

# THE GRADE EXAMINATIONS

## SIXTH ANNUAL EXAMINATION IS JUST COMPLETED.

### SOME INTERESTING STATISTICS

County Superintendent Crum Pleased Over the Results This Year—Norfolk Little Girl Wins Spelling Honors of the County.

[From Saturday's Daily.] County Superintendent Crum came in from the west Thursday evening. He has just completed the sixth annual examination of eighth grade pupils, and has in his possession a mass of examination manuscript of discouraging dimensions. One hundred and eighty pupils have taken the examination and have written between 3,000 and 3,500 large pages, all of which must be carefully read and graded before the results can be declared.

The following numbers were examined at the several places named: Newman Grove, 18 and 8 country pupils; Madison, 14 country and 2 from the Catholic parochial; Norfolk, 68 and 7 country; Battle Creek, 13 and 7 country; Tilden, 13 and 13 country; Meadow Grove, 4 and 4 country; Emery 6 country pupils.

The largest number examined heretofore was 161 last year. This number included all towns in the county as well as country districts. This year the Madison city schools do not take the examination and yet there is an increase of nineteen. Had Madison been examined the number would have exceeded 200.

Five years ago the teachers of the county districts reported only fifty-five pupils in the eighth grade. This year three times that number were reported and, counting the country pupils in town schools, fifty-eight have taken the examination, thus showing a large increase in the number completing the country school course, which indicates a corresponding increase in school interest.

### The Spelling Grades.

The spelling has been graded and averages made, all of which are subject to verification. The same list of words has been given on three different years and the following table shows the class average of the several schools for each of the three years:

	1900	1903	1904
Norfolk	73	71	83
Newman Grove	57	67	61
Tilden	58	72	68
Battle Creek	51	60	70
Madison	66	62	60
Meadow Grove	46	64	74
Country	65	70	68
Country average	67	68	71

One hundred words were used in the test and the table above shows that the Norfolk grade spelled on an average 73 words correctly in 1900; 71 in 1903; and 83 this year.

In the six years nearly 900 pupils have taken the examination and only one has made a perfect grade in spelling. This honor belongs to Lucile Tracy, the little daughter of Major E. H. Tracy and a member of this year's class in the Norfolk schools.

### TUESDAY TOPICS.

Water Commissioner J. E. Simpson is confined to his home by sickness.

The Nebraska Photographers' association is to meet in Lincoln next week.

A cement crossing is being laid at Madison avenue and Fifth street. Four have been laid on Fifth street alone up to this time.

Mrs. C. W. Tremm of Winside, who has been visiting with Miss Ethel Doughty of this city for a few days, returned to her home today.

Not many tramps have bothered Norfolk thus far this spring, but there is ample time left in which the fraternity may make a demonstration in this section of country.

The flower and vegetable gardens and the fruit trees are developing rapidly and a week or two more of favorable weather will make an important change in the city and country landscape.

The business part of the city has been quite effectively rid of the winter's accumulation of rubbish, but there are a few unsightly piles yet that should be moved out toward the city dumping ground.

The druggists of Nebraska are to meet in convention at Fremont the second week in June. The local committee is receiving many handsome prizes to be offered in the contests that are made a feature of these annual meetings.

Mrs. C. H. Brake left this morning for her home in Iowa, summoned by a dispatch announcing the death of her mother Mrs. Amanda Smith, who suffered a stroke of paralysis during a visit to her daughter here some time ago.

The government thermometer at Dr. Salter's registered within seven degrees of the frosting point as the minimum temperature last night. On lower ground there may have been a light visitation, but not enough to do damage and the prospects are that the weather will warm up during today so that the danger point will be passed.

The work on the Norfolk hospital for the insane is coming along in good shape and the weather has been very favorable for the bulldozers during the spring and they are making

the best of it. Material is still being carted out to the site.

The federal court house is rapidly being finished and it will now be but a short time until it is ready for occupancy. The finishing work does not make as much of a showing from day to day as did the work of raising the walls, but it is progressing most satisfactorily and it will be one of the handsomest and most convenient buildings in the state when completed.

