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Proclamation by the Governor

Convening the Legislature

WHEREAS, The constitution of the state of Nebraska provides that the governor may, on extraordinary occasions, convene the legislature by proclamation; and

WHEREAS, Important public interest of an extraordinary character requires the exercise of this authority;

Therefore, I, Albinus Nance, governor of the state of Nebraska, do hereby convene the legislature of said state to meet in special session at the city of Lincoln on Wednesday the 10th of May, 1882, at 12 o'clock m. of said day for the purpose herein stated as follows, to-wit:

First, To appropriate the state into three congressional districts and to provide for the election of representatives therein.

Second, To amend an act approved March 1st, 1881, entitled "An act to incorporate cities of the first class and govern them," by conferring additional power upon cities of the first class for the purpose of paving or macadamizing streets and alleys and also providing for the creation and appointment of a board of public works therein.

Third, To assign the county of Custer to some judicial district in the state.

Fourth, To amend section 69, chapter 14, of the compiled statutes of Nebraska, entitled "Cities of the second class and villages."

Fifth, To provide for the expenses incurred in suppressing the recent riot at Omaha, and for the expenses of the state from domestic violence.

Sixth, To give the assent of the state to the provision of an act of congress to extend the northern boundary of the state of Nebraska.

Seventh, To provide for the payment of the ordinary and contingent expenses of the legislature incurred during the special session hereby convened.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the great seal of the state of Nebraska.

Done at Lincoln, this 20th of April, A. D. 1882, the sixteenth year of the state, and of the independence of the United States, the one hundred and sixth.

By the governor: ALBINUS NANCE, S. J. ALEXANDER, Secretary of State.

GREAT crops is the cry from all sections of the country.

HANGING BEES are fashionable throughout the country.

MR. BELMONT loves polo. Since his examination of Mr. Blaine he will learn to "shiny on his own side."

A FALSE economy is always dearest in the end. This remark has a pertinent application to the paving problem in Omaha.

No wood pavements is the war cry of The Kansas City Journal. Omaha will shortly have something to say on the same question.

The house committee on patents have agreed to report a bill for the protection of innocent purchasers of patentable articles.

In South Carolina arson has been made a capital crime and the first executions under the law occurred at Greenville on Thursday last.

GENERAL CHAMBERS, the hero of the Mississippi sho string district, is trying up his shoes preliminary to leaving Washington in front of the toe of the congressional boot.

AS SOON as it is understood that assessing means something more than copying last year's list and talking "on the quiet" to property over the back fence our city valuation will mean something.

SENATOR McPHERSON, of New Jersey, believes that the old proverb about getting blood out of a turnip is a falsehood. He has sued a New York Herald correspondent for libel, placing his damages at \$10,000.

DR. LAMSON, the American who poisoned his sick brother-in-law by acouite, was hanged on Friday in London, death being instantaneous. They understand executions better in England than in this country.

The Republican continues to fuss and fume over its publication of the governor's proclamation which was furnished it by the enterprise and courtesy of THE BEE's Lincoln correspondent.

It pays for royalty in England to marry. Prince Leopold celebrated his nuptials with a parliamentary grant of \$125,000 a year and the assurance of a pension for his wife of \$30,000 per annum in case she became his widow.

WHEN the coats and fees are taken away from justices of the peace there doesn't seem to be such an overwhelming anxiety on the part of pot-house politicians to serve the country. At the recent charter election in Jersey City, James Chapman was elected justice of the peace by only one vote, which he cast himself. There was no other candidate in the field.

THE APACHE OUTBREAK

The Indian outbreak in Arizona and New Mexico gains in seriousness with each succeeding report. If the dispatches from the seat of war are to be credited, there are prospects of a general Apache uprising. It must not be forgotten, however, that every Indian trouble is generally grossly exaggerated and that the fears of the settlers are apt to magnify the numbers engaged far beyond their actual proportions. Public feeling is pretty well worked up in Arizona, as the message sent by the people of Tucson to President Arthur shows. Some excitement is perhaps pardonable when it is considered that there are in Arizona four Indian agencies at which are 18,000 Indians, and an equal number of agencies exist in New Mexico with 27,000 Indians, besides several roving bands attached to no agencies.

