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MANY PERISH AT SEA

ITALIAN STEAMER SINKS AND 300 ARE LOST.

Disaster Off Spanish Coast—Ship Hits Reef in Threading Narrow Passage—Captain Commits Suicide—Wreck Attributed to His Own Imprudence.

Advices from Cartagena, Spain, state that a terrible marine disaster occurred Saturday evening off Cape Palos. The Italian steamer Sirio, from Genoa for Barcelona, Cadiz, Montevideo and Buenos Ayres, with about 800 persons on board, was wrecked off Hormigas island. Three hundred emigrants, most of them Italians and Spaniards, were drowned.

The captain of the steamer committed suicide. The bishop of San Pedro, Brazil, also was lost, and it is reported that another bishop is among the missing. The remainder of the passengers and officers and crew got away in the ship's boats or were rescued by means of boats sent to them from the shore. A number of fishermen who made attempts at rescue were drowned.

Those rescued from the vessel are now at Cape Palos, in a pitiable condition, being without food or clothing. The Sirio struck a rocky reef known as Bajos Hormigas and sank soon after, stern first. Hormigas island lies about two and one-half miles to the eastward of Cape Palos. The Sirio was owned by Navigazione Italiana, of Genoa.

Before he committed suicide the captain declared the steamer had 645 passengers on board and that her crew numbered 127 men. The Sirio had 570 passengers when leaving Genoa, but additional Spanish passengers were taken on board at Barcelona, where the vessel touched a few hours before the disaster.

The disaster occurred at 5 o'clock Sunday afternoon. The steamer was threading a difficult passage through the Hormigas group, where the Bajos Hormigas reef is a continual menace to navigation. The vessel began to settle rapidly immediately after she had struck, and a terrible scene of confusion and panic ensued on board. The fishermen along the coast sought to render every assistance in their power and sent out boats which brought many survivors ashore. Most of the officers and crew of the Sirio are among the saved.

The survivors have gone into camp on the main square of the town at Cape Palos. Here harrowing scenes are enacted as the stricken families anxiously seek beloved members among the rescued.

WRECK ON THE FRISCO.

Twenty Persons Injured in Collision Near St. Louis.

Twenty people were injured in a head-on collision between a passenger and freight train on the Frisco road at St. Genevieve, Mo., Sunday. The engines were demolished and the tracks torn up for a considerable distance. The injured were taken to St. Louis on a special train.

The passenger train was a special from St. Louis bearing representatives of the Knights of Columbus. Cuts and bruises comprised the injuries, and none of the passengers was fatally hurt. The engine crews jumped and escaped. It is claimed the accident was due to the freight train running in on the main track from a switch when it should have kept on the passed.

Famous Ex-Prisoner Returns.

Mrs. Florence Maybrick looked much improved in health and under the assumed name of "Mme. F. Cheney," arrived at New York incognito Sunday night on the French liner La Gasconne. She declined to tell of her plans. Mrs. Maybrick has been abroad for three months.

Arranging for Duel.

It is probable that a duel will be fought near Paris by Gen. Andre, ex-minister of war, and Gen. De Negrier in consequence of statements in Gen. Andre's memoirs concerning Gen. De Negrier and which the latter has declared to be untrue. The principals have chosen their seconds.

Fatal Fire in St. Louis.

At St. Louis fire Sunday afternoon completely gutted the five-story brick building occupied as the southwestern headquarters of the Salvation army. Joe Matthews fell or jumped and was dashed to death on the pavement.

Sioux City Live Stock Market.

Saturday's quotations on the Sioux City live stock market follow: Butcher steers, \$4.00@5.10. Top hogs, \$6.40.

A Missouri Tragedy.

A special dispatch says Dr. Bothman Jackson was shot and killed at Altamont, Mo., Saturday night by J. M. Woodworth, a hotelkeeper, in a dispute over the management of the hotel, which was owned by Jackson.

American Preachers in London.

A large number of the leading pulpits of London, Eng., were occupied Sunday by prominent American preachers, who are there for the holiday season.

WORK LIMIT IS VOID.

New York Court Kills Law for Factory Women.

The state law of New York restricting labor by women and children to ten hours a day and sixty hours a week in factory was declared Friday by Justice Olmstead in a decision handed down in the court of special sessions to be "an unwarranted invasion of constitutional rights." The ruling was concurred in by Justices McKean and Deuel.

