

ABOUT NEBRASKA.

To Nebraska School Superintendents, State Superintendent Lane has sent out the following circular: Lincoln, Neb., April 18, 1890.

Section 64, chapter 18, statutes of 1887, was amended to read as follows: Section 64. The regular meetings of the board of supervisors in all counties having township organization shall be held on the second Tuesday of January and the first Tuesday after the second Monday in July.

This change provides for the levy of taxes voted the last Monday in June in the counties having township organization.

Section 77 of article 1, chapter 7, revised statutes, was amended by inserting in line five after the words "county board," the following: Provided that school district taxes voted at the school district annual meeting and certified to the county clerk on or before the first Monday in July, shall be levied by said county clerk when such levy is within the limits of the law.

Section 79, same chapter and article, was amended by adding at end of section 79 the following: Provided, that school district taxes shall be certified to the county clerk on or before the first Monday in July.

All of these changes were made with the emergency clause, and are now in effect.

I respectfully ask the county superintendents to call the attention of county clerks and the county boards to these changes, as it is doubtful about the session laws being printed before the time of levying taxes. I also call your attention to the change made in section 2, sub-division V, of the school laws as given in house roll No. 227.

IMPORTANT CHANGES IN REPORTS. Within ten days after the annual meeting the director makes all his reports, namely:

Census reports, section 12, sub-division IV. Note.—This year the census report is made in April, and should be sent to me by May 1.

Tax levy to county clerk, section 2, sub-division V. Tax levy to county superintendent, made on annual report, section 2, sub-division V.

Director's annual report, section 17, sub-division V. Respectfully, GEORGE B. LANE, State Superintendent.

STATE JOTTINGS IN BRIEF. The Methodist people of Ainsworth have secured a 300-pound bell for their house of worship.

The Odd Fellows of Chadron will dedicate their hall on the 26th.

The election held in Norfolk for vote bonds in the sum of \$30,000 for the Norfolk, Yankton & Southwestern railroad, passed off quietly. The bonds were carried by a majority of 707 out of a total vote of 307.

Robert James, a well-to-do farmer living about one mile from this city, lost his large barn, eleven head of cattle and ten horses, which were in it, and the rest of its contents by fire. Loss, \$4,500, no insurance.

The general merchandise store of H. Bates at Clark, was closed by creditors. The liabilities are about \$6,000, and the assets will probably reach \$4,000.

George Ives, in company with his brother-in-law, L. M. Randall, was pulling up yonah-traw, on the Roche Bros. farm, near Norfolk, when they were approached by the proprietors, one carrying a pistol the other an axe. In the altercation which followed, Ives was struck on the head by the axe in the hands of Herman Roche, and fatally injured. Ives died soon after the occurrence. He leaves a wife and several small children in very destitute circumstances.

Omaha pastors will hold centennial anniversary exercises on the 30th.

The Knights of Pythias have succeeded in securing special rates of one fare for the round trip for those wishing to attend their encampment at Columbus in July.

The Butler county board of supervisors in session at David City, decided to advertise for plans and specifications for the \$50,000 court house voted for last week. Architects must furnish bonds if plans are approved. A building committee was chosen, consisting of George Osterhout, chairman, Thomas Mahoney, C. H. Walker, John Oschger and A. C. Carpenter.

Warren Cummins, an old citizen of Talmage, died last week in Colorado, whither he had gone for treatment.

The barn of Dr. Janss at North Loup burned last week, five horses perishing in the flames. Loss about \$2,000, with no insurance.

The Stockham Creamery association has filed articles of incorporation with the secretary of state. Principal place of business, Stockham, Hamilton county. Capital stock, \$1,400.

The committee of the Kansas senate appointed to inspect and assess the various lines of railroad operated by the Union Pacific system in that state, visited Beatrice last week, spending a night there.

The business men of Utica have organized a Merchants' Protective Union, the object being to look out for what is known as "dead beats."

Wm. Randall, who was released some time ago from the insane asylum, was taken into custody again at Utica last week and returned to Lincoln.

Beatrice is talking of increasing the school license from \$1,000 to \$2,000 a year.

The \$18,000 deficiency bill for the Soldiers and Sailors' Home having passed, the money will be ready for payment in a few days. It is supposed the press says that candidates for the Orleans postoffice are becoming more numerous day by day. There is no intimation as to who is the coming man.

The canvass of the votes cast in Rock county for county seat at the election on January 29, gives the county seat to Bassett by a majority of thirty-one.