The present trouble had its origin as far back as the transferring of the Chilocau Indians to the San Carlos agency in Arizona, and the removal of the Warm Springs Indians from New Mexico. It was intensified by the hanging some weeks ago of three Indian scouts, who deserted from Carr in the Cibola campaign. From the best information obtainable from official sources, it does not seem that more than 150 bucks are directly concerned in the present outbreak. Still the fact that from 4,000 to 6,000 Indians are likely to be affected unless prompt measures are taken to check the outbreak makes the situation serious. Five hundred cavalry, under Col. Forsythe, are in pursuit, and all needed reinforcements will be forthcoming. The orders from General Sheridan to General Crook, to place the Fourth infantry and Third cavalry under waiting orders, may or may not have reference to the trouble in Arizona. A change of station for these regiments has been under contemplation for some time, and the transfer of the troops is probably in the line of a policy decided upon before the outbreak of hostilities. Should both regiments be sent to the Indian country from 1,100 to 1,200 soldiers will be added to the force now operating under Col. Forsythe.

There is every reason to believe that the trouble in Arizona will be suppressed as promptly as possible. But it must not be lost sight of that fighting the Apaches in the rocky canyons of that country is by no means as easy work as carrying on a campaign on the northern plains. No Indians fight so well from cover as the Apaches, and conducting a war against the tribe is much like hunting jack rabbits one at a time and each on the jump. No one appreciates the fact better than General George Crook, who, with several of his present staff, had a very lively if not a successful experience with the Apaches several years ago.

ALTHOUGH the routine business of congress is further advanced than is usual at this stage of the session, the belief is expressed by many members of both houses that final adjournment is not likely to take place earlier than the middle of July or the first of August. Congressmen feel that the majority must make some record on questions of public policy if they hope to carry the next house for the republican party. So far nothing has been accomplished excepting the passage of several of the appropriation bills. The Chinese bill drafted in accordance with the views of the Pacific coast has failed to pass the White House and the effect upon republican voters has been so unfavorable that it is doubtful whether the passage of the present measure will act as an antidote. Prohibitory legislation in Ohio is likely to lose several congressional districts in that state to the republicans and the disaffection in the party in New York and Pennsylvania is alarming. At present there is an entire absence of issues upon which to base a vigorous canvass. The reduction of taxation so earnestly demanded at the opening of the session not only remains unaccomplished but the senate has squarely dodged the issue by its advocacy and passage of a bill for a tariff commission. The question of reorganizing the national banks has not been met. It is true an anti-polygamy measure has been passed, but anti-polygamy is scarcely an issue upon which much political capital can be made for either of the parties. Administration reform, the question of monopoly, the issue between capital and labor, the principle and policy of taxation, subjects which sooner or later must form the basis for honest discussion and honest difference of opinion between parties, have been thus far skillfully evaded by congress. It is no wonder, then, that republican congressmen feel that they require something beside the mere passage of the appropriation bills for a record on which to base before the country and ask a support for their party and themselves as candidates for re-election.

The citizens of Omaha will not regret to learn that, beginning with to-day, the management of Hanson Park is to change hands. The filthy condition of that people's pleasure grounds the present spring has been a disgrace to the city. It has been used for

everything from a cow pasture to a garbage heap. The janitor's house has been filthy beyond description. Every washing day the fountains in front of the main entrance have been filled with a chaotic and carefully assorted collection of tubs while the walks adjoining have been decorated with a selection of household rubbish large enough to stock a well furnished junk shop. This is aside from any remarks on the general condition of the park itself which has been too wretched for criticism. The roads have been forlornly repaired, the grass more than half the time unkept and the rubbish from a summer picnic season has been allowed to accumulate with no attempt at removal. The attention of the city council which is vested with the supervision of the park is called to the necessity of more active measures to keep it in a presentable condition. It will be used more than ever during the coming summer, owing to the completion of the St. Mary's avenue car line. If any pleasure at all is to be derived from its use by our citizens, there must be a radical change in the manner in which it is maintained.