Judge Olmstead declared the law class legislation, and among other things said:

"To labor and employ labor, are inherent and inalienable rights of our citizens and cannot be taken away in whole or in part unless upon the broad ground of public good, which must be apparent and cannot be predicated upon legislative dictum.

"It may be stated as a well settled legal proposition that the right to labor and contract for that labor is both a liberty and a property right. When, therefore, the legislature enacts a statute such as that under consideration it must be admitted that it has infringed in the enactment the rights which are very clearly accorded by the constitution to the individual citizen. The people, therefore, are called upon to justify this invasion and there is but one plea in justification—that the statute was enacted to protect the comfort, welfare and safety of the whole people, and the individual must suffer this curtailment of his granted rights in the interest of the common good.

"The present constitution of the state of New York was adopted in 1894 and became effective Jan. 1, 1895. All of the rights which adult women possessed at that time were confirmed by that document. One of those rights certainly was the right to contract for her labor and to work when and where she pleased without reference to the position of the hands upon the dial of the clock. It was not until four years after that the law-making power sought to place the limitation under consideration upon them. What was the legislative intent in doing this? The attorney general finds and urges no other reason than that the general welfare of the state demands that the progeny of women of the factories shall have mothers with healthy bodies to the end that the state may have sturdy citizens."

GREAT FIRE IN MILAN.

International Exposition is Damaged By Flames.

A fire Friday at Milan, Italy, in the international exposition did nearly \$2,500,000 damage. The sections devoted to the decorative arts and architecture of Italy and Hungary were totally destroyed. Several firemen carbiners were injured.

The fire was discovered at 5 o'clock Friday morning in the Hungarian section and spread rapidly to the art sections situated in an adjoining park. For a time the British, Swiss, Japanese and Netherlands sections were threatened, but by heroic work the firemen succeeded in saving them. The jewelry and fine arts sections were also threatened.

The city was thrown into a state of great excitement and a vast crowd of people collected about the exposition. The origin of the fire is attributed to an electric short circuit.

FUNDS FOR COLLEGES.

Cedar Rapids School Gets \$50,000 of Rockefeller Money.

A New York dispatch says: The general education board has recently made conditional appropriations from the income of the John D. Rockefeller fund of \$10,000,000 for higher education to nine colleges in different parts of the United States amounting to \$312,500. The gifts are conditional on the colleges and universities raising three times as much from other sources.

Among the institutions and the amounts they will receive are Coe college, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, \$50,000; Washburn college, Topeka, Kan., \$25,000.

Commercial Law League Election.

The 12th annual convention of the Commercial Law League of America, in session at Asheville, N. C., adjourned Friday afternoon after electing officers. H. G. W. Dinkelspiel, of San Francisco, was chosen president. Detroit was selected as the convention city for next year.

Tom Johnson Cleared.

Judge Kennedy in the common pleas court at Cleveland, O., Friday decided Mayor Johnson not guilty of contempt of court as charged in connection with the tearing up of the tracks of the Cleveland Electric company last week. Director of Public Service Springhorn was fined \$100.

Smeltermen on Strike.

The electrolytic smelters of the Boston and Montana Company of the Amalgamated Copper Company at Great Falls, Mont., closed down Thursday evening as the result of a strike of smeltermen following the refusal of the superintendents to recognize a union committee.

Mayor to the Pen.

William H. Belcher, who while mayor of Paterson, N. J., absconded a year ago, and who surrendered himself on Monday last, was sentenced Friday to twelve years' imprisonment. Belcher was accused of embezzling \$150,000 of the city's funds.

Fire at Milan Exposition.

A dispatch received at London says that a disastrous fire has broken out in the grounds of the international exposition at Milan.

REVOLT MARCHES ON.

Reverses at Sveaborg and Cronstadt Not Fatal.

Although the mutinies at Sveaborg have been ended, and the one at Cronstadt has been practically put down the outlook is still black. The revolutionists, whose hands were suddenly forced by the premature rising at Sveaborg, apparently are undaunted at these initial reverses and intend to persist in their program of calling a general strike.

One of the leaders of the revolutionists with whom the Associated Press spoke Thursday night boasted that the word had gone forth and that the fire of the revolt would spread to the corners of the empire.

His closing words to the correspondent were: "Now watch Reval, Riga and Liban."

The news of the mutiny on board the cruiser Pamyat Azova off the Estonian coast is fraught with enormous possibilities. The crew of this vessel rose and killed the commander and four officers.

