

THE SCORES EXAMINATIONS

WILLIAM HAWLEY SMITH BE-RATES PRESENT SYSTEM.

HE WILL NOT BE IN NORFOLK

Famous Lecturer Who Has Spoken Here Several Times at Teachers' Meetings, Was in Lincoln and Tore Present Examinations to Shreds.

William Hawley Smith, who has lectured to delighted audiences at former meetings of the northern Nebraska teachers in Norfolk, will not be present for the association meetings this year but he is in Nebraska. Yesterday he was in Lincoln, calling on State Superintendent McBrien, and during his visit, Mr. Smith delivered a lecture on the present method of examinations which fairly sizzles in its emphatic "roast" for present day modes. The State Journal, concerning the talk, says:

William Hawley Smith, the noted educator and lecturer, sat in the office of State Superintendent J. L. McBrien, and speaking to a group of educators, tore to shreds the examination system which teachers, lawyers and physicians have worked so hard to legalize and make a part of the law of the various states. Some of the men he addressed were members of the examining committee provided for by the new law regulating the issuance of certificates to teachers. Mr. Smith has been lecturing at junior state normal schools and educational meetings in Nebraska, and had stopped in Lincoln to visit State Superintendent McBrien.

"We wear our lives away," said Mr. Smith, "cramping our heads with stuff for examinations. A teacher may write an excellent examination paper, and yet not know the first principles of teaching or dealing with children. College students are turned out to teach upon graduation. Business men don't do things that way, and the business men of this country have more sense than all the teachers and preachers. A student may work four years building engines, and all the equipment that goes into a train of cars and running dummy engines, yet when he goes to a railroad company and asks for a job, do they give it to him because he needs the money? If he gets a job is he sent out on the road with an engine? No; he is put in the round-house, wiping engines. If the road makes an engineer in seven years it will consent to give him an engine in three years, if he shows ability and merit.

"Could I pass an examination in this state for a teacher's certificate? I could not pass one corner of it. For instance, in history you might ask me any one of 100,000 dates and I could not give the correct answer.

"The schools are the outgrowth of church. Some of the oldest colleges in existence are church colleges. The church is run by guess and by God. As a business organization it ranks very low. Do not misunderstand me, I have veneration and respect for the church. I am a member of it.

"Greek and Latin are not educative in themselves. No study is educative of itself. We merely learn to use books in school, to manipulate books. The old method of memorizing comes down from the time when there were no books to use. The time will come when you examine, instead of receiving written papers, will go out and see the teacher teach. The time will come when one examination will do for a lifetime. The time will come when the person who comes fresh from school, who does not know any more about the child than the man in the moon, will not be given charge of its immortal soul as they now are. It may be a thousand years, but it will come; there is no hurry.

"There is no aristocracy in learning any more than there is in anything else. No set of men has a right to set themselves up as the judges of what other people shall do. We must take the whole mass and churn it up and take the result. The divine level in intelligence is what counts and that level will continue to rise.

"One of the wonders of the age is what we have done in the Philippines. We take fifteen hundred children there, representing forty-two different languages, and in six months we have them singing the 'Star Spangled Banner' to beat the band. But what has been done there is nothing to the possibilities still unknown."

The Elective Course of Study.
Speaking of the introduction of the elective system in the Galesburg, Ill., schools, Mr. Smith dictated the following:
"Six years ago they adopted a strictly elective course of study. They abandoned all former courses whatever. After my talk there the board asked the city superintendent to let them know what percentage of the children who entered the high school dropped out at the end of the first year. The investigation showed that on an average of ten years 60 per cent of the pupils dropped out of the high school at the end of the first year. Then they asked him to find what these students had failed in. Investigation showed that 85 per cent of them had failed in either Latin or algebra, or both. Then the board said that if Latin and algebra were putting the boys and girls out of school they would make a course that had no Latin and algebra. So they made three courses, one a regular classic Latin and algebra course, another a literary and scientific course, leaving out the mathe-

matics and languages, and a third, which they called a commercial course, and they required pupils when they entered the high school to select which one of these three courses they would take. They tried that for three years and it did some good. Then after that they made a thorough elective course and have had that now for six years.

