WILL SHEAR THE ESTIMATES

Subcommittee Back from Visiting Several State Institutions.

FEW EXTENSIONS WILL BE RECOMMENDED

Committee on Finance, Ways and Means Has the Big Appropriation Bill Well Under Way and May Report This Week.

LINCOLN, Feb. 15.—(Special Telegram.)—Five of the subcommittee of six appointed by Speaker Gaffin to visit the different state institutions and report to the house returned from their first trip today. The five were Lemar of Saunders, Rouse of Hall, Zimmerman of York, Sheldon of Dawes and Smith of Douglas. They visited the Asylum for the Chronic Insane at Hastings, the Industrial School for Boys at Kearney, the Soldiers' and Sailors' Home at Grand Island and the Home for Fallen Women at Geneva. This afternoon they rode out to the Hospital for the Insane at Lincoln. The report of this committee will recommend several appropriations for repairs and improvements, especially at the Hastings asylum, where it is admitted unanimously that more room is needed. Superintendent Damrell in his estimate of the biennium asks for two additional buildings. One will be recommended.

The house committee on finance, ways and means was in session again all day considering the appropriation bills. The Industrial School for Girls at Geneva, the Industrial School for Boys at Kearney and the Hospital for the Insane at Lincoln were gone through with. As the Kearney school is strictly for boys, the committee will recommend that the matron be dispensed with. None of the salaries of superintendents of the state institutions will be reduced by the report of the committee, as the present law provides for salaries of $2,000 per annum. This sum will be reported by the committee, but there are bills pending in the house to reduce these salaries to $1,500 per annum and to repeal the old law. Should they not pass, the committee would have fallen into the error of not making sufficient appropriation for the biennium. The salaries of physicians will, however, be reported for a reduction from $800 to $500 per annum. The appropriation bills are well in hand and will be reported this week.

CONFERENCE OVER MOORE'S AFFAIRS.

Ex-State Auditor Eugene Moore and his bondsmen held a consultation today with Attorney General Smyth. The bondsmen are: John E. Hill, W. C. Miller, John Taylor, J. B. Wright and W. L. Dayton. E. E. Brown, cashier of the Columbia National bank of Lincoln, was present at the conference. The bond in question is for $50,000. No definite conclusion was reached and another conference will be held Wednesday, at which it is thought a satisfactory arrangement will be reached.

Affairs at the Institute for the Deaf and Dumb at Omaha appear to have reached a critical stage. One of the items of news suppressed by the Board of Public Lands and Buildings last week was the appearance before them of Clerk Davis of the institute, who is also bookkeeper of the institution. Davis came down Friday and was before the board for several hours. It is said that he makes serious charges against Superintendent Gillespie. The house last week appointed a committee to investigate the affairs of the institute. But that committee will not report until tomorrow, as it has not yet returned from Omaha. Davis went before Governor Holcomb first, and subsequently held his interview with the Board of Public Lands and Buildings. The board is reticent about the disclosures made by Davis, but the latter talks quite freely, and has charges which he seems anxious to press against Superintendent Gillespie. One of Davis' stories is that he has kept the books of the institute as directed by the superintendent, and at the same time has kept another, and correct set, at home. These books, he says, show a wide discrepancy.

ON ROUTINE AND RESOLUTIONS.

Senators Spend the Day in a Monotonous Grind.

LINCOLN, Feb. 15.—(Special.)—Although there was a bare quorum present this afternoon, the senate managed to put in most of the usual time in committee of the whole. Many senators had not reached the capital from their over-Sunday holiday, and consequently bills on general file having their names attached had to be passed over. On this account many bills ready for consideration could not be taken up.

Following the reading of the journal, the regular order was taken up. The following resolution, adopted at the recent session of the Grand Army of the Republic encampment at Hastings, was read and referred to the committee on Soldiers' Home:

Whereas, The reports of all department officers, the commandants of both our Soldiers' Homes, as well as our own observation, shows us that from the present rate of increase of disabilities and indigency of our comrades, both of our Soldiers' Homes will soon be full to overflowing; and believing that the massing of too large numbers of aged and infirm comrades into one home is not conducive to their enjoyment, contentment and physical or spiritual welfare, therefore, be it

Resolved, That we, the soldiers of Nebraska in encampment assembled, do most respectfully recommend and most sincerely ask of our legislature now in session, that both of our Soldiers' Homes may be established on a firm basis, and maintained and supported in a suitable manner for the care, comfort and good cheer of our helpless comrades throughout the state, believing that a generous and patriotic people like our own will sustain and approve the action above recommended.