Ambassador Meyer has received a dispatch from the American consul at Reval saying that the Pamyat Azova entered that port with the red flag at her masthead. Should this cruiser, under the flag of the mutineers, sail to the northward and appear in the presence of the main squadron in the Gulf of Finland the loyalty of the crews of these vessels would perhaps be put to a stronger test than they could stand. Although the admiralty asserts that the squadron of Sveaborg did not waver in its allegiance, there is something mysterious about the reports of the actions of the ships which warrants the suspicion that all is not right aboard. Only two ships fired on the mutineers, the others remaining on the horizon as if the admiralty were not sure that they could be depended upon.

When the firing began at Cronstadt Wednesday night there ensued a wild panic in the imperial palace at Peterhof, as the palace lies under the guns of the fortress. All preparations had been made in advance to flee to Tsarskoi Selo, but the report that the czar and his family had fled in the middle of the night was denied. It was explained that on account of "dampness" at Peterhof arrangements had been made for the return of the imperial family at Tsarskoi Selo.

SERIOUS CHINESE OUTBREAK.

The Revolt is Assuming Alarming Proportions.

Advices were received by the Empress of Japan in Victoria, B. C., Thursday that the rising in Kiangai and Chekiang provinces is becoming a grave movement, and many believe the rising will assume similar proportions to the Taiping rebellion. Hsin-chenghsien Chekiang, a large walled city, was captured by the rebels, looted and a garrison of 5,000 left to prepare the city to withstand a siege by imperial troops. Several corps of imperial troops have been dispatched.

Magistrate Shen, of Hsincheng, was put to death, being tortured in revenge for having summarily beheaded a rebel leader. It was this act which caused the rebels to gather at Sun-chen to attack the city. The Roman Catholic and Protestant churches were destroyed and, although the native pastors escaped, six converts were murdered.

GIRL ROBS A LIBRARY.

Theft of \$1,000 in Books Traced to a Teacher.

A shortage of 200 volumes dealing with southern history was discovered at the state historical library at Madison, Wis., Thursday during the taking of an inventory by Dr. R. G. Thwaites, secretary of the State Historical Society. Some of the volumes long since went out of print and are valued at \$25 each.

The theft has been traced to Miss Jennie P. Morrill, a southern beauty from Atlanta, Ga., who took post graduate work at the University of Wisconsin to prepare herself to teach history in the south. A casual remark to a girl friend that she was storing the books led to the discovery of the lost property in a warehouse.

It is estimated that the books are worth \$1,000 to the state university.

Lithographers Strike.

A general strike of the Lithographers' International Protective and Benefit Association of the United States and Canada begun in New York Thursday. The strike will affect about 30,000 employees. The association is composed of printers, transferers and proofers, without whom, it is said, none of the shops can be operated.

Foreman Miller Out.

W. A. Miller, assistant foreman in the bindery of the government printing office at Washington, D. C., who was suspended by the public printer July 21 for insubordination, has been dismissed from the government service.

Western League Ball at Sioux City, Ia.

Following is a schedule of Western League games to be played at Sioux City in the immediate future:

Pueblo	Aug. 14, 15, 16, 17
Denver	Aug. 22, 23, 24, 25
Lincoln	Aug. 26, 27, 28, 29
Omaha	Aug. 30, 31, Sept. 1, 2

Forest Fires Under Control.

The forest fires around Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., are now under control. Wellsburg was about half destroyed and the business portion of Eckerman burned for two blocks, with many residences.

Arrested for Embezzlement.

Clifford Huxton, 28 years of age, a bookkeeper for the Union Trust Company, of Pittsburgh, Pa., is in jail, charged with embezzlement, and bail is fixed at \$20,000.

STATE OF NEBRASKA

NEWS OF THE WEEK IN A CONDENSED FORM.

Murder at Hastings—Walter McCulla Shot by Barney Pearson—Jealousy May Have Been the Cause of the Crime—State Items.

Walter McCulla, who was shot in the back at an early hour Sunday morning, while in the home of Barney Pearson at Hastings, died at 3 o'clock Monday afternoon at his home on West Seventh. His wife and four children were with him when he expired.

Barney Pearson was arrested Sunday on a warrant sworn out by County Attorney Olmstead charging him with maliciously shooting with intent to kill and he is still in the county jail.