"According to this system, the pupils choose what studies they wish to pursue. They do not do this alone, but the teacher and the superintendent and the child and the parent get together and from term to term or from year to year they conclude what is best for the child to do. The superintendent tells me that he has very little trouble, far less than he anticipated, from children taking up a study and pursuing it for a little while and then wanting to change.

"According to this plan each completed study is given a numerical credit value. For instance, a pupil who successfully completes Latin would get a credit of say nine points, and algebra the same. Manual training, eight points; cooking eight points, and so on. When a pupil has made one hundred points to his credit in no matter what studies, he is permitted to graduate and the diploma shows on its face what he has done and how well he has done it. Many of these diplomas will admit their holders to college without examination. Now, as a result of this, after six years' trial the school graduated last year 142, whereas previously to the adoption of the elective system, forty-five is the greatest number that they had ever graduated at one time. The class of last year contained more classical pupils than were ever graduated at one time from the school. At the same time nearly one hundred other students who would never have graduated at all but for the elective system, graduated last year.

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ANOTHER MINE SURVIVOR

REMOVED FROM THE DISASTROUS MINE THIS MORNING.

IN THE PIT NEARLY A MONTH

Like the Other Survivors, This Man Had Been Subsisting on Horse Meat and Hay and Was Able to Keep Alive Until Discovered.

Lens, France, April 4.—Another living survivor of the mine disaster at Courriers on March 10, was discovered this morning and brought out of the pit. Like the other survivors who were discovered a few days ago, this one had been subsisting on horse meat and hay.

TEN TO PENITENTIARY.

Squad of Deserters From Fort Niobrara are Taken to Leavenworth.

Ten prisoners who will serve a year's time each in the military penitentiary at Leavenworth, were taken through Norfolk at noon from Fort Niobrara, under the supervision of four guards from Fort Robinson. All of the prisoners go to prison for desertion. Part of them were black and part of them white. They rode in the smoker of the eastbound Chicago train on the Northwestern.

STORE ROBBED AT KNOXVILLE.

Burglar Enters Hodson's Store and Takes \$75 Gold and Silver.

Creighton, Neb., April 4.—Special to The News: The store of George Hodson at Knoxville, a little trading station twelve miles west of Verdigré, was broken into and robbed of \$75 gold and silver, during the night. Mr. Hodson suspects a certain man. Nothing but the money drawer was disturbed. This is the only store there.

FEARFUL PRAIRIE FIRE

RAGED TWENTY MILES SOUTH OF ATKINSON.

A NUMBER OF RANCHES SUFFER

Report at Atkinson is That Several Properties Were Almost if Not Quite Destroyed by Fire—Particulars Not Obtainable.

Atkinson, Neb., April 4.—Special to The News: A fearful prairie fire raged about twenty miles south of town yesterday, and the report is that several ranches were almost if not quite destroyed by fire. Particulars are not obtainable this morning.

IN HARNESS THIRTY-ONE YEARS

Chas. R. Warwick of Keokuk Passed Away This Morning.

Keokuk, Iowa, April 4.—Chas. A. Warwick, publisher of the Constitution, a leading democratic newspaper of this section of the state, died today, aged 53 years. He had been engaged in the newspaper business here for the past thirty-one years.

School Closes for a Week.

Butte, Neb., April 4.—Special to The News: Prof. R. S. Kingham left last night for Norfolk to attend the declamatory contest. He is treasurer of the association. All of the teachers of the Butte schools expect to attend. They go down tonight, so there will be no more school this week.

THE SEWER BONDS CARRY

MAJORITY OF 209 IN FAVOR OF ISSUING \$40,000 BONDS.

MAYOR FRIDAY IS RE-ELECTED

The Republicans Succeeded in Drawing Out Dan Craven and W. H. Johnson as Victors—All Other Offices Went to the Democrats.