Mr. Howell offered a petition signed by 450 socialists of Omaha, asking for legislation against department stores, banks and insurance companies. The petition was in the form of a printed circular signed by one Joseph Febiger, watchmaker, 1208 South Thirteenth street, Omaha.

On motion of Mr. Haller the senate went into committee of the whole to consider bills on the general file, with Mr. Howell in the chair.

Senate file No. 133, introduced by Dundas of Nemaha, proposing to regulate the matter of fees for legal printing, was taken up. As originally introduced the bill simply contemplated that delinquent tax lists shall be let to the lowest responsible bidder. But this afternoon the author submitted as an amendment an entirely new bill. The amendment provides that fees for legal advertisements shall be 80 cents per square for the first and 40 cents per square for each subsequent insertion; for annual statements of county treasurers, 60 cents per square; for other county printing, 50 per square for the first and 25 cents per square for subsequent insertions; for printing the proceedings of county commissioners, 10 cents per square; for printing amendments to the state constitution, $2 per square; for printing delinquent tax lists, 10 and 5 cents for each description. After some little consideration the bill was recommitted for corrections.

Senate file No. 167, introduced by Canaday of Kearney, requiring school district officials to maintain suitable water closets on all school house sites, was recommended for passage.

Senate file No. 117, by Canaday of Kearney, providing that graduates of the University of Nebraska shall be entitled to teach school in any school district in the state for a period of not more than three years from date of their graduation without first having passed an examination for a certificate, was recommended for passage.

The committee then took up and recommended for passage senate file No. 117. It requires all newspapers to print legal advertisements in nonpareil type.

The committee then rose but before its report could be adopted, Mr. Ransom raised the point of order that the senate was without a quorum. The sergeant-at-arms and his deputies scurried around the corridors and finally brought in Senator Caldwell, and the report was then adopted.

Mr. Howell offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

Whereas, At the last election the people of this state elected to the state senate a majority pledged to certain lines of legislation and reform in the interests of the people, and

Whereas, This senate has been in session over thirty days without having taken any action on these lines; and

Whereas, Our actions are being closely watched and severe criticism is being indulged in; and believing that neither the people of this state nor the members of this body are in favor of any radical legislation affecting corporate interests, but believing that certain interests of this nature need some regulation; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the standing committees of this body be requested to immediately report on any bills of this nature in their possession in order that the senate may have ample time to consider such bills that it may act honorably, wisely and for the best interests of all concerned.

Mr. McGaun wanted to know whether the resolution was aimed at the stock yards bill.

Mr. Caldwell objected to present consideration of the resolution and it, therefore, went over until tomorrow under the rules. The senate then adjourned until tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock.

ADOPTS THE DOUBLE PRIMARY.

Lincoln Republicans Will Choose Candidates by Novel Procedure.

LINCOLN, Feb. 15.—(Special Telegram.)—The committee selected by the republicans of the city to consider the question of holding two primaries for the nomination of mayor and city clerk held a lively meeting tonight at the Lindell hotel. After the presentation of a number of arguments for and against the proposition, it was decided to hold two primaries. At the first one every one will be permitted to pose as a candidate who has the requisite number of names on his petition. The two highest for mayor and clerk will then submit their claims to a second primary, which will be decisive as to who shall represent the party as a candidate.

BEGIN IMPEACHMENT PROCEEDINGS.

Mayor Stahlhut's Injunction Dissolved and Council Takes Up Case.

NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., Feb. 15.—(Special Telegram.)—In the district court this afternoon Judge Ramsey handed down a decision dissolving the injunction restraining the city council from acting upon the impeachment charges against Mayor Stahlhut.

The council met this evening and took up the matter of the mayor's impeachment. The mayor was present and by his attorneys filed a demurrer to the charges, which was promptly overruled by the council. The mayor was given until tomorrow noon to file an answer. The case will be continued tomorrow evening.

Rope in Three Burglars.

OSCEOLA, Neb., Feb. 15.—(Special.)—Several itinerant burglars have been plying their trade in Osceola recently. Three of them are now in jail here. Sheriff Hahn, with Police Officer Joe Smith of Grand Island, captured James Kelly, who had been collecting sets of new harness and then trying to sell them. He has been bound over to the district court.