It seems that Mrs. Barney Pearson thought her husband on the way to Wyoming and that McCulla and J. Crofford were in the Pearson home eating and drinking about 12:30 Sunday morning, when a load of shot was fired through the dining room window and the entire charge lodged in the back of McCulla. Crofford is a young man and was keeping company with Millie, the 15-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Barney Pearson, while McCulla is a married man with a family, and he was paying respects, it is alleged to Mrs. Pearson.

At 11:45 Sunday afternoon Rev. A. Lemkau and W. A. Baker went to the county jail to see Pearson. In speaking of the interview that took place in the jail Mr. Lemkau said:

"I spoke to Pearson, saying: 'I expected to see you again last night.' There was no response. I then asked him, 'Did you empty both barrels?' to which he replied that he had shot only one. Then Pearson asked me if I thought he had committed a sin and I told him it wasn't right, but God would forgive him. Pearson showed much emotion; he broke down and wept."

DEGARMO DESERTS TWO WIVES.

Now in Jail at Beaver City on Charge of Bigamy.

A Beaver City special says: Walter Degarmo is in the county jail charged with wife desertion. Degarmo was married in July to Miss Luella Thompson, a prominent young woman of Wilsonville. It was a double wedding in more ways than one. The license was issued in Furnas County, but the couple went across the line in Red Willow County, where the ceremony was performed. Afterwards the county judge informed Degarmo that the marriage was not valid and a second ceremony was solemnized in Furnas County. In a week after the marriage Degarmo disappeared and was captured a day or two ago in Red Willow County. He was detained upon a charge of wife desertion, but evidence has been obtained that he has a wife in Carthage, Ill., and Thursday in county court, in the presence of the girl that he had wronged, he confessed that he had a previous wife and had not been divorced.

He will be held on a charge of bigamy.

Wedding Anniversary Celebrated.

One of the most enjoyable events of the season took place Thursday evening at the palatial home of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Walker, who reside on their grand 400-acre farm about four miles south of Decatur, Mr. and Mrs. Walker have been married twenty-five years and in the neighborhood of 80 of their old-time friends gathered to help them properly observe the occasion.

Mrs. Hart Goes to Washington.

Mrs. Atlee Hart, owner of the North Nebraska Eagle, with her two daughters, Misses Lorraine and Beulah, have gone to Long Beach, Wash., where they will establish their home. The Hart residence at Dakota City has been purchased by Judge R. E. Evans. Claude B. and Harry A. Hart will continue publishing the paper established over thirty years ago by their father, Atlee Hart, deceased.

Sculley Left Property.

Richard Sculley, who was killed on the Union Pacific Railroad at North Platte last Friday, left quite a bit of property. He had recently sold a piece of land for which he received \$5,000. He was a single man and at present there are no relatives known. Leo Tobin, of North Platte, was appointed special administrator.

Car of Merchandise Burned.

A car of merchandise from some cause unknown was on fire and side-tracked at Arapahoe by No. 77, leaving the salvage of the same to Night Operator A. L. Cale and Section Foreman Erickson, who succeeded in saving at least \$500 worth of merchandise. At least \$1,000 worth was burned, besides the car.

Must Strengthen Bridges.

The board of county commissioners of Johnson County are serving notices on engineers that they must plank all bridges before they attempt to cross with their traction engines, threshing machines and other heavy machinery. The county has had two or three bad accidents in the past and does not care to have another.

Teachers' Institute to Convene.

The annual Dakota County Teachers' institute will convene in the high school room at Dakota City at 9 o'clock Aug. 13, and remain in session throughout the entire week. County Superintendent Geo. J. Boucher will be assisted by Prof. E. B. Sherman and E. L. Rouse.

Sheldon Drugged and Robbed.

Charged with drugging and robbing Richard B. Sheldon of \$40 and two gold watches, C. V. Startz was brought to Beatrice from Lincoln Monday by Sheriff Trude and Chief Burke and lodged in the county jail. The robbery occurred last week.

Broke His Thigh.

Isaac Owens, who lives seven miles southwest of Tecumseh, is suffering with a broken thigh, the result of an accident, being thrown from a wagon and getting his leg in the wheel.

WEIRICH DROWNS IN LAKE.

Omaha Man Seized With Cramps While Bathing in Manawa.

T. Milton Weirich, of 310 North Twenty-second Street, Omaha, was drowned in Lake Manawa Wednesday night. While swimming alone he evidently was stricken with cramps. His body was recovered at 6:45 o'clock Thursday morning 400 yards north of the Kursaal.

Weirich was a drug clerk and worked at the Sherman & McConnell and Peyton pharmacies during his two years' residence in Omaha.

