



A. & N. TIME TABLE.

Table with columns for destination, class, and time. Includes routes to Chicago, St. Paul, and other cities.

The passenger leaves Lincoln at 6:55 p. m. and arrives at Chicago at 8:25 p. m. from the leaves Lincoln at 7:25 a. m., and arrives at Columbus at 8:50 a. m.

UNION PACIFIC TIME TABLE.

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Passenger service from ST. LOUIS CITY... 12:20 p. m. leaves for St. Louis City... 6:20 p. m. leaves for St. Louis City...

SOCIETY NOTES.

All notices under this heading will be charged at the rate of \$2 a year.

LEBANON LODGE No. 58, A. F. & A. M. Regular meeting 24 Wednesday in each month. All brethren invited to attend.

WILDEY LODGE No. 11, I. O. O. F. Meets Tuesday evenings of each week at their hall on Thirteenth street. Visiting brethren cordially invited.

COLUMBIA CAMP No. 2, WOODMEN OF THE WORLD, meets every second and fourth Thursday of the month, 7:30 p. m., at the Elks' Hall, Thirteenth street. Regular attendance is very desirable, and all visiting brethren are cordially invited to meet with us.

REORGANIZED CHURCH OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS hold regular services every Sunday at 2 p. m., prayer meeting on Wednesday evening at their chapel, corner of North street and Pacific avenue. All are invited to attend.

EVANGELICAL CHURCH (German Reform). Services every Sunday at 10:30 a. m. Baptisms, marriages and funeral services are conducted by the pastor in the German and English languages. Residence, Washington Ave. and Eleventh street. H. D. GILLER, Pastor.

Hayden Bros., Dry Goods, Omaha.

Mrs. H. P. Coddige is improving in health.

Dr. Naumann, dentist, Thirteenth street.

Dr. T. R. Clark, Olive street. In office at nights.

Mrs. McCann was reported dangerously ill last week.

Blessed are the merciful for they shall obtain mercy.

J. H. Frevert made a business trip to Valley Saturday.

Born, Sunday morning to Mrs. J. H. Frevert, a daughter.

Return envelopes at this office for 50 cents per hundred.

Dr. L. C. Voss, homeopathic physician, Columbus, Neb.

All the children of D. M. Doty are afflicted with grippe.

"Principle, or the absolute, confers all when once it is seen."

Mrs. Sarah Mullen has been dangerously ill with erysipelas.

Miss Lydia McMahon is attending St. Catherine school in Omaha.

Dr. E. T. Bowers, veterinary surgeon, will be found at Abbs' barn hereafter.

Mrs. Martyn, Evans & Geer, office three doors north of Friedhof's store.

Chicago Inter Ocean and COLUMBIAN JOURNAL, one year, in advance \$1.75.

Kershenbrock & Mack commenced filling their large ice houses Monday morning.

Charles Evans went up to Monroe Monday to help Dr. Humphreys in his drug store.

Carl Rhode is to return to Columbus from Illinois, where he has been for some months past.

Gus Schroeder, jr., went to Iowa Monday, where he has a contract to put in an electric light plant.

H. J. Arnold, M. D., physician and surgeon. Two doors north of Brod-fuehrer's jewelry store. If

The Ladies Guild will meet with Mrs. Dr. Martyn Wednesday afternoon. A full attendance is desired.

Walter Galley, who has been ailing for the past two weeks, threatened with typhoid fever, is now improving.

Quarterly meeting next Sunday night at the Methodist church. Business meeting Monday morning.

The Twelfth annual encampment of the Nebraska Sons of Veterans will be held at Albion, February 18, 19 and 20.

Baker & Wells commenced filling the C. P. ice house Tuesday morning. They are hauling the ice from Stevens' lake.

Both the editors of Monroe, E. G. Gerrard of the Looking Glass and R. G. Strother of the Republican, were in the city Monday.

Louis Weaver's family have had a hard time with his gripe; five of the family were confined to their beds at the same time.

D. B. Hines, who has been having a bad spell of his gripe for about ten days, is much better and took his engine out Monday evening.

The Cecilia club will meet with the Misses Turner Monday evening. A special program will be given from Beethoven and Mozart.