Dr. Culver and John Riddle came in good style, having a nice matched team of bay mares and a new half-platform Spring Henny wagon, made in Freeport, Ill., which the sheriff thinks they stole somewhere. They visited the different stores in the town, taking a coat at one place, shoes at another, vest, caps and clothing wherever they had a good chance. The sheriff, with the assistance of Joe Smith, began to suspicion them, and arrested them at their hotel, and on searching their room found burglars' tools, guns and other weapons. Dr. Culver had his trial, and in default of paying a fine, was committed to jail.

Pawnee City Local Matters.

PAWNEE CITY, Neb., Feb. 15.—(Special.)—Two inches of snow fell in this vicinity last evening.

Twelve cars of cattle were shipped to this city Monday morning from Hiawatha, Kan.

Representative Bernard spent Sunday at his home near this city.

The assault and battery case of Watkins against Atkinson, which was tried before Judge Billing, resulted in a fine for Atkinson of $10 and costs.

Mrs. J. T. Condon, past department president of the Women's Relief Corps, is home after attending the Women's Relief Corps convention at Hastings.

W. Allen Challis of Omaha and Miss Lillian Jenkins were married in this city last week. They left for Omaha.

Gathering in the Corn.

COLUMBUS, Neb., Feb. 14.—(Special.)—Columbus still continues to be a lively market for corn, Nebraska's chief product. C. H. Sheldon, Foster & Smith, Gray & Son and the Columbus Milling company are in the market strong, and are building new cribs each week. Several other merchants are pinning their faith to King Corn, and are paying about 2 cents above the cash market, when taken in trade or on account. T. B. Hord, a Chicago capitalist, is buying at St. Edward, Belgrade, Boone, Monroe, Duncan and Silver Creek and is advertising for a million bushels. These towns are all on the Union Pacific and nearly all on the branches out of this city. It will make business hum when it is started to market.

Douglas County Farmers' Institute.

BENNINGTON, Neb., Feb. 15.—(Special.)—The farmers of this vicinity organized an institute here Saturday night. The organization will be called the Douglas County Farmers' Institute, with headquarters at Bennington. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Charles Grau, president; Fred Gottsch, vice president; D. H. Kerschner, secretary; Henry E. Wilt, treasurer. Also an executive committee of five as follows: Henry Arp, George Dierks, P. A. Anderson and the president and secretary. A constitution and by-laws were adopted, and other business of minor importance transacted. The first annual institute will be held March 5 and 6 next.

Will Speak on Soil Culture.

HASTINGS, Feb. 15.—(Special.)—H. W. Campbell of Sioux City will address the farmers and business men of Adams county at the court house Wednesday afternoon. Mr. Campbell attended one of the Farmers' institutes held in Hastings last year and gave the farmers some good advice. He is the great exponent of the doctrine that the people in all parts of Nebraska have sufficient rainfall for successful farming, providing proper methods are used for conserving the moisture that falls by a system of cultivation which Mr. Campbell has successfully employed for a number of years on his own farm in North Dakota.

Aurora Women Visit York.

AURORA, Neb., Feb. 15.—(Special.)—The women of the Nineteenth Century club of this city visited the Art and Review club of York last Saturday and are very enthusiastic over the reception they were accorded there.

Mrs. J. F. Glover, one of the pioneers of this county, is lying dangerously ill at her residence. She is 87 years of age.

Dr. F. J. Brieke has been ill of pneumonia the past week.

Judge Sedgwich was to open district court here this morning, but was detained at Wahoo. He is expected here Wednesday.

Funeral of Mrs. C. H. Paul.

HASTINGS, Feb. 15.—(Special.)—The funeral of Mrs. Charles H. Paul, who died of paralysis last Thursday, was held at 2:30 yesterday afternoon from the family residence. Rev. W. F. Ringland of the Presbyterian church officiated. The pallbearers were: A. L. Clarke, George Pratt, C. K. Lawson, Carson Harnot, W. P. McCreary and Charles Lane. The remains were intered in Parkview cemetery.

Has Cash in the Treasury.

CHADRON, Neb., Feb. 15.—(Special.)—At the annual meeting of the Dawes County Agricultural society the following officers were elected: Hon. W. W. Wilson, president; Thomas J. Lockett, vice president; B. F. Pitman, secretary; William Wilson, treasurer; Charles Mann, general superintendent. The accounts of the secretary and treasurer were audited and found to be correct. The association has a surplus of between $300 and $400 on hand, and the next fair is expected to be the best and largest one in its history.

PRELIMINARY TO CHARTER DAY.

Brilliant Electrical Display and Reception at the University.