Weirich hired a boat shortly after 7 o'clock Wednesday evening at the Kursaal, checked his valuables and started out with a bathing suit. In an hour he returned and placed his coat, vest and hat in the boat. At 9:30 an empty boat was sighted by parties at the boat club house on the north side of the lake. The boat was brought in and from letters found in the coat it was surmised that Weirich was missing. A search was at once made and an uncle at Omaha notified. The body was dragged from the bottom some distance from the Kursaal.

NEBRASKA "DRY" TICKET.

Prohibitionists at Lincoln Name Candidates for State Offices.

Nebraska prohibitionists held an all day state convention at Lincoln Tuesday with an attendance of nearly 200 delegates. A state ticket was nominated, with the exception of United States senator, which was passed over with the understanding that the state committee would designate the candidate. Following is the ticket:

Governor—Prof. H. T. Sutton, Bethany.
Lieutenant Governor—Rev. J. D. Forsythe, University Place.
Railroad Commissioners—J. S. McClary, Beatrice; E. A. Givard, Norfolk; Samuel Lichty, Falls City.
Secretary of State—J. M. Bell, York.
Auditor—W. E. Nichol, Minden.
Treasurer—W. H. Haddox, Falls City.
School Superintendent—Bert Wilson, Humboldt.
Attorney General—J. D. Graves, Peru.

STRANGER KILLED AT VALLEY.

Man Steps in Front of Train While Under Influence of Liquor.

A stranger in the town of Valley, who had been looking for work at painting, was killed by train No. 11 Wednesday morning.

He was slightly intoxicated and while talking to a number of railroad workmen slipped on the track as the train approached. He was not conscious from the time he was struck and died in a few minutes. He was about 40 years old, of dark complexion, five feet eight inches tall. There was nothing on his body by which he could be identified.

Horse Killed; Boy Escapes.

Thursman Henline, a son of I. S. Henline, residing half a mile east of Buda, while riding across the railroad crossing near his home Monday was run into by a train. He was on his way home at the time, and sitting, it is said, asleep in his buggy. The horse was instantly killed and the buggy smashed to pieces. The boy was thrown a distance of fifty feet and badly cut and bruised.

Hospital for Arapahoe.

Among the many improvements in Arapahoe this summer is a spacious and beautiful residence being built by one of the local physicians. It is arranged with a view to establishing a hospital and will be fitted up with all modern appliances, laboratory, operating room, etc. The cost of the building will be \$6,000, and hospital bed-terments nearly as much more.

Margrave Dies from Injuries.

W. A. Margrave died at Rulo Tuesday. Mr. Margrave was about 52 years old and one of the wealthiest men in southeastern Nebraska. While returning from Preston to his home Saturday his team became unmanageable and ran away. He was dragged over the dashboard. The double tree broke and a large silver was forced into his body.

Tekamah Man Struck by Train.

While attempting to drive across the railroad track John Thomas, a carpenter at Tekamah, was struck by a train. The train struck the team and threw Mr. Thomas out of the wagon, breaking his right leg in two places and injuring him internally. One of the horses was killed outright but the other escaped injury.

Mae Hayes Begins Her Term.

Mrs. Mae Hayes, convicted of swindling a \$300 diamond belonging to T. L. Combs at Omaha, was taken to the penitentiary at Lincoln Tuesday afternoon to begin her five-year sentence. Since the sentence was imposed Mrs. Hayes has spent most of her time weeping in her cell at the Douglas County jail.

Rifled Mail Sack Found.

Edgar Stevens, who lives a couple of miles southeast of Table Rock, found a rifled United States mail pouch, which had been slit open and robbed of its contents.

Dixon County Old Settlers.

At a meeting of the Old Settlers' Association of Dixon County, it was decided to hold the next annual Dixon County old settlers' picnic at Allen on August 28.

Freight Trains Collide.

Freight No. 40, eastbound, and an extra freight westbound collided head-on at Bennington Monday. Considerable damage was done to property but none of the train crews was injured.

Bonds for New Plants.

The proposition to build a new electric light plant separate from the present water plant and to issue bonds in an amount not exceeding \$40,000 for its construction was submitted to the voters of Fremont at a special election Thursday, and carried by a good majority.

Ashtand a Division Point.

The Burlington authorities have declared Ashtand to be a division point upon the line, and Ashtand division time table No. 1 has been issued.



