

THE VACANCIES FILLED

Annual June Meeting of the State Normal School Board.

SOME CHANGES IN THE FACULTY.

A Change Decried Upon in the Matter of Training School-Kindergarten Work to be Instituted-Crop Conditions and Other State Interests.

Changes in the State Normal.

Peru dispatch: At the annual meeting of the State Normal board three vacancies in the faculty were filled. Miss Sanders of Holdrege was made instructor of music. Harry Benedict of Lincoln was elected to fill the vacancy of the principal of the coming year.

It was decided by the board to change the plan of the training school. During the last year there were 200 to 300 pupils in the normal school district who attended the Normal Training school.

Resolved, That beginning the opening of the normal in September, 1899, the training department consist of a kindergarten and eight grades, with not to exceed ten children in each grade, and that these classes be taught under the direction of the critic teachers and in the theory that when mustered out they will want to go to their homes first, and the reception will be held some time afterward.

The Crop Conditions.

The last week, says the crop report, has been cool and dry, with showers in eastern counties and only very light showers in the western. The average daily temperature has varied from about normal in the extreme eastern portion of the state to below normal in the western part.

In most of the eastern third of the state the rain of the week exceeded half an inch, the rain falling in showers mostly on the 6th and 7th. In a few localities it ranged from two to slightly more than three inches.

The last week has been a most favorable one for the growth of crops in the eastern half of the state. In most of the western half more rain would be beneficial and in the southwestern counties small grain has been injured by the dry weather.

Corn has grown well in all parts of the state. The dry weather in the western part of the state has affected it unfavorably.

Wants Big Damages.

J. C. Rombolt has sued the Omaha Electric Light company for \$25,000 damages resulting from his coming in contact with the electric wires. Rombolt is a lineman for the company and says that on July 1, 1898, he was at work for the company stringing wires for poles on Jones street, between Fourth and Fifth.

The marriage of August Schlenker and Frederika Thorn of that vicinity of Oxford was solemnized last week. The gallant groom has attained the ripe age of seventy-three years, while the blushing bride is seventy-four.

Still further reports of losses of cattle.

It has developed that whitecapping was the real cause of the trouble on the 13-year-old John Wilke at Rock Branch, says a Sioux City dispatch. This came out at the inquest and the jury found that the cattle of the ranch had been stolen last fall, of which no trace has ever been found, although the most vigorous search has been instituted.

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The Governor's Message.

The state board of public lands and buildings is still figuring on the purchase of a mansion for Governor Poyner, says the Lincoln Journal. The state house it is believed that the board will select either the residence of George Lowrey on South Seventeenth street or the home of D. E. Thompson on H street across the street from the capitol grounds.

TEN DEAD TWENTY-FIVE WOUNDED

Only Six Buildings in the Town Left Standing-Hundreds of People Homeless and Subjects of Charity-Measures Taken to Alleviate Suffering.

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When the first rains fell, the plan for the reception of the returning boys of the regiment here was based on the theory that when mustered out they will want to go to their homes first, and the reception will be held some time afterward.

At 6:15 it swept down upon them, coming from the northwest with a frightful velocity. Those who were still in positions to watch its onward sweep say that it came from the northwest and the appearance of the town today would indicate that such was the case.

When they emerged it was to find a scene of desolation which was absolutely appalling. Houses were blown down in every direction, with few exceptions.

The dead were removed to the Methodist church in the north part of the city, which served as a morgue. The injured were taken to a parsonage to be transported later on a relief train to Blair.

Another was so seriously injured in the storm that he died today. He was T. J. Hines, a contractor from Blair, who had come to Herman during the afternoon to attend to some business.

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THE HERMAN DISASTER

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