LINCOLN, Feb. 15.—(Special Telegram.)—Five thousand people crowded through the various open buildings of the University of Nebraska tonight, attending the exercises preliminary to Charter day, and viewing the electrical exhibit. Across the front of the main building were electric lights spelling out "Welcome, by Electric Engineers." The display is the best ever made by that department. The newest instruments for illustrating electric knowledge are shown, including apparatus for showing Roentgen rays, the most recent inventions for electric lighting and the manufacture of carbide for generating accetylene gas, the new illuminant, and many other interesting pieces of machinery, all in active operation.

Governor Holcomb and Lieutenant Governor Harris, Speaker Gaffin and Commissioner of Public Lands and Buildings Wolfe, together with half a dozen others, spoke at an informal gathering at the chapel in the evening. Mr. Wolfe holds the record for number of years' attendance by one family. For twenty-three years at least one of his seven children has been in attendance upon the university. President Carter of Williams College will deliver the formal address tomorrow night, and after its close there will be a meeting of the Williams alumni of Nebraska.

VERDICT FOR KENDALL & SMITH.

Wahoo Jury Decides Against the City of Lincoln in a Damage Suit.

WAHOO, Neb., Feb. 15.—(Special Telegram.)—The damage suit of Kendall & Smith against Sanitary district No. 1, went to the jury at 4 o'clock this afternoon. At 11 o'clock tonight a verdict in favor of Kendall & Smith was returned. The damages were fixed at $28,839.

Revival Meetings at Central City.

CENTRAL CITY, Neb., Feb. 15.—(Special.)—Revival meetings are in progress at the First Presbyterian church of this city, conducted by Rev. J. C. Redding of York. Great interest is manifested. Yesterday's services were meetings of great power. At the night service the seating capacity of the church was taxed to the utmost. At least 500 people listened to the powerful sermon preached by Mr. Redding on the subject, "Jesus or Barabbas." Mr. Redding preaches a pure gospel.

Band Prepares for Banquet and Ball.

CHADRON, Neb., Feb. 15.—(Special.)—The members of the newly reorganized Chadron band are making extensive preparations for a banquet and ball to be held at the Rink opera house February 23. The proceeds will go toward furnishing the members, who are mostly young men, with uniforms and other paraphernalia. Prof. George Williams has been secured as leader of the organization.

Steal Three Pug Dogs.

FAIRMONT, Neb., Feb. 15.—(Special.)—Last Saturday two men came to Fairmont in what appeared to be an emigrant wagon and camped near town. It is said they had a contract to furnish pug dogs for some large cities. When they left they stole three dogs. The officers followed them thirty miles yesterday, but failed to overtake them. One of the dogs returned this morning.

Columbus Man Loses His Voice.

COLUMBUS, Neb., Feb. 15.—(Special.)—Hud Murdock, a groceryman of this city, has almost entirely lost his voice, being unable for the past five weeks to speak above a whisper. His affliction is a reminder of an attack of the grip nearly two months ago. He has consulted eminent physicians with but little success, and is at present trying electric treatment.

Burglars Take Clothing.

ST. PAUL, Neb., Feb. 15.—(Special.)—Burglars last night broke the glass front door to P. G. Shanstrom's clothing store and stole a lot of ready-made clothing, underwear and fancy articles. The loss is estimated at from $200 to $300. The robbers got onto a handcar with their booty and escaped over the Union Pacific tracks. The men have not been traced.

Organize a Tecumseh Gun Club.

TECUMSEH, Neb., Feb. 15.—(Special.)—Twelve sportsmen here have organized the Tecumseh Gun club and elected the following officers. President, Dr. F. L. Lewis; secretary, W. S. Jones; treasurer, C. E. Ferguson. The first contest will be held Wednesday afternoon at the fair grounds. Clay pigeons will be shot at. Weekly shoots will be held by the club.

Eleven Months Without Term of Court

LOUP CITY, Neb., Feb. 15.—(Special Telegram.)—Judge Greene has adjourned the district court until April 20. This makes eleven months without a term of district court in Sherman county and people here are beginning to hope that after while district judges will be divorced from politics.

Corrects List of Officers.

HASTINGS, Neb., Feb. 15.—(Special.)—The list of officers of the department Woman's Relief corps as published should have said that Mrs. Kate Boyd of Hastings is department secretary and Mrs. Gertrude Horr Connell of Grand Island is department counselor.

Seventy-Five Cases on the Docket.