Statistics received at the labor bureau on crop acreage show a material increase on winter wheat and only a slight increase in oats. According to these statistics the total crop acreage this year is 6,767,043 acres, an increase over last year of 294,561 acres. The total acreage of winter wheat will be 1,846,720, an increase of 104,370 acres over last year. The spring wheat acreage this year will be 298,132, a decrease of 51,388 acres from last year. The oat acreage this year will be 2,423,730, an increase of 3,106 acres. The total increase in all the counties over last year in the crop acreage amounted to 499,059, of which there was a total decrease in only 194,498 acres, leaving the net increase in crop acreage of 294,561. The total increase in the acreage of winter wheat is 132,224 acres, while the decreases are 37,354 acres, leaving a net increase of 104,370 acres in winter wheat. The total increase in spring wheat amounted to 41,400 acres, but the total decrease amounted to 93,133 acres, leaving a net decrease of 51,388 acres. The total increase in the oat crop amounted to 99,569 acres, while the total decrease amounted to 87,463, leaving a net increase of 3,106 acres over last year. At this time it is impossible for the public to get the details of the acreage, as some of the county assessors have made slight mistakes in their returns and these have been sent back for correction. The figures given above, however, will be changed very little. Knox County reported an increase in corn acreage of over 96,000 acres.

The state board of equalization is after the assessors to find out where there are so few automobiles on the assessment rolls. Inasmuch as the owners of automobiles are required to register the same in the office of the secretary of state, the board has a complete record and the secretary has been ordered to see that the reports of the assessors tally with the number registered to April 1. On this class of property Lancaster County shows a big discrepancy, its assessor returning 56 machines, while the records in the office of the secretary of state show there are 85 machines owned in the county. Douglas County's assessor reports 98, while the records show 192 were owned there before April 1. Holt County returned 2 machines, while the records at the state house show only one was owned there April 1. This county also carried off the banner for placing the highest value upon the automobiles, its pair being returned at \$300 each. In Lancaster automobiles were assessed at \$181 and in Douglas at \$165 each. In Dixon County automobiles were returned at \$32 each, though the assessor found one more than was registered in the office of the secretary of state. Only 26 counties returned automobiles, though the records in the office of the secretary of state show automobiles are owned in 63 counties.

Secretary of State Galusha has prepared the copy of the constitutional amendment to be submitted at the fall election and the notices will be sent to the newspapers about Aug. 1. The notices will run for seven weeks and will be published in one paper in each county of the state. It will cost \$42 for each paper, or a total of \$4,410. The amendment to be voted on this fall provides for the election of a railway commission consisting of three members, and it has been provided by law that should a political party endorse the amendment a straight party vote is a vote for the amendment.

William F. Backie, of Beatrice, sentenced to the penitentiary for three years for statutory assault, wants a pardon and Saturday with the girl in the case, who has become his wife, appealed to the governor. Backie is now out under bonds pending his appeal to the supreme court. The governor has taken the matter under advisement, but intimated the defendant would have to secure his relief through the court channels. Backie was married to the girl two days after his conviction in the lower court.

Jay P. Wilson, a well known man of Lincoln who has been running a "grain clearance house" there, has been arrested on a charge of defrauding Miss Anna Kneisel out of some \$600. It is asserted Wilson induced her to invest the money in a Star route. Later, it is asserted, he Star bought the route back, but the girl has not received her money back. It is also stated Wilson only paid \$200 for the route. Wilson has a family and has resided in Lincoln for some time.

The Interurban Company Saturday morning received its first car and it was formally received into Lincoln by General Manager Hurd, who smashed a bottle of good, rich wine over its side and after which H. H. Wilson, attorney for the company, made a short address in which he told of the difficulties which the company has overcome. The car will be tested and will be used in a few days to carry passengers to the Bethany assembly.

The board of public lands and buildings allowed the following bill for work done at the Bethany institution for the feeble minded: Kommyer & Co., plumbing, \$2,275; George Berlinghoff, architect, \$937.82; Gustafson & Johnson, \$2,971.49. The original contract was for \$25,000 for the erection of a girls' dormitory.

Gov. Mickey will leave Aug. 1 for Geneva Beach, Wis., where he will deliver an address before the Young Men's Christian Association. The governor will be accompanied by his son Benjamin and the two will remain for several days resting.

The state normal board will meet in the office of Superintendent Mc Brien Aug. 23. At this meeting the opening of the normal schools will be discussed and the work of the summer schools will be reviewed and passed upon.