The great strike of mechanics and laborers at Toronto has ended, and the men will resume work to-day. The conflict between capital and labor was settled, as all such conflicts should be, by an agreement on both sides to submit to arbitration. A joint agreement was entered into that will carry into effect the suggestions made by THE BEE during the recent labor troubles in Omaha. Under this arrangement the joint committee of the men and employers are to select a chairman who shall preside at a meeting to be held in the month of January of each year to decide the rate of wages for the following twelve months; changes, if any, not to take place before the 1st of May of each year.

Omaha contractors and capitalists should profit by this example. The Canadians can get all the military protection they need but during the recent strike they had the good sense to appoint a conference committee which met an equal number of men appointed to represent the strikers and after a mutual conference they have reached an amicable understanding which in the future will save both employers and employes a great deal of trouble and expense.

It is a beautiful political circus in Pennsylvania. The independents, headed by Chas. Wolfe, who received 56,000 votes for state treasurer last fall against the regular republican nominee, are preparing for battle, and have been joined by United States Senator Mitchell, who declares that plunder and patronage are the only motives for the action of the Camerons, and openly allies himself with the independents for the purpose of securing an honest state convention and an untrammelled expression of the popular voice in the coming nominations for state officers. At last accounts Don Cameron was undecided whether to fight or compromise.

Two fast freight lines have just been organized to carry through freight between Chicago and Denver without breaking bulk or transfer. This will afford another source of revenue to the inner circle of railroad magnates that always exhibit wonderful energy in such paying enterprises. This may be an exception, but nearly all the fast freight lines in this country are nothing more nor less than schemes to put money into the pockets of rings organized among the officers of the railroads under the pretense of special accommodation to the public.

The coming year should see a heavy increase in the number of cattle and hogs fed in Nebraska. The prices now paid for beef and hogs will make this industry exceedingly profitable, and from present indications there will be no lack of both grain and grain for the purpose of feeding. Stock raising will prove a mine of wealth this season, and our farmers will find plenty of use for their surplus crops which will bring a much lower price this fall than last.

DURING a recent trip of the editor of THE BEE to Seward county he was more than ever impressed with the truth of the oft quoted remark that "Nebraska is the garden spot of the west." In the character of its citizens no less than in the industry and thrift everywhere displayed, no county in the state has the advantage over Seward.

QUITE a sensation was created Saturday on the New York Elevated railroad by the explosion of a couple of infernal machines which were said to have been sent in a mail pouch to Cyrus W. Field and Vanderbilt. The police suspect the sender was some bloodthirsty nihilist, but it may turn out to have been some victim of Elevated railroad stock swindle.

HAVING passed the house and the senate, the anti-Chinese bill now goes back to the house for concurrence in the senate amendments. There is a feeling in Washington that the president will sign the bill.

ON THE DECLINE

This paper is not in the habit of boasting about its business affairs. As the most widely circulated newspaper west of the Mississippi, its commanding position is recognized in this city and state, where its popularity and influence are best known. It is only when attempts are made by designing parties to create a false impression abroad about the standing of Omaha dailies that we deem proper to expose imposture and challenge comparison.

A statement was recently published by the Omaha Republican concerning its alleged increase of circulation in which that paper boasted of having overtaken THE BEE both at home and abroad. The evident object of this brazen falsehood, which could deceive nobody in Omaha, was to impose on foreign advertisers. Because we did not see fit to contradict and denounce the imposture promptly some of our exchanges, notably the Lincoln Journal, indulged in comment about the recent decline of THE BEE, which they ascribed to the course it had pursued during the labor troubles. For the information of all concerned we herewith submit sworn statements of the circulation of THE BEE before and since the labor troubles, with a detailed exhibit of city circulation during a period of eighteen months. We also invite attention to the summary and challenge that accompany this exhibit:

CITY CIRCULATION. STATE OF NEBRASKA, COUNTY OF DOUGLAS, ss. Edwin Davis, being duly sworn, says that he is lessee of the city circulation of THE DAILY BEE; that the circulation of THE DAILY BEE delivered by carriers to subscribers in the city of Omaha, and exclusive of sales of newspapers and newboys, was as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Date and Circulation. Rows include dates from October 31, 1880 to March 31, 1882, with circulation figures ranging from 1,885 to 5,587.