TECUMSEH, Neb., Feb. 15.—(Special.)—District court for Johnson county convened this afternoon at 1 o'clock, with Judge J. S. Stull in the chair. The term will probably last two weeks. Seventy-five cases constitute the docket, several of which will be quite interesting.

Merrick County Favors Appropriation

CLARKS, Feb. 15.—(Special.)—The opposition to the Transmississippi Exposition in the legislature is not endorsed by a half a dozen voters of this locality. There is indeed a very healthy sentiment here favoring an appropriation.

Militiamen Go on the Stage.

YORK, Neb., Feb. 15.—(Special.)—Company A, Nebraska National guard, will give a benefit entertainment in this city next week. They will produce the "Union Spy," under the direction of Colonel Temple, the author of the drama.

Arm and Foot Cut Off.

HAMBURG, Ia., Feb. 15.—(Special.)—Samuel Ringer, a country lad 18 years old, while endeavoring to board a freight train, missed his hold and was thrown under the cars. He lost his right arm and left foot.

Wagon Goes Through the Ice.

FLORENCE, Neb., Feb. 15.—(Special Telegram.)—W. Crookshank of this city lost his team, wagon and harness by breaking through the ice on the river tonight. He barely escaped drowning himself.

Leaves Nebraska to Go West.

COLUMBUS, Neb., Feb. 15.—(Special.)—Bert Osterhout, well known to all traveling men of Nebraska, left for Spokane Falls, Wash., Surday, where he will engage in the hotel business.

Sons of Veterans' Encampment.

The local committee of the Sons of Veterans met at the Dellone last night to perfect arrangements for the entertainment of the delegates to the state encampment, which meets this morning, to remain in session a couple of days. Very few of the delegates arrived in the city last evening, but the committee expects a large number in on the early trains today.

Women Were Discharged.

Maggie Earl and Mamie Brown, who were arrested a short time ago for the robbery of a farmer from Hot Springs, S. D., were discharged yesterday by Judge Gordon. The amount involved was $47. The robbery was allowed to go unreported to the proper authorities for nearly a fortnight, and at the trial yesterday the South Dakota man admitted that he was considerably under the influence of liquor.

Half a Cent

for a baby! The cost of the few drops of Ayer's Cherry Pectoral that will cure croup, whooping cough and any other cough, if administered in time is perhaps half a cent. It may prolong baby's life,

Half a Century

BRIEF IN THE MORGAN CASE

Attorney General Smyth Presents the State's Side of the Matter.

ANSWERS THE ALLEGATIONS OF ERRORS

Contends that the Condemned Had a Full, Fair and Impartial Trial and Was Justly Sentenced to Be Hanged.

LINCOLN, Feb. 15.—(Special.)—Attorney General Smyth today filed a brief in the case of George Morgan, convicted of killing little Ida Gaskill, and sentenced to death by the district court of Douglas county. The case is docketed George Morgan, plaintiff in error, against the State of Nebraska, defendant in error. W. R. Patrick of Omaha and W. S. Summers of Lincoln represent Morgan. The state's case is looked after by Attorney General Smyth and his deputy, Ed Smith. In the brief numerous errors are assigned and the competency of Jurors John Grant and Peter Kill is considered at length. Quite a number of citations are quoted at length sustaining the competency of these jurors, which is attacked by the brief of the plaintiff in error. The question, was the jury a legal jury? It appears from the record that on Monday, December 2, before evidence had been introduced, Juror Peter Kill became seriously ill, and exercising the power conferred upon him by section 485 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, the court discharged the jury and a new one was impaneled. The entry made by the court at that time was as follows:

It appearing to the court that since the impaneling of the jury in this case and their retirement to the jury room of this court in custody of Bailiffs Savage and Williams on the 20th day of November, Peter Kill, one of said jurors, duly impaneled and sworn to try this case, has become so violently sick and is now so indisposed as to be wholly unable to remain longer as a juror in this case without, in the opinion of the court, greatly endangering his life and no evidence having as yet been introduced before the jury, the court upon its own motion hereby discharges said jury, the defendant in open court consenting and agreeing thereto.

The defendant waived all objections to the other eleven jurors who had been sworn in the case, and James Collins was then accepted as a juror in the place of Kill. Commenting upon this in the brief of the state, the attorney general says:

It is true that counsels for defendant have filed their affidavits seeking to impeach this record, to convey the impression that a different procedure was had. On December 21, thirteen days after the verdict of guilty was rendered, a motion was made by counsel for defendant to correct this record, but the transcript fails to show that the court's attention was ever called to this motion, or that any ruling was ever had thereon. This transcript of the proceedings as above quoted imports absolute verity and cannot be altered, amended or impeached by simply filing affidavits. This rule of law has been announced by this court in numerous cases.