A society for the prevention of cruelty to animals would now be in order in this neighborhood—one that would be active in its operations.

Grace Episcopal church, Sunday Feb. 2. Morning prayer, sermon and holy communion, (communicants urged to be present.) No evening service.

The remains of the two-year-old son of F. W. Rinecker a former conductor on the fast mail, was taken through here Monday to North Platte for burial.

H. M. Winslow shipped four cars of cattle to Chicago Saturday night.

Twenty cars of stock were shipped from this point last week.

Charles Stonerifer, we learn, located at Cripple Creek, the famous mining camp.

Mrs. W. M. Cornelia, who has been quite ill for two weeks, is reported much better.

We notice that cholera is sweeping off the hogs pretty rapidly around Stromberg.

In the semi-annual statement of Boone county's treasurer, the bank interest is set forth as \$833.77.

Doc McAllister, we notice by the Fitzgerald (Georgia) Leader, is a practicing physician at that place.

The marriage of Tony Vogel and Miss Maggie Schmidt was announced at the Catholic church Sunday.

Mrs. Olcott, mother of Mrs. I. H. Britell, was dangerously low with erysipelas last week, but is now improving.

Thomas McFarrell is recovering from his accident as rapidly as could be expected under all the circumstances.

Engineer Jeffries, who was hurt in the B. & M. railroad accident at Seward several weeks since, is improving rapidly.

Five years ago Monday we had a heavy fall of snow, which was followed by a number of heavy snows in February.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rose lost their infant child by death Sunday. The body was taken to Silver Creek Monday for burial.

O. Nelson and Richard was up Monday to see Dr. Martyn for a bad case of sciatic rheumatism with which he is afflicted.

Frank Hollenbeck of the U. P. force received the sad news Sunday of his father's death at Omaha. He took the train Monday morning.

The Omaha World-Herald says that J. A. Foley succeeds R. Sutherland as superintendent of the Union Pacific, the latter becoming chief train dispatcher.

The wife of David Carrig, ex-near Platte Center, died last Wednesday of old age and general debility, and was buried in the cemetery near Gleason's, on Shell Creek.

Marriage licenses were issued by County Judge Kilian to George Engel and Miss Emma Erb of this county, and Magnus Olson and Miss Mattie Larson of Madison county.

A farmer in Shell creek valley was plowing the other day and turned up some remains untraced. It certainly has been a wonderful winter thus far, for springlike weather.

Mrs. John Connolly died Tuesday morning of last week, the funeral taking place Wednesday. She leaves a husband and seven children to mourn her departure into the spirit land.

Knowledge is always better than ignorance—on the same plane of good actions. It is folly to know many things that are going on in the world in the way of wrong-doing.

In the S. of V. camp Saturday night a committee was appointed to confer with members of Baker Post to make arrangements for observing Lincoln's 87th birthday anniversary, Feb. 12.

Col. Hoagland, the traveling friend of the wife, was in the city Sunday and delivered an address in the afternoon at the Methodist church. Monday he spoke in Mr. Britell's room a few minutes.

The average prices paid for livestock at the Steinemann sale, on Mrs. Erb's farm last week were: Horses \$36.23, cows \$26.57, yearlings \$14, sucking calves \$7.65, hogs \$4.90 per hundred pounds.

Misses Annie Klaus and Edith Williams were baptized at the Baptist church at the Sunday evening service. Rev. Puls administering the rite in accordance with the belief of that church.

A committee of six county superintendents has been appointed to confer with the state superintendent at Lincoln in revising the old and compiling a new course of study for county schools.

Hugh Hughes received a letter Thursday informing him of the death of his oldest brother, John, at Rhy, Wales, January 10. His age was 58 years, and he had been afflicted with asthma for twenty years.

There is considerable more corn in this neighborhood than will be fed out, and the farmers are holding on to it, hoping to get 20 cents, which is only about first cost of raising it. None is being used for fuel.

James Waldron, son-in-law of David McDuffy, was visiting friends here the first of the week. He had been down in the southern county, and was on his way back to Pocatella, Idaho, where he has a position on the railroad.