Godfrey Lund of Stanton was in the city on business. Mr. Lund is a thoroughly up-to-date blacksmith. He has installed the only hydraulic tire setting machine in northern Nebraska and is putting rubber tires on all sorts of vehicles which never could be done heretofore in this section. People are driving to Stanton from all towns within a radius of many miles, getting their tires set while they wait. It saves them the freight and time.

Dr. L. C. Bleck, X-Ray and Thorapneutic Laboratory, Robertson, block, Norfolk, Neb. Phone Black 256.

# TEACHERS ARE ASSIGNED

## ONE TEACHER ELECTED AT SPECIAL MEETING OF BOARD.

### ALSO ELECT THREE JANITORS.

There Remains but One Position Among the Teachers Now to Fill, and the Board Has Not Yet Definitely Decided as to the Person.

At the special meeting of the board of education one teacher was elected and others for the five buildings in the city were assigned to their rooms for next year.

Miss Pearl McCormick of Wayne was elected to succeed Miss Harriet C. Wood in the seventh grade.

High school teachers were assigned as follows: Principal, R. C. Powers; assistant principal, Miss Katharine Sisson; sciences, Miss Bertha M. Henderson; mathematics, Miss Magie McLean.

Grades in the high school building are assigned as follows: Eighth grade, Miss Gertrude Watson; eighth grade, Miss Reese; seventh, Miss Pearl McCormick; sixth, Miss Elizabeth Rees.

Grant building—Fifth grade, Miss Louise Mathewson; fourth, Miss Nellie Morrow; second and third, Miss Mae Olney; first, Miss Ellen Mullen; preliminary, Miss Annie McElride.

Lincoln building—Sixth grade, Miss Harriet Albery; fifth, Miss Orelia Ditzler; fourth, Miss Lena Mills; third, Miss Nina Walker; second, Miss Pearl Wildman; first, Miss Laura Durland; first preliminary, Miss Mamie Matran; second preliminary, Miss Edith McClary.

Washington building—Second, third and fourth grades, Miss Nell Dingman; preliminary and first, Miss Mamie Dingman.

Janitors were elected. C. S. McCaslin was elected janitor for the Grant building, August Helleman for the high school building and J. S. Burnett for the Washington building.

### Democrats Will Meet.

The democratic county central committee will soon issue a call for their county central committee to be held at Battle Creek on Monday, May 23. The apportionment of delegates will be based upon the vote cast for Sullivan for supreme judge.

### A Terry Heir.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Terry of Warnerville welcomed a son to their home this morning.

### Train Delayed.

Because of the derailing of an engine hauling a work train in the Black Hills, train No. 6, the passenger from the west, was four hours late into Norfolk on Tuesday.

### Drullinger-Durham.

Concerning a wedding of a former Norfolk girl the Chester Herald says:

Claude C. Drullinger, one of Chester's most promising young men, and Miss Mattie M. Durham were married at the office of the county judge at O'Neill, Nebraska, on Wednesday, April 27, 1904. It will be remembered that a year ago Claude spent the summer at Norfolk, where he became infatuated with the charming young lady whom he now calls by that endearing name of "wife." The young lady then lived at Norfolk, but the first of April this year the family moved to O'Neill, and thither Claude went his way last week Tuesday, returning on the early train this week Tuesday morning with her who is to be his future companion and counselor. They have leased the James Wilson farm, just south of his father's, two miles east of Chester, and where they will be at home to the many friends, and where the neighbors gave them a warm reception upon the eve of their arrival.

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# HOW ROSEBUD WILL OPEN

## PLAN OF THE LOTTERY SYSTEM BEING FORMULATED.

### FOR SOLDIERS AND SAILORS.

Detailed Outline of the Methods Which Will be Used in Throwing Open the Reservation to the Public—Care Taken Against Imposters.

Washington, D. C., May 9.—The plan for the opening of the Rosebud reservation is now being formulated in the department.

The first step taken will be to divide the reservations into counties. Then will follow the establishment of land offices. The papers will then announce to the people of the country that the lands in each reservation will be opened on a certain day and that applicants may file in person their applications at the land offices in the respective locations. No person will be allowed to file an application in more than one land office.