[From Wednesday's Daily.]
Mayor, John Friday.
City clerk, Julius Hulff.
Treasurer, Julius Haase.
Engineer, Salmon.
Councilman First ward, Henry Haase.
Councilman Second ward, Dan Craven.
Councilman Third ward, August J. Brummund.
Councilman Fourth ward, John C. Spellman.

Members of board of education, W. H. Johnson and H. C. Matrau.
Sewer bonds carried by 209 majority.

Yesterday's municipal election in Norfolk resulted in a victory for the democratic ticket with the exception of one member of the city council and one member of the board of education. The sensational feature of the day came in the passing of the \$40,000 sewer bonds by a majority of 209 votes.

It was predicted by The News that Friday would be elected, but the democrats sprung surprises in the councilmanic battle, drawing Haase, Brummund and Spellman over the wire. Haase won in the First ward over the present incumbent, C. C. Gow, by seven votes. Dan Craven alone pulled through for a winning on the republican city ticket, while W. H. Johnson saved the day for his party in the school board election.

Mayor Friday was re-elected by 97 votes, Julius Haase was elected treasurer by 130, Hulff for clerk and Salmon for engineer had no opposition. Craven received a majority of 55, Brummund got a majority of 16, and Spellman had no opposition.

In the school election, Matrau received 114 votes, Johnson 382, W. H. Bridge 303 and Shively 285.

In Detail.

Mayor—Friday: First ward 99, Second 149, Third 110, Fourth 110, total 559; Pasewalk: First ward 87, Second 138, Third 101, Fourth 36, total 462.—Majority 97.

Clerk.—Julius Hulff received in First ward 161, Second 250, Third 199, Fourth 136.—Total 747.

Treasurer.—Julius Haase. First ward 54, Second 144, Third 121, Fourth 108, total 467; Schoregge: First 81, Second 137, Third 89, Fourth 30, total 337.—Majority 130.

Engineer.—Salmon received 159, 237, 185 and 135, making a total of 716.

Councilman First ward—Henry Haase 91, Gow 84.—Majority 7.

Councilman Second ward—Craven 168, Krahn 113.—Majority 55.

Councilman Third ward—Brummund 113, Halverstein 97.—Majority 16.

Councilman Fourth ward, Spellman 121.

Board of education.—Matrau: First ward 86, Second 127, Third 118, Fourth 82, total 414; Johnson: First ward 112, Second 132, Third 119, Fourth 28, total 382; W. H. Bridge: First ward 94, Second 110, Third 83, Fourth 16, total 303; Shively: First ward 51, Second 81, Third 67, Fourth 86, total 285.

Bonds of \$40,000 for sewerage system.—For: First ward 116, Second 188, Third 112, Fourth 81, total 590; Against: First ward 49, Second 89, Third 97, Fourth 56, total 291.—Majority 299.

WEDNESDAY WRINKLES

Dr. Elmour of Chadron is in the city. J. W. Ransom went to Lincoln at noon.

Charles Maas of Hoskins was in the city yesterday.

H. L. Doughty left at noon for Lincoln on business.

Miss Anna Nordwig is at Emerson, where she will visit for a month.

Mrs. Charles Nordwig returned yesterday from a visit in Sioux City.

The Misses Scott of Fullerton are guests of Mrs. J. H. Conley of Norfolk.

Mrs. A. B. Lane arrived in the city from Scribner and is a guest of Mrs. Linerode.

Miss Florence Scoville of Hartington is visiting with Miss Alice Pollock for a few days.

Charles Mayer returned to Lincoln at noon today, after a visit with his brother, Sol G. Mayer.

Miss Iva Cross from Pierce, who is attending the teachers' association, is the guest of Miss Clara Moldenhauer.

Ralph Owen and Harry Dalehoyt have been visiting at the home of Mrs. C. E. Turnbull in Norfolk, but have returned home.

C. A. Johnson of Fairfax arrived in the city at noon from a business trip to Woodlake and continued on to Fairfax immediately.

