

had they been wisely conserved, would now make that denomination one of the richest in the state.

Among other wise and useful acts of Bishop Talbot, was the establishment of a school on the land where Mr. Hollobaugh now lives, two and a half miles southwest of Nebraska City. This institution was known as Talbot Hall. The head of its faculty was the Rev. John Gasman. It was a very promising seminary. At one time there was an attendance of between fifty and sixty boys. The faculty was made up of thoroughly educated gentlemen. The discipline and instruction were of the most desirable and effective character. Talbot Hall should have been conserved and perpetuated. It would have proved a great beneficence to the commonwealth. The pupils from that school have as a rule, by their lives and suc-

cesses demonstrated the value of its inculcations.

braska City. A. C. Fling is principal of the high school; E. H. Morgan principal of the Sixth street school; Ellen Ware principal of the Second avenue school; Henry N. Blake principal of the Fourteenth street school; Celia M. Burgert principal of the Greggspport; and Cora Clary principal of the Kearney school. Prof. E. M. Lippitt is instructor in music. The total number of teachers employed is thirty-three. The board of education for 1897-98 is: Dr. Claude Watson, president; Dr. E. M. Whitten, vice-president; S. A. Hail,\* secretary; R. M. Taggart, Fred Hellier, H. R. Young, E. L. Overton and D. W. Schminke.

It is wisely provided (see page 1004, 4818, section 20, compiled statutes of Nebraska 1897) that no supplies can be furnished the board of education by any member thereof. This prevents favoritism in the purchase of books, station-

delineation of the Nebraska City public library.

In 1874 all the schoolhouses and the land appertaining to them in the county of Otoe were worth \$74,476. But in 1897 the schoolhouses and sites of Otoe county are valued at \$162,083 and other school property is counted at \$14,519, making a total valuation at the present time of \$176,602.

Data concerning educational development of adjoining counties will be gratefully received and properly published by THE CONSERVATIVE.

\*Deceased.

**CONSERVATIVES** American men **IN THE UNITED STATES.** and women who under just and equal laws, by self-denying and intelligent industry, have acquired fair fortunes and clean characters, are conservatives. They have everything in human life that is worth conservation. And it is to this class of thinking citizens that the Republic and all its glorious memories and all its immense possibilities must be committed. Those who have homes; those who have honorable records of citizenship and philanthropy; those who revere the wisdom which formed and the valor and brains which defended the Government of the United States are now needed as monitors among the people. There is work for conservatives all over this country. It is wisdom to take care of what we have; it is courage to defend constitutional government against all the beguilements and encroachments of jingoism and imperialism. God save the Republic!

**EXTRAVAGANT** The county commissioners have no **MOVING OF BRIDGES.** right to move bridges, at great cost to the taxpayers, except for unanswerable reasons. There is a bridge two miles east of Syracuse, in Otoe county, between two quarter sections known as the Littlefield lands, which it is proposed to move a short distance at a great and unnecessary cost. County commissioners who are in session almost perennially, and who draw salaries averaging between \$1,000 and \$1,500 a year, ought strenuously to endeavor to save money for the taxpayers of Otoe county.

During the Trans-Mississippi exposition, now being held in Omaha, a commodious hotel in the immediate vicinity of the grounds will be maintained for the benefit of the Presbyterian hospital of that city. Any member of the congregation intending to visit this exposition can secure particularly comfortable quarters and at the same time assist a most worthy charity by patronizing "The Benefit House" (Pinckney and 21st Streets.) Full information will be mailed on application to

Mr. or Mrs. J. H. HURD,  
Benefit House, Omaha, Neb.



The building is ninety feet long and forty-five feet wide.

ery and other articles of that sort which the board may require.

The school library contains about 500 volumes. When the Nebraska City Public Library was opened the board of education donated to that institution about 200 valuable volumes.

The public library of Nebraska City is domiciled in a very pretty building. It was first occupied in April, 1897. It is nearly fire-proof, built of the very best material, roofed with beautiful French tiling and corniced and guttered with heavy copper. It was a gift from Joy Morton to the Nebraska City library association. It is open every day from 2 until 6 and from 7 until 9 p. m. On its tables are found all the best current literature of the United States. These magazines are paid for out of the Van Wyck memorial fund contributed by Mrs. Katharine Van Wyck, relict of General and Senator Chas. H. Van Wyck.

The accompanying cut is a very correct

The school buildings of Nebraska City are the high school, Sixth street school, Fourteenth street school, Second avenue school, Greggspport, Kearney and Belmont schools. The buildings occupied by them have cost \$80,000.00.

The enrollment in the high school during the year ending May 27, 1898, was 217 pupils; in the primary and grammar grades 1314 pupils; total enrollment, 1531. W. H. Skinner is the efficient superintendent of the schools of Ne-