Quite a number of dogs are being shot and poisoned, and owners are swearing vengeance. Most of them are in the north part of the city. The question is being asked, is it the night prowler who doesn't like the dogs?

John Borowick will have a public sale at the farm of F. Henning, ten miles southwest of this city, Monday, Feb. 3, at 10 o'clock, of cattle, hogs, horses, farm machinery, hay, etc. Free lunch. Col. Huber will do the yelling.

A hypnotist at an exhibition recently in David City, placed a boy named Will Daria on two chairs, the body resting by the head on one chair and the feet on the other, several persons standing on the bridge thus formed.

Mrs. E. S. Cloyer and her mother, Mrs. M. B. Frisken, went up to Columbus on Tuesday to visit a sister of the latter. The sister is an elderly lady, nearly ninety years of age, and has lived in Columbus for many years.—Schuyler Quill.

We hear a taxpayers' league spoken of again, to look after the disbursement of public moneys,—to find where the leakages are and see to stopping them. Ten good men in each township, banded together for the general interests, could accomplish a considerable amount of good.

Oscar Smith, the bank cashier of Grand Island, who was not well for a day and the bank for which he worked was closed the next day, was so worried over the matter that it resulted in nervous prostration, and an eruption of the heart caused his death.

—Over old along with me! The best is yet to be. The best of life, for which the first was made: Our times are in his hand Who with "a whole I planned, Youth shows but half; truest: old, etc. all, nor be afraid." —Browning.

—The second game between St. Edward and Columbus chess clubs resulted in favor of St. Edward.

—Subscribe for THE JOURNAL any day. Fifty cents will get you the paper for the next three months, \$1.50 for the next year.

—Wash Goods, White Goods, Dress Goods, the latest for spring and summer, 1896. Follow the crowd to E. D. Fitzpatrick's, the White Front Dry Goods Store.

—The Omaha school board is debating whether they shall ask their city council to make a levy for the schools next year of four hundred thousand dollars or so, and the Columbus school folks are cogitating over a pay-roll of about \$1,000 a month, and whether the thousands will equal the months.

—We notice that the Colfax County Irrigation company incorporated the other day, in outlining the nature of the business to be transacted, state to construct and maintain a dam across Shell creek, etc. The amount of capital stock is \$2,500, the maximum liability \$1,000, and the limit of life 99 years.

—A recent Denver paper gives in a half-column article the particulars of charges against Dr. Bonstedt, formerly of this place, by his second wife, in an action for divorce. The specifications are frightful, of beating, mistreating her in giving her morphine, etc., etc. If her allegations are true, the doctor himself must be a victim of the morphine habit.

—Miss Mary O'Leary went yesterday to Chicago, where she expects to make her home with her father. She has been away from home ten years, her father not knowing where she was. He found her through a sister in Illinois, by the help of an orphan's home of which she was at one time an inmate. Miss O'Leary's father lives in Chicago and is well to do.

—We are in receipt of a letter from John Cramer, dated at Wolf Trap, Halifax county, Va., Jan. 20. After enclosing a year's subscription to THE JOURNAL he invites us in these words: "Leave democratic Platte county, and come to republican Halifax county, Virginia, and give us a good republican paper. Our county has gone republican, now for the last two years."

—H. T. Sperry of this city is a member of the board of managers of the society which undertakes to place homeless children in homes where their best interests will be looked after. The society has for years been in active operation and has doubtless been the means of rescuing thousands of unfortunate boys and girls from lives of want, wretchedness, and woe.

—We are in receipt of the program for the first annual meeting of the Northeast Nebraska horticultural society at Schuyler, Feb. 4 and 5. Marshall and Whitford of Arlington, Anderson of Leigh, Payne and Carver of Schuyler, Tannahill of Columbus, Stevenson of North Bend, Taylor of Lincoln, Day of Tekamah, Tyrrel of Madison are down for papers on interesting subjects.

—The celebrated Talmage recently delivered a sermon on the theme "Say so," that will be read with profit by thousands of people. Many of the misunderstandings, the mistakes of life, would never have been made or suffered, if people would have given each other a kindly word of recognition of merit, or shown the least appreciation of what had been done for them. "Casual conversations have harvested a great host for God."