Mrs. George D. Butterfield, Mrs. P. H. Salter and Mrs. C. H. Reynolds went to Omaha at noon and will remain until Friday.

Miss Elizabeth Sharpless is expected to arrive next week from Duluth for a visit at the home of her sister, Mrs. Jack Koenigstein.

will spend the rest of the week in Norfolk.

Evangelist Cantwell, who held a series of meetings in Norfolk, passed through the city at noon enroute from Stanton to Hoskins, where he will hold a series of meetings.

Miss Alice Hughes of Platte Center and Miss Margaret Cooley of Tilden are guests at the home of their uncle, J. H. Conley, and are also attending the teachers' convention.

Engineer "Bill" Cooley of Chadron, one of the old time engineers on the Northwestern who has been in this territory for twenty years, was in Norfolk today greeting old friends.

Miss Mary Covert will arrive in the city tonight from Bellevue to visit for a short time with her father, J. H. Covert. Later she will go to Chicago to attend a Y. W. C. A. institute, after which she will become a secretary for the Y. W. C. A.

Mrs. H. H. Mohr and sons, Loyd and Lee; Mrs. Tom Chivers and daughter, Prof. and Mrs. Bowen, Leona Morey and Mrs. Henzler and daughter Norma, are in the city from Pierce to attend the declamatory contest tonight. Miss Henzler is one of the contestants.

Lloyd Pasewalk is entertaining a houseparty this week, including Loyd Mohr of Pierce, Oscar Schavland of Madison and Chris Powers of Pierce. All four of the young men are most excellent musicians, so that their visit will have a pleasant feature in it not known to all houseparties.

Mr. and Mrs. M. N. Collins welcomed a new eight-pound daughter to their home last night.

J. F. Remington and L. S. Remington of Stanton have bought lumber for the erection of a new house there.

There will be a club dance for teachers at Marquardt's hall tomorrow night. The Columbus orchestra will furnish music.

John A. Ehrhardt of Stanton has been retained by August Mueller to defend him in court and George A. Eberly, county attorney of that county, will prosecute.

Wiley Bros. is the name of a new firm in Norfolk. They will operate a salariorium in the rooms over the Haley wall paper store and have come here from Hastings. They come well recommended.

The K. C. club, composed of Misses Dorothy Salter, Morie Blakeman, Buford Rees, Florence Johnson and Mildred Gow, spent a very enjoyable day with Miss Margery Nicholson at the hospital yesterday.

A real estate partnership has been formed by G. R. Sells and William Zutz. Mr. Zutz has been in the office of Mathewson & Co. for some time and is a young man of enterprise, integrity and ambition. The office of the firm will be in the Bishop block.

Miss Mary Covert came home at noon today from Bellevue college, where she has been holding a position in the business office of that institution. After visiting a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Covert, she goes to Chicago to take a two months' course with the Young Woman's Christian association.

The prairie fire of Monday night, reference to which was made yesterday, was about seven miles north of Norfolk in the Raabe and House neighborhood. The fire started about 11 o'clock at night, but it is not known from what source, and burned over about half a section of land belonging to the two parties named. A report from there says that when it was discovered the telephone was used freely until about fifteen or twenty neighbors turned out to help fight the flames. It was a lively time while the farmers were attempting to prevent the flames from spreading, but they succeeded in getting them subdued before any serious damage was done.

O. P. Masters, who has been in the service of the Northwestern railroad company for more than twenty years and who has made his home in Norfolk during the greater portion of that time, has decided to go to Chadron to make his future headquarters, and will run a locomotive out of there in the future. Mr. Masters is one of the best known engineers in the service in this part of the system, and he has a great many friends here who will regret his departure from Norfolk. Mrs. Masters will close their home here and go to Chadron for a portion of the time, but they will still keep their pretty home here and will open it in the spring when their daughter returns from college. Mr. Masters will run an engine west of Long Pine altogether in the future. He believes that he will profit by the change.