In addition to the above circulation to regular subscribers by carrier delivery, the sales through newdealers and newboys since January 1, 1882, in the city of Omaha, aggregated from 300 to 500 copies each day.

Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me this 22d day of April, 1882. JOHN R. MANCHESTER, Notary Public.

GENERAL CIRCULATION. Two months ago the publishers of THE BEE furnished their patrons with the following sworn statement of general circulation:

STATE OF NEBRASKA, COUNTY OF DOUGLAS, ss. A. R. Sauer, being duly sworn, deposes and says that he is business manager of THE DAILY BEE, and that the average daily circulation of THE DAILY BEE for the three months ending February 15th, 1882, was 5,587 copies. That the average weekly circulation of THE WEEKLY BEE for the three months ending February 15th, 1882, was 27,714 copies. A. R. SAUER, Notary Public.

Signed and sworn to before me this 24th day of February, 1882, at Omaha, Neb. JOHN KOSICKY, Notary Public.

A still more flattering exhibit of the steady and rapid growth of the general circulation of THE BEE will be found in the statement covering the two months ending April 15th.

STATE OF NEBRASKA, COUNTY OF DOUGLAS, ss. A. R. Sauer, being sworn, says that he is business manager of THE OMAHA DAILY BEE; that the aggregate circulation of THE DAILY BEE for the month ending March 15, 1882, was 167,416 copies, or an average for each of the 24 publishing days in that month of 6,999 copies; that the aggregate circulation of THE DAILY BEE for the month ending April 15, 1882, was 190,728 copies, or an average for each of the 27 publication days of 7,064 copies. This includes the general circulation of the Daily by mail, the delivery by carriers' and sales by dealers and newboys in Omaha and Council Bluffs, and the sales of railroad trains. A. R. SAUER, Notary Public.

Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me this 22d day of April, 1882. JOHN R. MANCHESTER, Notary Public.

Thus it will be seen that the general circulation of THE BEE, which aggregated 5,587 copies before the labor troubles commenced, reached 6,999 copies when the trouble was over, and has grown to 7,064 copies during the four weeks that followed the evacuation of Omaha by the army.

Right here let us make known a few established facts: 1st. THE DAILY BEE has a larger general circulation than the combined circulation of all the other daily papers published in Nebraska.

2. THE BEE circulates fully three times as many Dailies in the city of Omaha as are circulated by the Omaha Herald and Republican together.

3. THE Herald and Republican together cannot show forty subscribers in the city of Omaha that are not also subscribers of THE BEE, while THE BEE has fully 2,300 subscribers in this city that are not reached by either of these papers.

And now we extend an opportunity to the manager of the Republican to sustain the claims he has made about circulation.

The proprietors of THE BEE hereby offer and agree to pay one hundred dollars to C. E. Yost, manager of the Omaha Republican, if he will publish a sworn statement of the circulation of the Republican, showing the number of dailies delivered by carrier in this

city, and number sold to dealers and newboys, mailed or otherwise forwarded.

The proprietors of THE BEE agree to donate one hundred dollars to the St. Joseph hospital fund if the manager of the Republican will show by a sworn exhibit of the circulation of THE DAILY BEE and the circulation of the Daily and Weekly Republican as compared with the above statements that THE BEE does not circulate six copies of its daily editions in the city of Omaha for every copy of THE DAILY BEE and five copies of its daily and weekly for every single copy of THE DAILY and Weekly Republican that is covered by the aggregate general subscription.

Now let the Republican show up or retract.