The citations quoted are: Dryfus against the Moline, Milburn & Stoddard company, 43 Neb., 233; Sullivan against Benedict, 36 Neb., 409; Hagerty against Walker, 21 Neb., 596; State ex rel Cochran against Hopewell, 35 Neb., 822.

In considering the question, "Did the court err in requiring the prosecution to close its testimony by a stated time?" the brief holds that defendant was not harmed by the exclusion of certain witnesses which the prosecution desired to place upon the stand. Complaint is made of the alleged secretion of the witness, W. D. Thompson, by the county attorney. The brief answers that, in the first place, this witness was not subpoenaed by the defendant; and, secondly, he did, in fact, testify as a witness for the defendant. The reply of the attorney general to the complaint of numerous instructions given by the trial court is quite voluminous, and backed by a long array of citations quoted in full. In conclusion and in considering the question, "Is the verdict sustained by the evidence?" the attorney general says:

Never in the history of Nebraska has there been a more shocking, a more horrible crime than was committed on Ida Gaskill, and for which the defendant stands convicted. While the evidence is largely circumstantial, yet the conclusion is irresistible. Read the evidence of Willie Gaskill, the brother of the murdered girl; note how the defendant sought to court the favor of the little girl by giving her money on that fatal Sunday with which to buy candy; how he arranged for a meeting with his victim and enjoined secrecy upon her brother, by whom he sent the message; note the testimony of the people in the vicinity of the crime, and observe how the defendant lurked around the empty house into which his victim was to be lured. The contemplation of a crime a thousand times worse than murder was in his mind all that Sunday afternoon. Had he met his victim on the street and shot her down like a dog, it would have been an act of divine mercy compared with the horrible crime which he was contemplating when he sent the message to Ida Gaskill by her brother, and made him promise to tell no one.

The welfare of society demands that this crime go not unpunished; the protection due to innocent girls—scarcely out of their mothers' arms—calls for action; the blood of Ida Gaskill, shed without cause or provocation; shed by this defendant while seeking to satisfy his brutal passions—while committing a crime infinitely more atrocious than murder—cries aloud for the punishment of the most brutal, the most dastardly crime recorded in the history of Nebraska. Will this court answer that crime by turning George Morgan free?

ADVENTISTS' GENERAL CONFERENCE.

The Seventh Day Adventist general conference, which is now being held at College View, a suburb of this city, has arranged for a series of gospel meetings in the Young Men's Christian association hall, corner of Thirteenth and N streets. The population of College View is being increased by new arrivals daily. Several committees have been appointed by the president of the general conference, Elder O. H. Olsen, to carry out details connected with the opening of the conference which takes place Friday. In a day or two Captain J. E. Graham, master of the ship, Pitcairn, owned by the adventists, will be here. This vessel has made her fourth cruise and has been very successful in placing missionaries in the Polynesian islands. A large collection of curios gathered by this vessel in her trips can be seen in the college gymnasium, which has been fitted up as a postoffice and reading room for the delegates. Elder Cudney, who formerly resided in Lincoln, was the first of the missionaries to the island, but was lost at sea. Delegates are provided with board and rooms at the dormitory. Among the latest arrivals are the following: Elder S. H. Lane of Illinois, Elder William Healy of Oregon; Elder J. W. Covert of Indiana; Elder Israel of Australia; T. S. Butler of Michigan; Elder J. J Graff of Minnesota; Dr. J. H. Kellogg and Dr. David Paulson of Battle Creek, Mich.

State Superintendent Jackson left this afternoon for Indianapolis to attend the National Association of Superintendents and Principals. The convention meets tomorrow and will continue in session three days.

Governor Holcomb today apointed Edward B. Jones of Boston Mass., as commissioner of deeds for Nebraska.

Hon. W. J. Bryan, who returned yesterday from his Chicago trip, will leave the city again on Thursday next. He says he proposes to lecture as occasion requires and will give his lectures under the auspices of bimetallic leagues, or similar organizations which would share in the receipts. In this way he would be assisting the silver cause simultaneously with the effort to provide an income for himself.

Nebraska News Notes.

The Chadron steam laundry burned last week. Loss $1,000.

Tecumseh business men are closing their stores at 7 o'clock.

Hastings college contemplates adding an agricultural department.