—A young lady in this town, a graduate from a well known Nebraska secondary, was walking through the round house at Columbus with a gentleman friend a short time ago. The gentleman was an engineer on the Union Pacific and was explaining the method of running the engines they were at the time inspecting. The young lady asked innumerable questions and finally paralyzed her friend by asking, "How do they steer a locomotive, Jim?" —[Madison Reporter.]

—A union meeting of the Christian Endeavor societies of the city will be held next Sunday evening, 7:30, at the German Reformed church. From churches unite to observe Christian Endeavor Day." An interesting program has been prepared, four lay members and four pastors giving addresses on "The Kingdom of Heaven." Solo will be sung. On this evening the Congregational, Episcopal and Presbyterian churches will be closed. All cordially invited.

—An editorial writer in the Chicago Inter-Ocean, doubtless speaking from personal experience, says: "One of the best disinfectants in the sick room is a basin of fresh water. Water is a great absorbent of noxious gases. Water that has stood open in the bedroom soon gathers impurities and is unfit to drink. A wide-mouthed vessel of pure water will often do more to bring refreshing sleep to a nervous patient than will an opiate. This is not a theory, but experience."

—The finance committees of the boards all around the Nebraska sky are approving and certifying to the correctness of county treasurer's semi-annual statements and having them published, as the law directs shall be done. We notice that Butler county has a grand total on hand of \$96,947.32, of which \$103,027.29 belongs to the state. About twelve thousand of the entire amount belongs to the sinking fund, and we fail to find any showing of interest received from the bank depositories of the county funds.

—The weekly burglar called at the home of Mrs. Cushing west of the Lindell hotel last Thursday morning about 2 o'clock. Mrs. Cushing and daughter Mae were alone in the house and heard a slight noise for quite a while before thinking seriously about it and finally arose and investigated, which frightened the fellow away. They found that the heavy wooden storm window which had two wooden latches, had been cut out, then the party was peeled from around the upper panes of the window. The next time we hope to record his arrest.

—The following from George Head of Wellfleet in the Lincoln Journal, presents an interesting picture: "The prospect of Lincoln county is the expansion of practically every county in western Nebraska. Everywhere the gospel of alfalfa is being preached by big fields and big stacks of alfalfa. Everywhere wind mills are furnishing water for small fields of grains and vegetables. Wherever irrigation has been given a fair trial one finds farmers who have no question about the future of their part of the state."

—In 1888 THE JOURNAL noticed the death of Fannie, a high-grade Morgan mare owned for twenty-seven years by J. R. Smith. She had attained the age of 30 years and four months, was a great-grand dam and stood at the head of 38 of her family. One day last week Mr. Smith lost one of his horses of this strain, fifteen years old, noted for his intelligence, disposition and beauty. He would speak as well without lines as with them, being governed entirely by will, which goes to show the necessity of gentle and right treatment, and what a power love has over the animal kingdom. —[Monroe Republican.]

—The Platte County Teachers' Association met in Platte Center Saturday. It was reported as being an unusually interesting meeting. Prof. Clemmons of the Fremont Normal, and Prof. D. C. O'Connor, superintendent at West Point were present, the latter giving a lecture in the evening. A great many teachers from all over the county were present. Those from Columbus were Supt. Bothleitner, Prof. and Mrs. Williams, Prof. Britell and Leary, Earl McCoy, Misses Alice Watkins, Birdie Loda, Lucy Cross, Alice Lath, Alice Turner and Gertrude Schofield. The visitors were royally entertained by the ladies of the town, who took them to their homes for dinner and supper. Columbus ladies think they have learned how to entertain the teachers the next time the association meet in our city.

—The Fourteenth annual meeting of the Nebraska Volunteer Firemen's Association which took place last week at Grand Island proved a very interesting one. Among other matters of importance was a discussion of the law assessing a tax against every insurance company doing business in the state, for the purpose of creating a fund for the benefit of volunteer firemen injured while on duty. It is understood that a test case will go to the supreme court. The State Firemen's Mutual Aid Association endeavored to get the endorsement of the firemen, but failed. In a contest for the location of the next convention Columbus won against Omaha on a vote of 125 to 22. Chief Kille and Fred Galley, Stillman, Penhall, Wurdeman, and Segelke were delegates from this city.