We have now been waiting one week for the acceptance of our proposition, but the only response THE Republican has made is that the business manager of that concern can not spare the time to make the exhibit of circulation, which we have challenged him to produce. The Lincoln Journal, since the above was published, very gracefully admits that THE BEE can sustain the claim that its circulation is much larger than that of its Omaha contemporaries, but THE Journal discredits the claim that the circulation of THE DAILY BEE is greater than the aggregate circulation of all the dailies in the state.

The latest reliable figures of the circulation of the dailies published in Nebraska with very liberal estimates that we know cannot be contradicted by sworn statement, is as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Paper Name and Circulation. Rows include Omaha Republican (1,650), Lincoln Journal (1,700), Fremont Herald (300), Plattsmouth Journal (275), and Total (7,025).

Aggregate daily circulation of THE BEE on April 14th, 1882, was 7,094. Circulation April 30th, 1882, was 7,230. The Republican being spiked entirely, we now ask the Lincoln Journal to acknowledge that THE BEE has made no claim which it cannot fully sustain.

STATE JOYTINGS.

Blair has the measles bad. Schuyler has a man milliner. The Columbus Gazette has died. Four saloons pay \$1,000 each in Hastings. The Central City calaboose is for sale or rent.

Wayne is also breaking out with the measles. Central City planted 2,300 trees in the town park.

Falls City has a firm of thoroughbred dog breeders. An Aurora firm advertises "coffee, day or night, for sale."

The Nebraska press is beautifully illustrated with fine pictures just now. The Pawnee county court house was injured \$2,500 worth by fire last week.

An ace named Jibbe Elnoff, suicided, Thursday night, near Scribner. An assembly of Knights of Labor was organized at Beatrice last Wednesday.

Mr. S. L. Farmer, of Arapahoe, was badly gored by a vicious cow, on the 25th. The Pawnee county fair is billed at Pawnee City September 12, 13, 14 and 15.

The Central City Courier published a charming study in eight chapters last week.

The women's suffrage association will hold a convention in Columbus on the 4th and 5th. E. F. Stephens has the contract to set out 10,000 trees on the Doane college grounds.

Assistant Engineer Jones, of Omaha, laid out Keweenaw's addition to West Point last week. Oscar Wilde got "biling full" of butter-milk at the Fremont creamery. His calves were dry.

Fifteen or twenty Omaha drummers marched into Shelby, Richardson county, last week. The Stanton barber couldn't find enough business for support, hence he left for West Point.

Burglars broke into Dunninger & Co., a store at Shelby, a few nights ago, but didn't take much. The snake killing season has come. Mr. Lewis, of P. M. Meade, killed thirteen in his yard the other day.

A state association of undertakers was formed at Lincoln last week. This will be said news to "stiffs." George Vaughan, of Blair, put his hand too near a circular saw, and henceforth he'll get along with one thumb.

The Tecumseh paper tells of the arrest of a man for the obscene exposure of his person in the southern portion.

A Ponca man offered to put a mill in Wayne for a bonus of \$2,500, but that pile looks too big to the Wayne people.

The R. & M. surveyors are within about eight miles of Beatrice, locating the line between Tecumseh and that place.

Work was commenced to-day on the depot building at the new station of Dursey, between Beatrice and Wynmore.

B. & M. surveyors are looking for a cut-off route from Arapahoe, on the Denver extension, to Keweenaw, on the main line.

About 70 Odd Fellows of Plattsmouth, with their wives and sweethearts, visited Beatrice on an excursion anniversary day.

The consolidation of the towns of Colvert and Sheridan under a new name is a fixed fact. Touzalin—Howe would that do it?

G. A. Uhl, of Crete, before leaving for Omaha, donated a number of books and magazines to the public library of that town.

The suit of Kearney county against the B. & M. for back taxes, was decided in favor of the county. About \$7,000 were involved.

The specific cure premium papers awarded to "live" agents, former agents tested their own medicine, hence the vacancy.

