

The Norfolk News

The farmers' institute which closed an interesting and instructive session in this city Saturday evening, was worthy of a far better attendance than it received.

The 25th annual session of the Nebraska Press association, held at Lincoln last week, was productive of much good to the newspaper publishers who were in attendance.

Few men of Nebraska are more public spirited or show greater energy or resource in presenting the state's inducements to settlers to the people of the east than J. R. Buchanan, general passenger agent of the Fremont, Elkhorn and Missouri Valley railroad.

From its perusal one may readily perceive that all the inducement for settlers to locate in Nebraska Mr. Buchanan considers necessary is a true and comprehensive statement of facts by those who have become wealthy, or at least independent, by tilling Nebraska soil.

The territory tributary to Norfolk and the city itself contains many examples of what farming in Nebraska may accomplish for a person who is thrifty, economical and persevering.

Twenty years hence people will be saying "How I missed it in not investing my money in Nebraska soil!" There are people who can point out just such persons now.

PROVING POPULAR.

The Young Men's Christian League a Place of Amusement. The Young Men's Christian League was organized in this city about the first of last November, and on December 15 the league had gained such headway that it occupied a room in the Mast block, which was rented for a permanent quarters.

Total membership reported to me paid in full or part, \$1,000.00. (These are subscribers at \$5.00 per year.)

Number junior members, \$1.00 per year, two, \$2.00.

Members paid for full year, \$50.00. 10 members paid for half year, \$25.00. 22 members paid for first quarter, \$11.00.

2 junior members paid first quarter, \$1.00. Cash donated, \$1.50. Collections of June 2 and 21 (Sunday) \$2.35.

Subst. of officers of room, \$1.50. Social, Jan. 12, 1900, \$2.80. Social, Jan. 25, 1900, \$2.50. Total, \$113.65.

Disbursements, \$20.00. Rent to June 15, 1900, \$2.00. G. A. B. for use of hall (2 Sundays), \$2.00.

Subst. of officers, \$1.50. Printing bill, \$7.75. W. W. Hughes (half month's salary), \$2.00. Balance on hand, \$93.65.

Submitted to board by C. C. Gow, Treasurer.

The statement was unanimously accepted with an expression of appreciation for such a complete summary of the condition of the treasury.

W. W. Hughes, general secretary, reports 17 senior applications which have been approved. The receipts for same will be turned over to the treasurer in a few days, as soon as the membership tickets are delivered.

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At last night's meeting, Fred Benjamin, vice president, resigned that position because he leaves in a few days for Colorado, and his place was filled by the election of H. L. Snyder.

On account of lack of room and large attendance it was found necessary to exclude boys under 16 years of age at 6 o'clock p. m., and it will save the officers a disagreeable duty if young boys are not permitted to attempt to visit the room after that hour.

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committee in asking you to be free to offer them any suggestions you may deem worthy of their consideration. We shall hear from them in due time, and it is hoped we may be ready and willing promptly to render them such assistance as they may from time to time ask of us.

U. O. ANDERSON, President of County Superintendents' Section of Nebraska State Teachers' Association.

Edna T. Durland died at the home of his sisters between 9 and 10 o'clock last evening, of heart failure brought on by rheumatism.

Mr. Durland was 62 years old in December, and for 35 years he had been a great sufferer from rheumatism, which he endured philosophically and without complaint.

Although the funeral arrangements have not yet been fully completed, it is expected that it will be private and held at the home of the Durland sisters tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock.

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Cure and Treatment of The Sick. Dr. Humphrey's Specific manual on the treatment and cure of the sick mailed free on request.

What We Eat. Is intended to nourish and sustain us but it must be digested and assimilated before it can do this.

The Variety store is closing out and sells 1000 carpet tacks for 5 cents. Six tumbler for 10 cents. Oil cloth 14 cents.

WANTED—Trustworthy persons to take orders for "War in South Africa and the Dark Continent from Savagery to Civilization," by William Harding.

Legal Notice. J. L. Kaufman and —Kaufman, wife of J. L. Kaufman, first name unknown, non-resident defendants, will take notice, that on the 29th day of January, 1900, plaintiff herein, filed its petition in the district court of Madison county, Nebraska, against said defendants.

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FARMERS' INSTITUTE.

Session Began This Morning and Will End Tomorrow.

INTERESTING MEETINGS EXPECTED

A Number of Men High in the Work are in Attendance—Session Starts With an Evidence of Unusual Interest and an Increased Attendance.

The farmers' institute opened this morning in Ore's hall and will continue in session until tomorrow evening. The weather, though not particularly balmy, was much better than at previous sessions and the attendance was much more encouraging.

The question, "Does Farming Pay and if so What Kind of Farming?" was opened by I. G. Westervelt. It depends somewhat on what kind of a farm. He called all business relating directly to the soil, farming.

Col. Stouffer, Dr. Peters and Mr. Heath were here introduced and the question continued. G. D. Smith: Yes farming pays or we could not live. It must pay the farmer or somebody else.

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Want of balanced rations results in diseased bones, causing sluggishness and weakness. Give lime water for ten days. For weakness in the hind legs use a red hot iron, inserting in the back along the spine.

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Spots show on the skin and the intestines are engorged. Kidneys, heart, lungs, trachea and throat show the effect of the disease. Different symptoms are produced by the different ways of taking in the contagion.

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of the State Horticultural society: Each apple tree has its own way of growth. Plant about 16 feet apart in the row. Rows should be wider apart.

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Treasurer reported balance on January 1899, as \$8.80. Received from subscriptions \$8.50; from dues \$8.70. Received at this meeting \$10.50, making a total of \$36.50.

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Prof. Lyon then gave an interesting talk on the conservation of moisture. He stated that the average annual rainfall in the state is about 23 inches.

While an exposed surface of water loses about 50 inches by evaporation, the soil receives a large portion of the rain which falls.

The speaker explained the process of evaporation. Stirring the surface breaks up the capillary power of the soil and enables it to retain moisture.

The morning session opened with music by D. W. Darlington and son, William.

The topic "Care of Bearing Apple Trees" was taken up by Alfred Osborne. Cultivate often. It conserves moisture and promotes growth.

L. C. Hepperly spoke of the importance of mulching in winter. Ransom Stitt had found that trees which flourished in New York do not do well here.

Thought trees were too heavily pruned here. Apples adapted to this climate can be grown in any part of this county.

E. L. Twiss: Tallman Sweet is the best bearer I have found. Calivate the orchard up to July. The last winter froze out many trees in the younger orchards.

Would not trim heavily. G. D. Smith put out an orchard and did nothing to it but fence it. The Wealthy survived the treatment best and bore well last year.

Henry Massman related his experience with two orchards. D. W. Darlington had not very good success. Thinks the water to near the surface.

Moses Mihills: A windbreak on the south is most important. Trees next to bear more freely. L. M. Gaylord: Has not given very much care to his orchard.

Found the Wealthy and Daches the best varieties. Does not approve of heavy pruning. Parts of the orchard cultivated showed improvement.