—Monday night at the council chamber of the fire department held a large and enthusiastic meeting for the election of officers and other important business. At the roll call by secretary, here, was the answer in nearly all cases, there being very few absent. Election of president was a close contest between C. B. Stillman and Louis Held, Stillman winning by two. Then Held was unanimously elected vice-president. Bert Galley was re-elected secretary; A. R. Miller treasurer; Chief Kille re-elected without opposition; F. A. Hagel assistant chief; Wm. Becker a judge. A number of committees were appointed, one of which was to prepare for the coming meeting of the state association in January next, in which they should have the cooperation of the whole city. A noticeable fact in the meeting was the crowded room and that the chief was obliged to stand for more than an hour, not having a chair and being a late arrival.

—Talking with a prominent and very active democratic politician of Platte county the other day, about local matters, he expressed a most decided opinion against conducting a business office of the people on partisan lines—he said nothing of conducting a political office on "business" principles. There is, no doubt, a growing demand along the line of our friend's thinking just now, and it may be that before long this sentiment will hold the balance of power in many places of the country, more especially in purely municipal matters. Some of the cities of the United States are so corrupt in their methods of local misrule that citizens long ago ceased to be citizens. In places like Columbus, where social life is, by comparison, of course, so clean and good that we only know those things from hearsay, but even here there have been efforts made, and there is now still further talk of having those who think alike on city and county matters, get together, and work their will. Certainly something needs to be done, not merely talked about.

—A good looking girl 16 years old, residing on a farm in one of our neighboring counties, became tired of country life and longed for the excitement of the city. Going to Omaha about three weeks ago she secured a place as domestic and soon made the acquaintance of a handsome little soldier, since which time she has lost her position and the esteem of the family with it, and has been going wrong so fast that she has got into jail. Here is a case for reflection and consideration. It is an instance of the very unadvised truth that prevention is very much better than cure. In all cases of wrong-doing, it will usually be found that it is a "confidence" game on one side, and ignorant innocence on the other, and this is true no matter what the nature of the wrong-doing is. Wick-edness of all kinds is committed under a mental cloud. The thief thinks he can have a "good" time at somebody else's expense, and nobody but himself knows of his wrong-doing. He is surely mistaken. Thievery is as plain to be seen in his character as the nose on his face is to the eye, and he is not thinking rightly when he imagines that his "secret" is so deep in the well that truth won't find it. The debauchee, whose faculties and powers are allowed to come and go at the beck and nod of the animal passions and propensities, is under a dark mental cloud, that will never be dispelled until the enlightened will asserts itself, and light comes, along with the principle, "cease to do evil, learn to do well." Any first duty being done, makes the next more clear. So far as the young folks are concerned, that parental rule is best which holds good out of sight as well as in—self-control, founded on an enlightened conscience.

Rev. Puls went to Lincoln Monday to visit a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Hudson went up to Central City Saturday.

J. E. North came up from Omaha Friday, returning Sunday.

Miss Julia Sprague of Silver Creek, is in the city visiting friends.

Miss Mary Henry has returned from a visit to friends in Nebraska City.

George N. Hopkins of Platte Center was smiling on his Columbus friends Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Perkins of Cedar Rapids, came down yesterday to visit relatives.

Miss Clara Brown of Cedar Rapids came down Wednesday, called by the illness of Mrs. E. G. Brown.

Miss Lizzie Sheehan, one of the teachers in the Humphrey schools, visited Sunday with her relatives.

Miss Dorothy Jordan of David City returned home Wednesday, after a visit to her friend, Mrs. C. J. Garlow.

Mrs. Theo. Friedhof and Miss Jennie Land went up to Silver Creek last week, Miss Land returning home Friday.

Mrs. A. C. Ballou, who has been visiting in Dakota with relatives, returned to her home in Schuyler last Friday.