The book agent has not been injured by the late frosts in the state, and the present

indications give golden promise of an abundant crop.

Beatrice crop aims because Judge Weaver abruptly terminated court on Friday, sending home a number of witnesses and retaining counsel.

Mrs. Eliza McCann, of Dawson county, tried to drive some sheep from her garden, when the head of the flock turned and butted her severely.

Half the married men of Ewing, Holt county, are off cultivating hay lands, and their better halves remaining in town and "kicking" hard.

A little son of Andrew Martin, of Bloomington, who he plays his brother and was the other day, and three fingers taken off by a bad stove.

A little daughter of Ed. Starns, of Beaver City, found a saucer of jelly in the cupboard and drank it. She will recover, but it took a narrow escape.

Quite a large number of emigrant wagons passed through the Pine on Tuesday last, seeking homes in the garden spot of Nebraska. —Long Pine News.

A frightful panic has overtaken settlers in Butler county concerning hay lands. They are being run out at a rapid rate. A regular scramble has been inaugurated.

The Creighton Regulator is the name of a paper started at Creighton, Knox county, by last Commissioner Yanaka of Nebraska. It will be edited by Fred E. Seeley.

The underpinning of the Union Pacific depot at Norfolk gave way on Thursday and let the building down on five men working there, two of whom were severely injured.

A six-year old daughter of Herman Eberline, near Norfolk, was kicked in the head by a horse on the 25th, and she will be crushed. Her injuries, however, were not fatal.

Thos. Tilly, at work on the M. P. bridge at Falls City, fell to the ground, a distance of 40 feet, the other day, and smashed in the front of his head. He will not die, however.

Mr. Wm. Keeler, of Bryant precinct, Fillmore county, had twenty-five teeth pulled, one day last week, before leaving the dentist's chair, and he didn't take any anesthetic, either.

Somebody had a grudge against John Arnold, of Arapahoe, and jammed a large pole down his stove-pipe chimney. In trying to get the pole out, Mr. Arnold fell off the roof and struck the ground so hard that he nearly bit his tongue off.

Two Omaha traveling men (names not given), hired a heavy team in Norfolk, one day last week. They got the team and killed one horse, and left the other where he could get the other. The heavy man will sue the drummers.

The tax agent of the Union Pacific got one of the commissioners to offer a receipt striking the unpatented lands in Plattsmouth from the tax roll for the last three years, but the other two commissioners voted against it, and the company must put up.

Jacob Bucher, a young man who recently came to Richardson county from Switzerland, became insane and tried to throw himself in a shallow ditch.

covered and locked up. A few nights after he tried to jump from a second story window but was stopped. The next night he attempted to jump down a well but was prevented, and on the next day he was taken to the state asylum.

Dr. and Mrs. Barton, of Central City, entertained a large number of friends on the evening of the 21st.

Mrs. A. B. Ison, of Hastings, was presented an elegant watch and chain by her Episcopal friends on the 26th.

The firmen of Hastings gave a grand ball Friday evening, the proceeds of which will be used to purchase uniforms.

There is a young lady in O'Neill City who wants but little here below, but she wants that Little Long for a lifetime.

Eugene Knapp, of Holt county, and Miss Mollie Heber, of Dodge county, were married on the 15th. Life is short and future Knapp will be brief.

Soap bubble parties are common throughout the State. The girl with the biggest mouth always takes the cake—of soap. This "sack's" monopoly.

James M. Gamble and Miss Mary A. Smith were married at Fremont on the 25th. A pleasant reception, followed by installing the happy couple in their new home, closed the festivities.

Bachelors' hall, of Hastings, is now complete with billiard tables and all other necessities. The Gazette says "it's just too awfully nice for anything." Well, then, the girls say, "It's just what there is."

The 29th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. M. Stanton, of Johnson, was made joyful and happy by a sudden call of about fifty friends and neighbors, bringing, among other gifts, an elegant China dinner set of 127 pieces.

John Snyder and Miss Rosa Rometch, of Dodge county, were launched upon the double sea at Fremont on the 20th. Their beds were laden with numerous useful and costly gifts. The cornet band booted them off.