The B. & M. coal sheds at Red Cloud caught fire last week, about 9:15, and burned down almost before the alarm was sounded. It is supposed the fire was caused by the explosion of a torch which one of the night workmen had been using.

Beatrice charges \$1,000 for a liquor license and allows no saloon in the basement of a building.

—Some time ago the four republican candidates for the postoffice at Howard agreed to submit their claims to the people, and last week a republican primary election was held for the novel purpose of selecting a postmaster. Captain George W. Martin received the highest number of votes, and according to the agreement, he will get the endorsement.

—On Easter Sunday the convicts at the penitentiary were made to feel that there might be something left for them in this world. When they were ushered into the chapel they were greeted by a delegation of representatives of the Women's Christian Temperance union, and they were given a service something out of the ordinary. The day is set apart in the calendar of the W. C. T. U. for special services at jails and prisons.

—Newport is jubilant over the decision of the supreme court, in the issuing of a peremptory writ of mandamus by Chief Justice Reese, commanding the canvassing board of Rock county to convene and count the votes of Lay and Gracey precincts, which the board refused to do in the county seat election held last January. By this decision, and with the aid of a contest which will follow, on the ground that Bassett cast fraudulent votes, Newport hopes to win the county seat fight.

—Last week the York water works were sold at sheriff's sale, bringing \$37,550. They are bonded for \$60,000, and the bonds sold. J. C. Kitter of that city was the purchaser. The works were built and owned by A. L. Strang & Co., of Omaha, and were sold to satisfy two mechanics liens, one for \$800 and another for \$1,800. The sale will be confirmed soon unless the claims are satisfied.

—A meeting was held at Fairbury to organize a driving association. The membership fee was fixed at \$10.

—Work is being pushed forward on the opera house at Daykin.

—Lincoln Odd Fellows turned out largely to celebrate at Beatrice the anniversary of the order.

—Sam Jones will hold a series of meetings in Omaha next month.

—A thirty-one inch vein of coal has been discovered on the farm of William R. Stout, twelve miles north of Long Pine.

—The Omaha board of trade were entertained at Wiesner, where they spent thirty minutes.

—The Nebraska City Young Men's Christian association is enjoying a season of increased usefulness. The new rooms have been handsomely furnished by the Ladies' auxiliary, and the gymnasium, reading room, entertainments and meetings are largely patronized by the young men of the city. The first of a series of trades receptions have been inaugurated.

—The acreage of corn planted this spring, says a Talmage dispatch, in this part of Otoe county, and in the adjacent parts of Johnson and Nemaha counties will be very large. Many farmers are entirely disregarding the old way of planting corn, and the lister will be generally used this year. The advocates of the lister claim it gives better results with less labor.

—There is not a saloon within the borders of Nance county.

—A call has been issued for a meeting of the farmers of Webster county at Red Cloud to take action on the twine trust question.

—The work of completing the Masonic hall at Seward is being pushed, and as soon as finished a chapter of royal arch masons will be instituted.

—The school house in district No. 12, Platte county, was destroyed by fire last week, making the third school in that district which has been burned by unknown incendiaries.

J. C. Anderson, of Fremont, whose family were announced as being on the abandoned steamer Danmark, had all apprehensions and fears relieved the other day by receiving a telegram from Philadelphia that they were among the list of 400 passengers who arrived there on the steamer Missouri. Anderson has had a long and painful suspense awaiting tidings of his loved ones.

—The sheriff of Seward county has offered a reward of \$50 for the arrest and conviction of two horse thieves who stole two mares from the barn of Carl Fehring, near Seward. The thieves are generally supposed to be two men wearing dark clothes and dark cowboy hats, each having a mustache and unshaven faces, the complexion of one being dark and the other light.

—The superintendent of public instruction sent out printed requests to school teachers and superintendents to report the number and kind of trees planted on Arbor day. He expects to receive a full and complete report of the work, which will be embodied in the annual report. It is stated that the day was very generally observed throughout the state, and that the number of trees set out was greatly in excess of previous years.

—The Union Pacific has made a proposition to lease the Burlington branch between Columbus and David City for a Lincoln short line, and the proposal is under consideration.

—White Caps have notified Editor Randall, of the Centropolis World, to make his special search in Banner county. The editor, however, does not propose to migrate.

—Lieutenant Mallory, of the United States troops, with twelve soldiers, arrived at Bancroft last week to look after the Omaha and Winnebago reservations. It is not known what arrangements the cattle men, who have no less from the Indians to pasture on their land, will make. The Indians do not farm the land, and have no stock to pasture. The cattle men are willing to pay these Indians for the pasture.