For instance, no one could file an application at the land office in the Devils Lake reservation and then go to the land office on the Rosebud reservation and file another application. Secretary Hitchcock intends to see that everybody is given a fair and equal chance.

In order to obtain registration, each applicant will be required to show himself duly qualified to make homestead entry on the lands under existing laws and to give the registering officer such appropriate matters of description and identity as will protect the applicant and the government against any attempted imposition. Registration cannot be effected through the use of the mails or the employment of an agent, excepting that honorably discharged soldiers and sailors entitled to the benefits of section 2304 of the revised statutes of the United States, as amended by an act of congress approved March 1, 1901, may present their applications for registration and due proofs of their applications through an agent of their own selection, but no person will be permitted to act as agent for more than one such soldier or sailor. No person will be permitted to register more than once or in any other than his true name.

Such applicant who shows himself duly qualified will be registered and given a non-transferable certificate to that effect, which will entitle him to go upon and examine the lands to be opened in the land district in which he elects to make his entry; but the only purpose for which he may go upon and examine said lands is that of enabling him later on, to understandly select the lands for which he will make entry. No one will be permitted to make settlement upon any of the lands in advance of the opening of the reservation, and during the first sixty days following the opening no one but registered applicants will be permitted to make homestead settlement upon any of the lands, and then only in pursuance of a homestead entry duly allowed by the local officers, or of a soldier's declaratory statement duly accepted by such officers.

### Determined by Drawings.

The order in which, during the first sixty days following the opening, the registered applicants will be permitted to make homestead entry will be determined by drawings held at the land offices at each of the reservations, and each drawing will be continued for such a period as may be necessary to complete the same. The drawings will be held under the supervision and immediate observation of a committee of three persons, whose integrity is such as to make their control of the drawings a guarantee of its fairness. The members of this committee will be appointed by the secretary of the interior, who will prescribe suitable compensation for their services. Preparatory to these drawings the registration of each applicant who shows himself duly qualified, makes out a card, which must be signed by the applicant, stating the land district in which he desires to make homestead entry, and giving such a description of the applicant as will enable the local land officers to thereafter identify him. This card will be at once sealed in a separate envelope, which will bear no other distinguishing label or mark than such as may be necessary to show that it is to go into the drawing for the land district in which the applicant desires to make entry. These envelopes will be separated according to land districts and will be carefully preserved and remain sealed until opened in the course of the drawing as herein provided. When the registration is completed, all these sealed envelopes will be brought together at the place of drawing and turned over to the committee in charge of the drawing, who, in such manner as in their judgment will be attended with absolute fairness and equality of opportunity, shall proceed to draw out and open the separate envelopes and to give to each enclosed card a number in the order in which the envelope containing the same is drawn. While the drawing for the districts will be separately conducted, they will occur as nearly at the same time as practicable. The result of the drawing for each district will be certified by the committee to the officers of the district and will

determine the order in which the applicants may make entry of said lands and settlement thereon.

### Each Drawing to be Posted.

Notice of the drawings, stating the name of each applicant and number assigned to him by the drawing, will be posted each day at the place of drawing, and each applicant will be notified of his number by a postal card mailed to him at the address, if any, given by him at the time of registration. Each applicant should, however, in his own behalf, employ such measures as will insure his obtaining prompt and accurate information of the order in which his application for homestead entry can be fixed by the drawing. Applicants for homestead entry of the lands during the first sixty days following the opening can be made only by registered applicants and in the order established by the drawing.

At the land office commencing on the day to be named by the president in his proclamation, the applications of those drawing numbers 1 to 125, inclusive, for that land district must be presented and will be considered in their numerical order during the first day, and the applications of those drawing numbers 125 to 250, inclusive, must be presented and will be considered in their numerical order during the second day, and so on at that rate until all of said lands subject to entry under the homestead law, and desired thereunder, have been entered. If any applicant fails to appear and present his application for entry when the number assigned to him by the drawing is reached, his right to entry will be passed until after the other applications assigned for that day have been disposed of, when he will be given another opportunity to make entry, failing in which he will be deemed to have abandoned his right to make entry under the drawings.