Tuesday night of last week, John Bennett with his wife and child were at the entertainment at the opera house. While there, John thinks that some one must have entered their house and put poison in their sugar. Wednesday morning, at breakfast all three were taken violently sick, but Mr. and Mrs. Bennett, probably getting an overdose of the poison were relieved by nature's summary remedy in such cases, and John left the premises to see Dr. Voss, taking with him some of the sugar. The substance, not sugar, was easily detected and pronounced strychnine by the doctor.

In the meantime, the child had developed alarming symptoms and Mrs. Bennett hurried with it to Dr. Clark's office. The doctor pronounced it a case of poisoning by strychnine, from the symptoms, purple spots in the face, etc. Of course all crimes committed have an underlying motive, but what it may have been in this instance has not yet appeared. There are, as usual, suspicions and surmises, which are not in shape for publication, but the would-be murderer did not succeed.

There is a misapprehension with a good many people (even business men) as to what advertising in a newspaper really is. For instance, once upon a time, a gentleman in the real estate business, (not now here), said to THE JOURNAL reporter: "Such a write-up as you gave So-and-So last week would be worth \$50 to me." The answer of course was: "Step up to the captain's office, and place your order at the regular rates." It can't be expected that newspaper space is used for the benefit of other people's business for nothing. Space in a newspaper is rented just the same as the real estate agent has lots or tracts of land to rent for himself or for other people. The proper rule should be that every line connected with a man's business should be paid for at current rates, and if a lengthy write-up is asked for, the extra time of the editor is worth a little something, once in a while. Take, for example, one column of THE JOURNAL's local page contains 168 lines; at 5¢ a line the use of this space for one time would be \$8.40. If any business man wants to try the value of advertising, let him prepare one such advertisement, taking it written, say once a month, and he will soon be convinced, as many other successful business men have been, that, at the least, as much should be invested in advertising as there is in rent.

Frank Bronsahan, a Platte county boy, left home ten years ago, going from the quiet life in the valley of the Elm, into the "wild and woolly west." He kept going, by easy stages, working his way until he reached Portland, Oregon, where he fished for awhile and became so fond of the water that he determined to try a life on the salt sea waves. Think of the absurdity of a boy, born and bred on a prairie in the middle of the continent, shipping himself as an able-bodied seaman, an expert sailor, but that was exactly what he did, and his run was not suspected until after the merchantman got out to sea and he was late for him to walk the plank ashore. He was unmercifully ganked of course, but he was so strong and able-bodied, so good-humored and hearty, so ready to do any duty and so quick to learn that at the end of the voyage they were glad to take him again, and so he has kept on until he has seen a goodly part of the world although he is now but 27. He has had a most varied experience, and Dick Bonister tells us that the story of his life would make an intensely interesting tale. He has determined to make his home on the waves, and his latest venture is for a term of three years' service on a United States ship. Sunday, as he passed through the city on his way to San Francisco, although he was but twelve miles from his old home and his mother, Mrs. Timony, he did not have the time at his disposal, to make a visit.

Last week there were a number of rumors afloat in regard to a horse having had its tongue pulled out. We traced the rumors until we found the man who was the reputed owner of the horse. So soon as we began to question him, he said that he preferred not to have anything published in regard to it. We told him that these things were published anyway without his or our wish in the matter. He still persisted in saying nothing further except that he would see us later, and that he had no doubt but the affair was an accident. One of the rumors is that this horse with another was being used in the Union Pacific coal yards, at night, a heavy load of coal stolen from the cars, having been put on the wagon, when the horse in question, either could not or would not help pull the load, and his tongue was tied to the neck-yoke, and in the subsequent scramble, the tongue was pulled out. One other version of it is that when the horse refused to pull, a rope was tied around his tongue and to the other horse somehow, so as to urge him forward, but that instead of the horse coming forward the tongue was pulled out by the rope. The horse, it seems, is not to be seen, and probably has been killed and the body disposed of. Crime, or intentional wrong-doing,

is apt always to include in its possibilities the action of the whole brood of vicious propensities, the evil passions being hurried from one degree of depravity to another. THE JOURNAL would like to believe that there was no truth at all in these rumors, but cannot, and so gives them as such as a part of the local record.

Here About Irrigation.