—Great excitement, says a Harrison dispatch, has prevailed here the past few days because of the abundance of water being obtained in a well just bored. Despite the bailing with a thirteen gallon bucket, run by horses, no change can be seen in the quantity of water in the well, which stands at a height of 143 feet.

—Mrs. Herbert Powers, a Schuyler lady, gave birth to three children last week, two boys and a girl.

—Joseph Bolshaw, a resident of Lincoln, broke his knee-cap in jumping off a moving train at Cambridge. The injuries are of a serious nature.

—The Penn normal school observed Arbor day in general style. After the usual morning exercises a short time was spent in planting trees on the campus and along the driveways. The school and citizens then repaired to the chapel, where the essays were read and the dedication speeches delivered. The production was very fitting and appropriate for the occasion. The address by ex-Gov. Furnas was especially interesting.

THE GREAT DAY OF PROMISE ARRIVES.

The Gates of Oklahoma Having Opened on Time, and a Grand Rush Following. Winfield (Kan.) special to the Omaha Republican: Oklahoma is open. No one was killed, and of the hundreds or more correspondents sent there to see the last grand rush of the boomers for homes, only five were on hand to witness it. Your correspondent dropped into the boomers' camp at 2 a. m., and the sight was well worth seeing, even by night. Then the starry skies seemed to be reflected in the smoldering embers of a thousand camp fires, but as morning dawned they, unlike the stars, burned more brightly, and day in light the whole camp was astir. Then its magnitude could be seen. With the railway track as a center, its left was one mass of wagons stretching nearly half a mile along the hill, until lost in the distance among the tall grasses, and right was the mounted division of the camp on horses they had taken from wagons left in charge of the drivers while they need each other for homes. They, too, stretched along the more level grades as far as the eye could see, and they were paired off or stood in groups or alone, they seemed to be the Indian warriors they had displaced. The center of the railway track was the old man's ground, and it was those who were making out to fortune and Oklahoma. They were of all colors and ages, and as they reached the dead line, they rested on the red clay banks, that lined the track, in attitudes and costumes that were a study in themselves, and what was the dead line, only the red and white guide-line of company D, Fifth cavalry, backed by Lieut. Wait and fifty men. Beyond it and before the boomers stretched the promised land, with its green grass and rolling hills, and the monotony of the prairie vista. A waterway had cut deep holes in front of the wagons, and in the early morning a few of the boomers were allowed to make it across, and they passed slowly to those who had no watches, and minutes to those who had, till at last the well-known dinner call of the cavalry rang out over the camp, and Oklahoma was free to all. It was dinner for the boomers, and the front ranks were lost sight in the dust that came. Once over the water course they began to diverge, and while the covered wagons dashed wildly over the prairie the drivers of the horse-drawn wagons, in alone, and with the same rashness that brought them so far they drove. The mounted men were slow to start, but faster to ride, and with a cheer they were off, and in a few minutes they had the lead, when a man was seen to throw himself off the one he rode in the rear, and mount a dark horse he had been leading. In a moment it was neck and neck, and in another it was the dark horse that was in the lead. The Turkey Tract Ranch, in the Sac reservation, owner of the first farm in Oklahoma. The stakes were driven about four hundred yards from the boundary, and the horse-drawn wagons began to move, and the watch of the commandant showed just 12:01. He was quickly followed by Ed Long and Al Clayton, his brothers-in-law, who came from Chattanooga county, Kansas. Then the first of the horse-drawn wagons, and the colonists and others, of more matured years, filed out in squadrons. They, too, passed from view, and then the train bearing the delayed regular mail, and a picked-up regular more fortunate companion, headed for Guthrie, the future county seat. The way was bordered with the happy winners in the race for homesteads, who were waving their hats and employing their hands in the most energetic manner in the district. The train was crowded, and so was the roof, with spectators and others, who were burdened with nothing more valuable than bundles of clothing, and their passengers. Many of them were driven in an attempt to steal a march on their competitors by jumping from the fast-moving train; but when they did it was to find some one else sitting complacently on the spots they had just vacated. How the others got there might have been explained by the strange-looking cattle that went over the road in the stock cars the night previous, and the trunks and boxes, and none given, and then the rivals of Arkansas City arrived from the south over an hour before them. But greater disappointment was learning that Trumper C. M. Cohen, of the motor cavalry, on behalf of himself and nine other soldiers, presented the whole business, and this was the first entry in Oklahoma. He was a soldier of good character and wide reputation on the spots they had just vacated. 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