The editor of The Tecumseh Torchlight paralyzed his friends the other day, by announcing that he "kissed out" with another man's girl. This is the sequel to his motto, "Press on, press over." Doubtless there was a pressing of souls when The Torchlight went out.

A day dawned bright and fair in O'Neill City, recently, but he refused to cloud no larger than a man's hand appeared and the light of loneliness went out. Rev. C. Smith pronounced the word that made Matthew E. Timms and Miss Semantha C. Day members of the married throng.

Clark Chase, of Fairbury, was married to Miss Minnie Eiler of Plymouth, at Crete on the 19th. The Rev. Bro. recited the simple service that made an oath in the Chase of life, but by no means ended the newly tied will renew the Chase in Fairbury.

Miss Rosina Koppenhaver, of Pappillon, wisely changed her name for that of a Kansas. Rev. Ed. Ballenback. The trade took place for the purchase of his person in the southern portion.

were unusually costly and numerous. The bride wore a "dual-gone" on the bride's costume and apparatus. "She looked the personification of education and refinement," he writes, as the bride vanished from his enraptured gaze; "dressed in a fawn-colored silk with lace trimmings." The bride and groom will make their home in Lincoln, where the latter occupies a position in the engineer department of the B. & M.

A handsome stranger from the interior of the State, visited the hospital fair recently held at Omaha, and was smitten with the charms of one fair canvasser. It was a clear case, though one-sided, of love at first sight. The stranger was lavish with his purse at the suggestion of his character and followed up his apparent conquest with bouquets—masterpieces of the florist's art—which he sent to her home. He lingered at her home for two or three days, bracing up for the vital question, but his dream of prospective bliss was brief and rudely broken, when a youthful dilettante, who had been in his hand and blood in his eye. The scene changed and the stranger suddenly departed for his rural home.

Star gazers throughout the city and state will doubtless be interested in the latest directions to secure the full benefit of that charming story. Two persons of opposite sex, young and handsome in their own eyes, complete a class: Late in the evening, say about 10:30, you will see, by nestling closely together, a bright star in the northeastern heavens, called Vega in the Harp. Two wind your right arm around the waist and turn a little to the left. Here the comet rests in a direct line from Vega to the pole star, and still further to the left the comet's tail is projected a quick circling movement of the belt will prevent undue enthusiasm, but don't expect her too suddenly, or you might regret not having been ready to receive her sparkling and charming the eye. If the study is prolonged later than 11, it is the prophetic capax to provide a shoulder rest. However, this is practiced only by prescient graduates, but beginners will find it quite pleasing. A succession of smacks two degrees from the chin is highly recommended before adjournment.

EDUCATIONAL NOTES. A new school house will soon be built in Osage precinct, Osage county.

The district of Madison pays male teachers \$45 and female \$35 per month.

Grand Island has 988 children of school age, not counting the newspaper editors.

The school census of Dodge county, with two districts to hear from, shows 4,177 children of school age, an increase over last year of over 500.

The U. P. employes library, of North Platte, has become one of the permanent institutions of the city, and has over 300 volumes in the library and \$250 cash in the treasury. The rooms are furnished by the railroad company and are opened twice a week.

The state superintendent has organized a state examining committee to examine candidates for life certificates. The committee consists of Prof. Kitch, of Falls City, Prof. Lano, of Omaha, and Prof. Barber, of Grand Island. Candidates may appear before any one of the committee at such times as may be convenient to both candidates and examiner.

The annual report of the Franklin Academy of the Congregational church shows that the last term of school has been a marked success. There were 55 students last term, and 61 are enrolled for the present one. President James says, to meet the rapid increase in numbers, "we need an endowment of at least \$3,000, and \$1,000 additional to which to complete the club house. We need a library, a laboratory and a philosophical apparatus."

RELIGIOUS NOTES. A Presbyterial church will be organized at Shelton on the 24th of May. Rev. Little, of Omaha, will attend.