

INDIANOLA ITEMS.

Judge Beck is on the sick list. Oscar Crabtree, of Denver, is visiting his parents in this city. Prof. Walter Rowland is assisting S. R. Smith on his abstract books.

Rev. D. L. McBride preached in the M. E. church last Sunday afternoon.

Miss Ora Smith and three children of I. M. Smith are visiting their uncle near Trenton.

Willis Gossard, wife and daughter started, Saturday morning, for a long visit in Iowa in Illinois.

W. D. Williams, wife and daughter Miss Orrie started, Tuesday, for the World Fair via Kansas City.

Fred E. Winchester and Ruby Atwood, both of Cambridge, were married at the residence of the county judge, June 2d.

License for the uniting in wedlock of Henry H. Kuhlman and Mary M. Daniels was issued June 6th; both of North Valley.

Mrs. Shackleton and daughter Kittie, Mrs. McCallum and Mrs. Banks have gone to the World's fair to take in the sights.

Misses Jennie Holland and Lena Hill were invited to attend a reception given the McCook graduating class, last Saturday evening.

Rev. W. C. Kellner, a German minister who formerly preached in this county, but now of Berman, Kansas, was in our city this week on business.

M. S. Beck started, on Monday morning, for an extended visit to Aurora, York and Cambridge and Iowa and Illinois points, not forgetting the Columbian exposition.

John J. Lamborn accompanied by his wife and three boys started on Saturday for Omaha. Mrs. L. will return from there, while the boys will visit in Iowa and John will go to Chicago.

Rev. Lisle attended the Epworth League state convention in Omaha last week, and from there he expected to visit his family at Long Pine. Rev. J. M. Mann will occupy the pulpit next Sunday.

License was issued on June 5th for the marriage of Uriah J. Warren and Lillian M. Rowell, both of McCook; also for the marriage of C. F. Lamar and Mary A. McDonald, both of Indianola precinct. The latter couple were married at the Catholic church, Wednesday.

The graduating exercises of our high school were held in the high school room last Friday evening. The graduates were Jennie Holland and Lena Hill. Their orations were both excellent, and received the hearty applause of the large audience. The other recitations by Stella Peak, Lucy Peak, Flora Akers, and Newton Skinner, intermingled with good singing by Prof. Forward, Newton Skinner, John Beck, Effie Shumaker, Lena Beck and Nannie and Flora Akers, not forgetting the piano music by Jessie Welborn. W. R. Starr presented the diplomas and Rev. C. D. Gearlock pronounced the benediction.

On Wednesday of this week a serious accident happened to three little boys, Harry and Ray, sons of County Clerk Roper, and Carl, son of Andy Lord. They were playing in the rear of Shafer's drugstore where they found a can containing phosphorus, not knowing its deadly nature they put some of it in their pockets and started home when just back of the Sargent hotel they began to scream from fright and pain and were discovered in flames, several citizens gathered and carried them to the pump, where it was thought the fire was extinguished but before they reached home it broke out again. They were taken to their homes and doctors called, and everything done for them that medical skill could do but at present writing they are very low and fears are entertained for their lives.

THE brilliant, courageous and learned Dr. Briggs has been "turned down" by his brethren of the Presbyterian faith. Perhaps, after all, the Bible is a safer pilot than the liberal wisdom of the Doctor. The matter cannot be regarded more grave than as an incident of these inquiring and doubting times, when Christians will find safety in sailing under light canvas.

THERE is a whole volume in ex-Secretary Foster's explanation of his failure. "My failure simply illustrates the great folly of permitting one's self to be in debt beyond the reach of reasonably quick assets when the hour of difficult borrowing comes. My business was largely done with borrowed money." And yet the greatest enterprises that have been undertaken by prudent and brainy business men have been carried through on borrowed money.

IT is now almost certain that the Vanderbilt system which now reaches along the North Platte, through central Wyoming to Casper, will soon be extended on to Ogden. This promises to become the great trans-continental line for freights on account of its low grade. The Union Pacific, although traveling that portion of Wyoming least adapted to agriculture, has yet been of vast benefit to the state, if in nothing else than the opening up of its prosperous coal mines. With the Burlington also pushing through northern Wyoming and to the Yellowstone Park her future seems full of roseate promise.

THE successful sinking of an artesian well in the suburbs of Pierre explodes the theory that the great artesian basin of the Dakotas terminated or ran out on the west with the Missouri river. This new spouter throws 500 gallons of water under a pressure of 175 pounds to the square inch a minute, and demonstrates that at a depth of from 1,200 to 1,300 feet the artesian basin can be reached almost anywhere east of the Black Hills. It is believed now that the basin extends westward at least to the Hills. If such prove the case there is no reason why every foot of land in the broad expanse of that domain should not be made ultimately valuable by means of artesian irrigation.

A YOUNG Detroit lawyer has on exhibition at the fair a model of a new aerial electric railway which he is confident will bring about immediately the "revolution" in transportation which has been so confidently predicted for the last ten years. It is a car shaped like Cleopatra's needle and swung on low wheels running on a single rail elevated about twenty feet from the ground and securely fastened to brackets hung on a row of heavy posts. The power is furnished through an ordinary trolley pole from a wire running a few feet over the track. The car is designed to reach a speed of 500 miles an hour. It is managed by automatic devices by operators stationed along the line and therefore carries no weight beyond the load of merchandise and mail matter. The mail bags are placed on shelves so arranged that when the destination of each bag is reached a projecting arm strikes a bit of mechanism, the shelf falls, and as the mail drops into a net the train whizzes by without the slightest pause in its speed. It is claimed that friction is reduced to a minimum on this road, that a high speed can be maintained with very little power, and that the trains can be handled with entire safety. After putting the mail and express line in successful operation the inventor, Mr. Widdis, will turn his attention to the construction of a car designed for carrying passengers.

THE Crete Vidette has its lantern in hand and is looking for an honest man to run for supreme judge on the republican ticket. That paper also desires a man who is still alive—here in body, as it were. These requirements exclude a very large army of old stagers who would like to doze away the few remaining years of their senility on the supreme bench. Still the Vidette is unquestionably right. Let the party select the man, as it did two years ago, for his ability and fitness for the high and dignified office Nebraska has some excellent lawyers, who would be acceptable to the party and the people and who would command universal respect. There is no other office in the state that so imperatively demands the very highest order of men. Integrity, ability and cool, steady judgment are indispensable qualities. Give us such a man and we will not ask where he comes from or who his friends have been.

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