison, from five acres of ground on his ranch just north of Bridgeport, cut the heads of wheat grass and threshed more than 1,000 pounds of seed, which he sold direct to the government for \$175. He then cut the remaining grass and found that he had ten tons of choice hay worth \$5 per ton. His five acres made just \$255.

B. O. Fuller, who for more than two years was clerk to the register and receiver of the United States land office at North Platte, in the civil service, has been reinstated and has returned to assume his former office at an increased salary.

William Graf of Grand Island, aged 70 years, was dragged a quarter of a mile behind a runaway horse and yet no serious results are feared. He had hitched up the family horse for his daughters. It managed, while defending itself from flies, to free itself from the bridle and started to run away.

The State Capital Matters of General Interest FROM Nebraska's Seat of Government

The Express Case Decision.

Judge W. H. Munger, in his opinion in the Nebraska express case, had this to say: "Under the judiciary act to entitle a party to remove on the ground of diversity of citizenship there must be a controversy between citizens of different states. A state is not a citizen, within the meaning of the judiciary act, but it is argued that as the state has no interest in the controversy which entitles it to maintain the action, therefore, it is a mere nominal party."

"We have just held in the case of the State of Nebraska against the Board of Railway Commissioners against the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railroad, brought in the supreme court of the state for a like purpose and removed to this court, that the action was a removable one on the ground of diverse citizenship for the reason that the state, though named as a party complainant, had not such an interest as entitled it to maintain the action and hence was a mere nominal party, and that the real controversy was between the board of railway commissioners, authorized to maintain the action, and the railroad company. In this case, if there is a controversy at all, it is between the state and the express company. Whether or not such a controversy can be maintained by the state it is unnecessary for us to decide. We are only to determine whether or not there is a controversy between citizens of different states. Finding there is no such controversy the case is not removable on the ground of diversity of citizenship."

"Without the emergency clause the law did not go into effect until July 6, it is contended, and that the defendants were not required to put the reduced rates into effect until thirty days thereafter; that the action being brought on the 5th of July was prematurely brought and therefore presents a federal question. We cannot agree to this contention. The mere fact that an action is prematurely brought cannot be said to present a federal question within the meaning of the judiciary act. If that should be so in a case of this character it would be so in every action brought by one individual against another prematurely to recover on a promissory note or other cause of action."

"For the reasons given, the motion to remand is sustained and the case remanded to the supreme court of the state."

State Wants Pension Money.

The board of public lands and buildings is considering the adoption of a rule that will compel members of the soldiers' homes who receive more than \$12 a month to pay a percentage of their pensions to the cash funds of the homes. Until recently very few soldiers received more than \$12 a month pension, but now many receive more. The policy of the board was to permit pensioners who received \$12 a month to retain all of the pension money, but to pay to the home all in excess of that amount. As few received more than that the payments to the home have been very small. Governor Sheldon was not entirely in favor of the proposed rule, but it received considerable support from Land Commissioner Eaton, Secretary of State Junkin, Attorney General Thompson and Treasurer Brian. The rule which appeared to meet with favor from a majority is as follows: "All who are members of the home at the time of the adoption of these rules, or who may hereafter become such, who are receiving or who may hereafter receive a pension in excess of \$12 and not more than \$19, shall pay into the cash fund of the home 10 per cent of the amount; \$20 and not more than \$23, 20 per cent; \$24 and not more than \$28, 30 per cent. In cases where any member is receiving \$30 or more, he shall pay such an amount as the commandant and the board may deem just."

High School Qualify.

State Superintendent McBrien is requiring pupils of high schools who take the normal training course to pledge themselves that they will complete the course. The law requires them to remain in class eighteen weeks and there must be ten in a class. Each high school that qualifies will receive from the state \$350 a year. Some of the schools that have qualified and the number in the class are as follows: Holdrege, 44; Lexington, 34; Hebron, 30; Geneva, 29; Hastings, 21; North Platte, 24; West Point, 13; Wisner, 18; Fairfield, 12; Superior, 15.

Fire Protection at State House.

The old state house couldn't burn now if it wanted to. The water has been turned on in the new anti-fire pipes and the hose is all ready for a conflagration. This was all done out of the appropriation made by the legislature last winter. Incidentally the building has settled two or three inches since the session. Several days ago a creaking and cracking and groaning was heard in Superintendent McBrien's office and the plaster popped over the door and the floor dropped at least a fraction of an inch.