A Pawnee county man will set out 1,000 pear trees the coming spring.

Ben Able of Sheridan county had his leg broken by a horse he was riding falling on him.

A circle wolf hunt near Newport succeeded in disposing of three of the "varmints."

The store of Grover Mabin of Deloit was robbed and $5 taken from the cash drawer.

Two years ago a warrant was sworn out at Gandy for Charles Sandy on the charge of fighting. Sandy skipped, but returned last week and was arrested and fined $10 and costs.

The Mendolsohn hotel at Plainview was burned to the ground, entailing a loss of about $1,000, fully insured.

One morning recently Table Rock business men found their windows decorated with eggs when they came down to open up.

At many points in the state dealers have ceased buying corn because the cribs are all full, and they do not feel like building more.

Spring elections are already beginning to agitate the people of the towns of Nebraska. As a rule the issue will be wet or dry.

The little child of Godfrey Panko of Burr fell into a slop jar head first while its mother was out of the room and when she returned the child was dead.

The annual meeting of the Johnson County Fair association showed that after paying all obligations there was a surplus of 15 cents to start the new year.

The Crawford saloon keepers have refused to pay the occupation tax levied by the city council and the village attorney has been ordered to proceed against them.

O'Neill people are greatly agitated over the prospect of the removal of chicory factories from that place, and have called a public meeting to devise ways and means to retain the enterprise.

The Knights of Pythians' lodge at O'Neill has paid the reward offered for the finding of the body of Barrett Scott. The lodge has been ready to pay at any time when rival claimants settled who was entitled to it and the courts have done that for them.

OMAHA'S CHANCES ARE NOT BRIGHT.

Doubtful if the Woman's Club Biennial Will Come to This City.

A dispatch from Mrs. Frances M. Ford was read in the directory meeting of the Woman's club yesterday afternoon, which extended greetings, but not hopes of the 1898 biennial. She thinks Omaha's chances not very bright. Later the reasons will be known.

The regular club meeting of the day was held in the club rooms and considerable business was dispatched. Seventy-five dollars was donated by the club to be placed in the hands of a committee from the art department to start a collection of good pictures to be owned by the club and loaned to the public schools. It is now just a year since, on the motion of Mrs. Keysor, a similar sum was given to be used to purchase eight pictures, which were given as prizes to the fortunate competitors in the woodcut exhibit. Mrs. Keysor, in pressing this second appeal, feels that the only questionable points in the success of last year's scheme were those incident to the competitive elements. This plan, she believes, holds all the estimable features, while it eliminates the objectionable points of the earlier plan. This movement on the part of the club is in line with the first suggestion given out by the Nebraska State Federation of Clubs, which urges the necessity of a committee in each club to see to the decorating of school room walls and the presence of suitable pictures.

Miss Bertha A. Burket, who has been acting as depot matron under the auspices of the club, made a somewhat detailed report of the character of the work she had done, and after considerable discussion the club voted to continue the work for one year.

Mrs. Rosewater read an appeal signed by Mrs. Henrotin and other prominent women calling upon the women as individuals to further the measures tending to replace war with law.

The current literature department furnished the program of the day. In the absence of the leader, Mrs. Covell, Mrs. L. S. Caldwell presided. Mrs. Alexander rendered a piano solo as the first number. This gave the club its first opportunity to hear its "very own" new piano. The general verdict seemed to be that it is a very satisfactory instrument.

Mrs. Graham Park read from "Auld Lang Syne," the love story of Dumsley, and to those who are fond of Watson's tales, with the aid of the musical dialect, it was an enjoyable half hour.

Mrs. Mary G. Andrews discussed the novel, "Sir George Tressedy," in a very ingenious and pleasing manner.

Mrs. Turner's vocal solo closed the program.

Manuals for the club year are now on sale.

Wednesday at 4:30 p. m. all those interested in a child study round table are invited to meet Mrs. Sudborough at the club rooms.

Mrs. Towne appealed to the club members to accept the leaflets which the representatives of the humane society were to distribute at the door and give them due attention.

The secretary of the Woman's Building company, Mrs. G. B. Sudborough, announced the company ready to take subscriptions for stock, and urged club women to speak for the first $10,000 worth of stock. After this amount is upon the books all the clubs in the state will be invited to take stock. Several have already signified their intention of doing so.

Greek Art and Architecture.