The harness shop of Paul Nordwig was broken open at the rear by an unknown person Sunday night. The matter was not reported by Mr. Nordwig until today because he has good reason to believe that the housebreaking was done by someone opposing Mayor Friday for re-election, in the hope that the announcement would reflect on the police department and hence on the mayor. Mr. Nordwig, determining that the deed was done with this deliberate plot in mind, kept the matter silent until today. The reason why he is quite positive that this was the motive that prompted the entering is the fact that if it had been a genuine burglar he would have taken the \$5 in the cash drawer and the \$15 from the unlocked safe, whereas the man who did the work left all the money where it was at the time. The man who broke into the shop pried open the storm door and broke in the inner door by breaking a small bar on the inside.

Quit being your own "handy-man"—advertise for one.

CITY ELECTION RESULTS

TOWNS IN NORTH NEBRASKA CHOOSE NEW OFFICERS.

WERE ISSUES OF VARIOUS KINDS

Pierce Holds Its First Election as a City—License Prevails in Some Places and is Defeated in Others. Bond Propositions in Some Towns.

Pierce, Neb., April 4.—Special to The News: The first city election held in Pierce yesterday resulted as follows: Mayor, Woods Conen; clerk, Frank Mohrman; treasurer, M. Inhelder; city engineer, M. Henzler; police judge, G. W. Littell; councilmen—East ward, W. B. Donaldson, H. Miller; West ward, W. E. Powers, Harvey Bach. All these candidates were up by petition, no party lines being drawn.

MADISON BONDS LOST.

Bonds for New City Hall Defeated by Two Votes Yesterday.

Madison, Neb., April 4.—Special to The News: Mayor Clint Smith was re-elected here yesterday. The bonds voting \$10,000 for a new city hall were defeated by two votes, according to an unofficial count.

NO CONTESTS AT STANTON.

Election There Was Quiet—Adam Piggler is the Mayor.

Stanton, Neb., April 4.—Special to The News: Adam Piggler was elected mayor here, G. E. Pugh treasurer, W. P. McFarland clerk, Jesse G. Board engineer, Louis Dern councilman. There were no contests.

CITIZENS AT BATTLE CREEK.

Preece, Boyer and Best Won Out for Trustees There.

Battle Creek, Neb., April 4.—Special to The News: The citizens' ticket was elected here. They were T. D. Preece, W. L. Boyer and T. D. Best for trustees.

TRUSTEES IN ANOKA.

Parchen and Richardson Succeed Themselves on the Board.

Anoka, Neb., April 4.—Special to The News: The village election passed off with a combination on two, but H. W. Parchen and S. A. Richardson were elected to succeed themselves as trustees for a term of two years.

LIGHT VOTE IN PLAINVIEW.

Contest Over Village Trustees Did Not Develop Much Interest.

Plainview, Neb., April 4.—Special to The News: A very light vote was cast in Plainview yesterday. Z. H. DeLano was elected village trustee for the term of one year and Louis Johnson, Bruce Sires and W. T. Kile were elected trustees for the term of two years. Two tickets were in the field, the independent and the citizens' anti-license and those elected were all on the independent ticket except Mr. Kile.

ELECTION AT SPENCER.

Three Well Known Men There Win Out as Trustees.

Spencer, Neb., April 4.—Special to The News: Robert Lynn, Arthur Gore and I. O. Parker were the only candidates in the field here and were elected trustees. This was the citizens' ticket.

NO LICENSE AT AINSWORTH.

A Spirited Contest Resulting in a Very Close Majority.

Ainsworth, Neb., April 4.—No license carried at the city election here yesterday by a majority of eight votes, after a spirited contest. Just previous to the election the anti-saloon league secured the services of Rev. J. B. Carnes, state superintendent of the anti-saloon league, and he delivered several lectures to help them. Last year the vote was one majority for license.

LITTLE INTEREST AT ATKINSON.

Only One Ticket in the Field and Trustees Re-elected.

Atkinson, Neb., April 4.—Special to The News: The most quiet election known in years was held here yesterday. One ticket only was in the race. Two of the present members, J. E. Brook and J. J. Stillson, will succeed themselves as trustees for the coming term of two years.