Railroad General Freight.

C. E. Spens general freight agent of the Burlington and General Superintendent Byram of the same road, called on the railway commission. They discussed classification and talked of a complaint filed by John G. Hengen of Crete concerning an alleged overcharge on a car of lumber from Clearmont, Miss., to Crete. The defense of the road is that the two local tariffs were added together as permitted by the interstate commerce commission.

Government Janitor Discharged.

John H. Lecklitter, janitor of the federal building, is said to have received a discharge from the government to take effect September 30, but his friends are moving to have him reinstated. As the position is a civil service job a discharge must be for cause. Mr. Lecklitter was serving his six months' probationary period. At the end of that time a recommendation for reappointment is necessary to enable the applicant to hold his place. In the case of Mr. Lecklitter it is understood that he not only failed to get a recommendation from Custodian Burgess but that his discharge was recommended.

White Wallpaper.

All white water paper for walls has proved to be the relief sought by women of fastidious taste from the overflowed cretonne papers that become so exceedingly tiresome to the eyes and nerves. The effect of a room of which the walls are papered in white and furnished with cretonnes of a choice character, is charming.

Rice Pudding.

Half teacup rice, three pints milk. Simmer until rice is cooked soft; cool and beat five eggs, leaving out two whites; add one coffee cup sugar and one grated coconut. Stir in the rice and milk when cold and set it in the oven to bake. Take out as soon as the custard forms. Make meringue of the two whites of eggs and six tablespoonfuls of sugar beaten to stiff froth. Pile up on the top and return to the oven to brown. Eat hot or cold.

Table with columns for various items and prices, including flour, sugar, and other goods.

CANDLES FOR DINNER TABLE.

Tallow Dips Will Answer the Purpose if Properly Prepared.

Candles add so much to the appearance of the dinner table that housekeepers should use them even more generally than is now the custom. Often the expense proves a drawback, as these charming lights have a way of burning out very quickly. When wax or prepared candles are used the cost is undoubtedly an item to be considered. The economical woman, however, will not choose these expensive varieties, but will buy instead, the ordinary tallow dips. These if kept in a cold place between meals will burn for three nights.

If these tallow dips are used in the porcelain candleholders they not only may be used longer, but none will know whether they are of the finest or poorest quality.

The first expense of the patent candles, while quite inconsiderable in itself, is very soon, more than equalized by the saving of being able to use the candle inside up to the tiniest tip.

Candles of any kind should be kept on the ice for at least 24 hours before being used. It will not only make them burn longer, but more brilliantly.

TO UTILIZE BITS OF SOAP.

It is Extravagant to Throw Away the Odds and Ends.

Soap left over from the toilet, the laundry and the kitchen is usually considered so much waste. It is thrown out, though probably most housewives have missgivings as to the extravagance of not using the last scrap of an expensive or good soap. But every small piece of soap should be saved. No matter to what tiny dimensions it has been reduced it will help to clean the bathtub and the stationary washstand. This may be accomplished by means of a substantial cotton or woolen bag, which should be about a foot square and made with a drawing string. Into it is dropped from time to time the bits of soap collected from the bedrooms, the bathroom, the laundry and the kitchen. The bag is closely drawn at the mouth and the string wound about the top and then tightly tied. When this bag is dipped into water the contents give forth plenty of suds, and the whole may be used as a cleaning cloth to scrub the bathtub and marble bowl.

Corn Relish.

Materials—Two dozen ears of corn, six large white onions, one large firm head of cabbage, six small red peppers, six large sweet peppers, one cup sugar, two quarts vinegar, one-quarter cup salt, two heaping tablespoonfuls ground mustard, two tablespoonfuls celery seed.

Way of Preparing—Take a sharp knife and, after husking, shave the corn from the cobs. Chop your cabbage, onions and peppers. Mix your mustard with one pint of your vinegar and mix all of the other ingredients. Then place the latter mixture of all the ingredients into a kettle and boil them 20 minutes, stirring all the time. Now add your mustard and vinegar mixture, bring to the boiling point once more, place in bottles and seal while hot. This relish is a fine accompaniment of cold meats.

Pineapple Tapioca.

Soak one cup tapioca, drain off water, and add juice two lemons and one-half cup of water; also add one-half pound shredded pineapple and its juice, and one and one-half cups sugar. Cook slowly until almost clear; stir carefully; put into this whites of three eggs well beaten. Serve ice cold with whipped cream.

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