EDITOR JOURNAL.—The manner in which irrigation canal companies have been organized in Colorado, Utah, California and the western part of this state where the greatest good has been felt by the producer and public is worthy investigation. The greatest development of the section irrigated with most satisfactory results in every respect, is where the landholders formed themselves into an organization and constructed the canals themselves.

The amount of work to construct canals when done by farmers is usually greater than when built by construction companies, who are experienced in handling large forces of men and teams. The farmer is generally inexperienced at work of that kind, and often do considerable work that is not needed and has to do some of his work twice over. But for all the disadvantages of inexperienced men more than makes up for by living near the work, and already having nearly everything to work with. He has nothing to buy except scrapers and a few ploughs. Every farmer who irrigates his land needs from one to a half dozen scrapers, to fix laterals, level off pieces of ground, etc. So he is really at little more expense for tools by constructing his own canal, than he would be if someone constructed the main canal for him. When he constructs and owns the canal he becomes more interested in having the water used and seeing that the very best use is made of it. He is also much more interested in preventing the destruction of the property in any way, and being interested in getting the water where he needs it; is quicker about getting any damage repaired than he would be if others owned it. There is another thing concerning the operation that has considerable to do with the development. Many farmers would rather do two dollars' worth of work in maintaining the canal than pay an outside one dollar in cash to do it for him, as most of the repairing is done when the farmer has little to do.

The only just plan of organization to all parties interested is the district plan, to form a district composed of the lands that can be watered by any canal, and each tax-payer pays in proportion to the benefits that can be derived from the water and is entitled to water in proportion to the amount of taxes he pays. Real estate is the only taxable property within the district. The government and collection of taxes is similar to school districts except there is a special assessor who makes a special assessment, and the equalization of the assessment is made by the board of directors of the irrigation district. There are some objections to the above plan at the present time, although when the United States court passes on the law it may be removed to some extent. That is the difficulty of getting capitalists to buy the bonds.

The district law is now in this state although it has been in force in California since 1887. Then about fifty million dollars worth of bonds have been sold, but mostly to California local investors. Eastern capitalists seem backward about investing. They are probably like many farmers, they have a prejudice against irrigation which has to be overcome before they can be interested in irrigation or irrigation securities. The best way to construct a canal, everything considered, is to form a local company composed of the same men who would form the district to push the work, and at the same time could be organizing an irrigation district. Then, when the district was in shape to do so, they could take the work off the hands of the company at the actual cost. Bonds might be given in payment for considerable of the work, and enough sold to local parties to pay what was really necessary, which should not exceed one-third of the total cost of canal. Then, if each land-holder did a proportion of work that would secure him bonds in proportion to the land he owned, his only expense would be for maintenance of the canal, as the interest due on his bonds would pay his taxes. The maintenance could be met in nearly the same way, except the expense of superintendent and material needed for repairs. G. H. L.

School Notes.

The exercises in Mr. Britell's room on last Friday, consisting of recitations, essays, dialogue, discussion and music were intensely interesting throughout. The music rendered by the chorale class was of high grade and showed the results of careful practice. Much of the proficiency in music in the ninth grade is due to the fact that the class has been carefully trained by Mr. and Mrs. Britell at their home, where the class has met weekly since the beginning of the year. All the exercises of the afternoon were carefully prepared and well rendered. The high school were by invitation present, and enjoyed the treat. There is a general and growing interest in all the grades in this kind of work.

The seniors will soon take their final examination in chemistry. The class has done good work in this subject, and the knowledge acquired will be of great service to them, even if they do not pursue a more advanced course.

New libraries have been started during the past week, in Mr. Leavy's room in the Second ward, and in Mr. Weaver's room in the Third ward.

There is no subject, perhaps, that is doing more to brighten the wits and cultivate the reasoning powers of pupils in our schools than mental arithmetic. When they come to the subject of algebra the most difficult problems by arithmetic,—problems that legitimately belong to the subject of algebra.

The teachers' class in the subject of psychology and pedagogy in the normal, under the principles of teaching, Teachers in the city or those who design teaching in the future and others, not teachers, who are interested in this subject are cordially invited to join the class. The teachers meet every Wednesday afternoon at 4:15.

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