GALLAGHER FOR MAYOR.

O'Neill Contest Results in Re-Electing O'Neill Officers.

O'Neill, Neb., April 4.—Special to The News: The municipal election resulted in the election of Ed F. Gallagher, cashier of the First National bank, as mayor, the re-election of Romaine Saunders as clerk, and James F. Gallagher treasurer. Sheridan Simmons was elected police judge.

The following were re-elected to the council: First ward, T. D. Hauley; Second, Neil Brennan; Third, Henry Zimmerman.

PEOPLE'S TICKET WINS.

A Spirited Contest in West Point Over City Offices.

West Point, Neb., April 4.—Special to The News: The city election resulted in a complete victory for the People's ticket. The principal contest was over the office of mayor, F. D. Hunker and Fred Sonnenschein being the contestants for that office. The

following named are the officers elected: Mayor, F. D. Hunker; clerk, G. C. Malchow; treasurer, R. H. Kerkow; school board, J. H. Thompson, J. C. Elliott, Dr. H. L. Wells; councilmen—first ward, Peter Poellot; second ward, W. T. Neligh; third ward, Harry Radler and Elmer Peterson.

JENKINS TICKET AT NELIGH.

Citizens Ticket Won the Victory in Antelope's County Seat.

Neligh, Neb., April 4.—Special to The News: Jenkins was elected mayor over Captain Hatfield by 89 votes. John M. McAllister was elected clerk by 212. Others elected are Will Lambert, treasurer, Robert Wilson police judge, W. L. Staples engineer, C. L. Wattles councilman first ward, George Romig councilman second ward. This was a victory for the citizens ticket.

WATERWORKS AT TILDEN.

Bonds Carried There—The High License Issue Prevails.

Tilden, Neb., April 4.—Special to The News: The waterworks bonds carried here. High license prevailed and the republican ticket was elected.

HIGH LICENSE AT BUTTE.

A Quiet Election With Comparatively Little Interest.

Butte, Neb., April 4.—Special to The News: The village election passed off quietly yesterday. Mike Slegel and Don Sinclair are the new members elected, which means high license.

TOWN WENT WET.

Meadow Grove Reverses Conditions of a Year Ago.

Meadow Grove, Neb., April 4.—Special to The News: By a vote of 42 to 39, Meadow Grove went wet. Last year it went dry by two votes.

Other Towns.

Humphrey, Neb., April 4.—The election here resulted in the victory for the no license forces throughout.

Long Pine, Neb., April 4.—P. H. Eighth and Uriah Chester, the candidates endorsed at the citizen's caucus last month for vacancies on the village council were elected by large majorities over two opposing tickets. Both men are substantial citizens and general satisfaction is felt over their election. In the vote for and against licensed saloons the license voters won by twenty-five majority.

Bassett, Neb., April 4.—License won here by a majority of twenty-one. Only ninety-seven votes were cast, little interest being manifested.

ROADMASTERS HOLD MEETING.

Mike Stafford and W. F. Crook are Victims of Hat Thieves.

A semi-annual meeting of roadmasters for the Northwestern railroad was held in Norfolk last night. Among those present were Mike Stafford, Scribner; Fellman, Fremont; W. F. Crook, Fremont; Pete Stafford, Norfolk; John Spellman, Norfolk. The visitors returned home at noon.

The meeting was featured last night by the theft of two hats, one belonging to Mike Stafford and the other to Mr. Crook. They had started to eat supper and when they finished, their hats were missing. Each had to buy another.

If the word "if" rises up and smites you now and then, strike back with a want ad.

WANTED—CATTLE.

For pasture for the season of 1906, in our 1920 acre pasture located eight miles west of Creighton. Running water and timber for shade. Finest pasture in this country. Cattle taken from and returned to Osmond, Neb. We keep resident superintendent to look after and salt cattle at all times. Terms, \$2.50 per head. Write to Kissinger & Smith, Osmond, Neb.