

NEBRASKA

The members of the Grand Army of the Republic have decided to hold a reunion at Cambridge in September.

Vacant buildings are becoming very rare in O'Neill. There is not a vacant building suitable for business purposes in the city.

Charles Ewing, an inmate of the soldiers' home at Grand Island, stole \$100 last week from three of his sleeping comrades and escaped. The police are on his trail.

Dick Rosted, wife of a prominent farmer living four miles west of Emerson, was taken violently insane. At times it required the efforts of three men to restrain her.

Grand Island will be treated to the experience of revival in the building improvement line this spring. Many new dwellings and several new business houses are projected.

The stockmen of Cass county are jubilant over the early appearance of grass this spring. The past winter has been much harder than usual and they have been forced to feed a week or two more than usual and the return to spring and plenty of grass is greatly appreciated.

Henry Laney, a farmer living three miles northeast of Prainview, had a loss by fire. His son, who slept in the granary, heard a noise in the horse stable and got up to quiet the tumult, and his lantern exploded. The granary, two corn cribs, and some grain and machinery were consumed.

The fish car passed through O'Neill Friday night and left several cans of trout for the streams of northern Holt. These streams are already becoming pretty well stocked and it will be but a few years until Holt county will be a favorite resort for the devoted disciples of Isaac Walton and headquar-

ters for fish yards.

One of the biggest blowouts in northern Nebraska this year will be the Woodmen's picnic, which is to be held at Ponca some time during the summer. The celebration will be participated in by all lodges and their friends in that part of the state and as the date approaches elaborate preparations will be made to properly entertain the multitude of visitors.

The business men of Auburn raised a liberal amount of money and purchased additional land adjoining the Missouri Pacific yards for the use of the company upon which to lay additional side tracks and build a roundhouse. This the citizens agreed to when the company removed its division to Auburn. The company will begin the erection of a roundhouse at once.

Through a defective chimney fire broke out in A. D. Anderson's laundry at Minden. The building being one of a row of old frame buildings and the wind blowing a strong gale from the north, it seemed for while as if the whole row and adjacent brick buildings would be consumed, but the quick work by the firemen quenched the flames and saved the other buildings.

C. T. Barto of Wakefield has in his possession something unique in the way of a musical instrument, being a violin of Italian make, bearing date of 1721 as the time of manufacture, which is probably correct. It came into the possession of Mr. Barto in the year 1857. Musicians who have examined and played upon it declare it to be an exceptionally fine and well preserved instrument.

Fourteen years ago a man named William Taylor left Holt county between two days, owing several O'Neill merchants sums ranging from a dollar or two to \$62. No one in the county heard anything from him until one day last week he returned to the town from his present home in Michigan for the express purpose of paying these bills. After squaring up he left for home contented and happy.

The city of Wayne now procure water and light free. The water rents and electric light receipts amount to more than enough to pay all running expenses of the plants, which amount to about \$200 per month. The receipts from the electric light plant last month amounted to \$165 and about as many more lights can be put in before the capacity of the plant is exhausted. New plants are being put in every day.

Doctors of Bradshaw and York performed a second amputation on Joseph Prohaska, living seven miles south of Bradshaw, who had the misfortune to get his left foot and leg badly mangled and torn in the goring of a feed crusher. His leg was amputated at the time below the knee, but owing to the bruised condition of the knee a second amputation was performed. The patient promises to pull through the ordeal.

Wymore, is stated, is to be a "wide open" town during the administration of Mayor Dodds. In an interview with the mayor it was learned from him that this policy will have his official approval, but public houses will be conducted on a somewhat metropolitan plan. "There is no way to stop these things altogether," said Mayor Dodds, "and I believe the best thing to be done is to allow them to run and fine them each month. In this manner the school fund would be materially benefited, and I believe the plan will receive the approval of the citizens in general. The proprietors of these places will be notified to appear before the police judge once each month and pay the license required of them and so long as they do so they will not be molested. However, if they fail to pay the monthly fines, the officers will be ordered to arrest them and in that case the costs will be much heavier."

There will be but very little fruit near Aurora this season. Fruit buds on the peach trees are all dead and many of the trees are nearly so. All of last year's growth of wood is dead and most of the trees planted last spring are killed to the ground.

The winter wheat crop in this locality, says an Ashland dispatch, is supposed to be a complete failure. A report from 800 acres in Ashland precinct shows that there is not more than one-eighth of a stand and the farmers are now plowing it up preparatory to planting corn. Similar reports from almost every section of the county give the same result.

THE NEW LAWS OF NEBRASKA

A Digest of Bills Put Through at the Recent Session of the Legislature.

A SAMPLE OF THE BALLOT MEASURE

The Election, Insurance and School Laws Undergo Liberal Amendment--Criminal and Civil Codes Materially Changed--Appropriation and Other Bills.

The legislature of 1889 adjourned April 2, but the records of the two houses show that it adjourned March 31. The session resulted in the election of a republican United States senator to succeed Senator W. V. Allen. Judge L. Hayward was elected senator on the forty-third joint ballot after fifty-seven ballots had been cast in the republican caucus. The senatorial contest was the longest history of the state. The first ballot was taken January 17 and the election of Judge Hayward was effected March 8. The total number of bills passed by the legislature were 130, with 100 bills being introduced, 26 bills being amended, and 7 bills being rejected.