To obtain the allowance of a homestead entry, the applicant must personally present the certificate of registration therefore issued to him, together with a regular homestead application and the necessary accompanying proofs, and with the regular land office fees, but an honorably discharged soldier or sailor may file his declaratory statement through the agent representing him at the registration. The production of the certificate of registration will be dispensed with only upon satisfactory proof of its loss or destruction. If at the time of considering his application for entry it appears that any applicant is disqualified from making homestead entry of these lands his application will be rejected, notwithstanding he shall register more than once, or in any other than his true name, or shall transfer his registration certificate, he will thereby lose all the benefits of the registration and drawing provided for, and will be precluded from entering or settling upon any of the lands during the first sixty days following said opening.

### Question of Town Sites.

Any person desiring to found or to suggest establishing a townsite upon any of the ceded lands at any point not in the near vicinity of either of the county seats provided for, selected and designated, may, at any time before the opening, file in the proper local land office a written statement to that effect, describing by legal subdivisions the lands intended to be affected, and stating fully and under oath the necessity or propriety of founding or establishing a town at that place. The local officers will forthwith transmit said proposition to the commissioner of the general land office with their recommendation in the premises. The commissioner will, if the secretary of the interior approve, issue an order withdrawing the lands described in such petition, or any portion thereof, from homestead entry and settlement and direct that the same be held for the time being for townsite settlement, entry and disposition only. In such event, the lands so withheld from homestead entry and settlement will, at the time of opening and not before, become subject to settlement, entry, and disposition under the general townsite laws of the United States. None of the ceded lands will be subject to settlement, entry, or disposition under the general townsite laws except in the manner herein prescribed until after the expiration of sixty days from the time of opening.

### NEBRASKA DEMOCRATS AN UNIT

Brother of William Jennings Bryan Says William Will Head His Forces.

New Orleans, May 10.—Charles W. Bryan, of Lincoln, Neb., and a brother of William Jennings Bryan, said in an interview today that the reports of disension on the Nebraska democracy are wrong and that his brother will head the delegation to St. Louis, unitedly pledged to vote for the reaffirmation of the Kansas City platform.

### OKDALE BANK RE-ORGANIZED.

Becomes Closely Allied With Other Antelope County Banks. Okdale, Neb., May 9.—Special to The News: The Okdale bank, organized during the past nineteen years by C. W. Priestly, has been re-organized and will be incorporated under the old name, with Messrs. Seymour of Elgin, Payne and Park of Neligh and C. W. Priestly of Okdale as stockholders. The new organization

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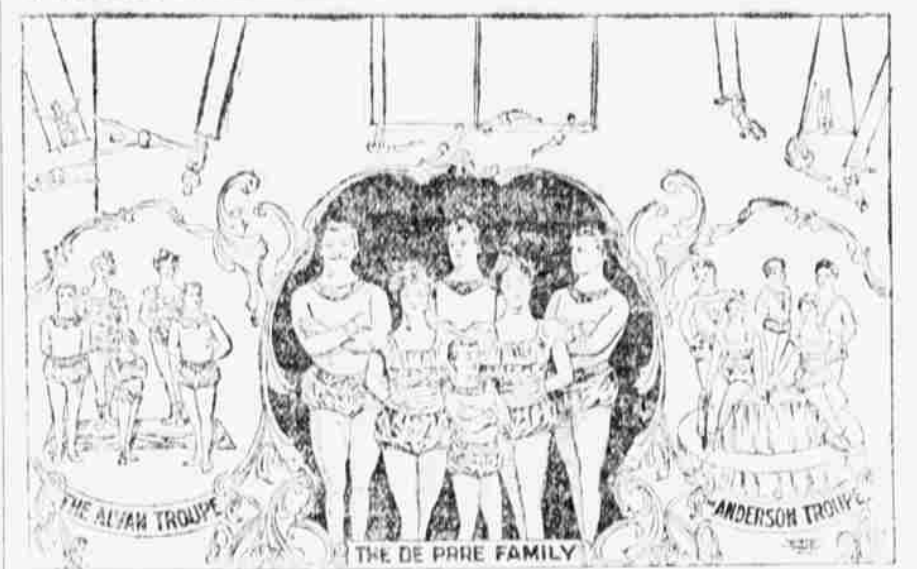
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