In the matter of appropriations the session just closed exceeded the amount given two years ago by \$13,635, but at the same time appropriated \$29,000 more than the previous legislature for new buildings. The following is a comparative statement of the appropriations voted by the legislature in 1887 and in 1889:

Senate bill 27, by Talbot of Lancaster, to amend sections 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 140 and 146 and schedules "A" and "B" of chapter 26, compiled statutes of Nebraska for 1887, entitled elections, and to repeal sections 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 140 and 146, and schedules "A" and "B" of said chapter 26 as originally existing.

The law repeals the section of the election providing for party emblems and strikes out all reference to emblems in the laws as it stood before.

The provision when candidates are to be nominated otherwise than by convention, nomination or primary voting, United States raises the number of signatures necessary for petitions as follows:

"The number of signatures shall not be less than five thousand when the nomination is for an office to be filled by the electors of the county or township, and not less than two hundred and fifty when the nomination is for an office to be filled by the electors of a township, precinct or ward, provided that the number of signatures need not in any instance exceed one-fourth of the total number of voters when the nomination is for an office to be filled by the electors of a county, township, precinct or village or ward, and that the signatures need not all be appended to one paper."

A provision provides the name "et cetera" ticket for an independent ticket. In the case of the second class and villages. The change in form of the ballot is provided as follows:

FOR PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS.	
[Vote for Eight (8)]	
John Smith	Republican <input type="checkbox"/>
John Jones	Republican <input type="checkbox"/>
John Brown	Republican <input type="checkbox"/>
John Tank	Republican <input type="checkbox"/>
John Swan	Republican <input type="checkbox"/>
John Long	Republican <input type="checkbox"/>
John Frink	Republican <input type="checkbox"/>
John Bell	Republican <input type="checkbox"/>

FOR GOVERNOR,	
[Vote for One (1)]	
M. L. Hayward	Republican <input type="checkbox"/>
W. A. Poynter	People's Independent Democrat <input type="checkbox"/> Silver Republican <input type="checkbox"/>
R. V. Muir	Prohibition <input type="checkbox"/>

A mark within this circle
votes for all the Republican electors.

The party polling the highest number of votes at the last general election for the office of governor, will have the right of its nominee immediately beneath the name of the office for which such candidate was nominated; the party polling the second highest place, will have the name of the second place; the party polling the third highest number shall have the third place, and so on, leaving those candidates whose names appear upon said ballot, and all other candidates placed there by nomination. In each division and below all candidates placed there by nomination or petition, a blank space shall be left in the ballot, in which may be written the name of any person for whom they wish to vote, and whose name is not printed upon the ballot.

Each division containing the name of the office and the name of the candidate for that office, shall be separated from other groups or divisions by a distinct and heavy line. Any candidate who shall be the regular name of one or more political conventions shall have the party title of each party so nominating him, printed after his name. The names of these candidates shall be printed in capital letters, and in a bold hand, and following each line upon which the name of the candidate and party title is printed, a square shall be printed, each side of which shall be one-fourth of an inch, and the entire width of the ballot, for the same purpose, shall be space between candidates of different parties, for the same office, shall be space between candidates of different sixteenths of an inch, and the parties shall be one-fourth of an inch.

Provision is made whereby electors in making ballots may use a blue pencil instead of an indelible one.

one voting place, a doorkeeper may be provided for each additional machine.

Sec. 8. The voting machine shall be placed within a raised enclosure at least three feet from the wall. There shall be one machine for every three hundred voters or fraction thereof.

Sec. 9. A model of the voting machine key-board shall be at every polling place or at the election site, inscribed the factors thoroughly before they are permitted to enter the machine to vote.

Sec. 10. The county or municipal clerks shall provide sample ballots on red or green paper, and two hundred blank ballots on white paper for each machine. Sample ballots shall be conspicuously placed on the poll books for inspection of voters. Nothing contained in any section or provision of the election law as to the manner of preparing, casting, preserving or transmitting paper ballots or any other method of voting shall be used which conflicts with this act shall apply to elections in precincts where voting machines are used.

Section 11. When a qualified elector presents himself to the polling place to vote, his name shall be recorded in the poll-books and he be given a blank ballot if he so request, on back whereof two judges shall first write their names in ink. The voter may challenge the elector, to whom he may be admitted to the voting machine and record his vote by pushing buttons, but he securely locks the buttons opposite to those of every other voter for whom he desires to vote. Should he desire to vote for a person whose name is not printed or is not the ballot of the voting machine, he may write the name of the voter on the ballot, furnish his name on the ballot and record his vote.

Section 12. The "blank ballots" provided in section 8, shall be canvassed as ballots are canvassed where machines are used.

Section 13. If the voting machine becomes out of order and cannot be repaired with paper ballots and all such ballots cast while the machine is out of order, shall be counted and be separately canvassed and returned.

Section 14. Any elector who shall tamper with any voting machine so as to derange its working, or change any counter, or falsify report or return the rest of the voting machine, shall upon conviction, be fined not to exceed \$100 or be imprisoned in the penitentiary not more than three years or both.

House roll No. 184, by Oldmestad. 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