The Chautauqua college, at its regular meeting at the First Methodist church last night, continued its study of ancient Greece, Greek art and architecture being the particular topics under consideration. The following papers were read: "Plato," by Mr. Kerl; "Egyptian Art," by Mr. Goss; "Mycenae," by Mr. Gish; "Ferryns," by Mr. Battelle, and "Greek Architecture," by Mr. Garrison. The papers were short, and yet covered the field fully. This program was interrupted by two violin selections from Miss Dumont, who played her instrument most gracefully. The lecture of the evening was delivered by Mrs. Mary Garard Andrews upon the subject, "Poetry and Prose of Real Life."

Pyburn Must Pay Today.

A few stockholders of the People's Investment company met in room 19 of the Ware block last evening to discuss the manner in which legal action should be brought against the officers of the company. J. C. Smith acted as chairman. It was stated by members of the executive committee that Hohnemann Pyburn, who is charged with appropriating $28 of the fund raised for the purpose of prosecution, had failed to make good the amount, and upon motion he was given until 3 o'clock today to appear with the cash.

High Five Party.

Myrtle lodge, No. 399, Order of the World, held a social high five session in Myrtle hall last evening, the receipts of which go into the fund of the society. A number of handsome presents were distributed among the winners and refreshments were served at the conclusion of the festivities. During the intervals when games were not in active progress a number of impromptu songs and recitations were given by several present. The members' committee who had charge were: W. H. Green and Anna Kleckner.

Distilleries to Close.

CINCINNATI, O., Feb. 15.—It is announced that all the leading Kentucky distillers will keep their plants closed this year. During the next regular session of congress an effort will be made to reduce the whisky tariff from $1.10 to 90 cents.

AMUSEMENTS.

A large audience was pleased by the Paiges at Boyd's last night. "Forget-Me-Not," a society drama, in three acts, was presented. Lillian Paige as Stephenie, an adventuress, and Harry English, in the role of Sir Horace Welby, acted in a manner that won the approbation of their auditors. At each performance by this company the time between acts is filled in by catchy specialties and moving pictures, shown by the triograph. "Rip Van Winkle," which was so thoroughly enjoyed by a large audience last week, will be repeated tonight. Two bicycles will be given away; one Wednesday night and one Saturday night.

John E. Henshaw, May Ten Broeck and a large company of comedians will open a three-night engagement at the Creighton with a matinee next Sunday, presenting a new version of the ever popular "Naboth," which will be known as "Dodge at the French Ball." A special holiday matinee will be given on Washington's birthday. Seats for the entire engagement will be placed on sale Thursday morning at 9 o'clock.

Frank Daniels and his clever company, presenting "The Wizard of the Nile," at the Creighton, will close their engagement with two performances tomorrow, a matinee being given at 2:30.

Creighton hall will be opened Saturday night as a first-class vaudeville resort and will be known as the Creighton Music hall. Messrs. Paxton & Burgess, who will pilot the new enterprise to success, are enthusiastic over the prospects and announce that it will be conducted on the same lines as have characterized their management of the Creighton theater. An attractive vaudeville bill will be offered, being changed weekly. Performances will be given every night except Sundays.

PALACES AT FIRST DISAPPOINTING.

Omaha Man Writes of His Experience in Florence, Italy.

Thomas J. Pennell, who left this city some time ago for Florence, Italy, where he is pursuing a further course in the study of music, has written a letter to George W. Holbrook in which he gives a very entertaining and interesting account of the present condition of the ancient city and its population. While Mr. Pennell says that he was duly impressed with the beauties of the city after several weeks' residence, his first impression was not favorable. He writes:

"I was considerably disappointed at my first sight of the city. The palaces that we have all pictured to ourselves as being beautiful, on the outside at least, are not as fine as many of the best buildings in Omaha."

Mr. Pennell also states that his anticipation of homesickness was not fulfilled, as he found between 5,000 and 6,000 English and American people in and about the city. The effect that the late national election had on the Americans is spoken of in the following words:

"I cannot end this rambling epistle without adding that there was great joy in the American colony here over the triumph of the sound money cause last November, and we all hope that good times will come to the states to stay."

Studying English History.

At the meeting of the Christian Endeavor society at Kountze Memorial Lutheran church this evening the study of English history will be continued. The following is the program for the evening:

Piano Solo.....Miss Tina Schmidt
Paper—"Significance of the Norman Conquest" .....Howard Bruner
Recitation .....Miss Swartzlander
Paper—"The Feudal System".....Rev. A. J. Turkle
Vocal Solo.....Roy Penfold
Paper—"Rise and Progress of Municipalities" .....Miss Butts
Book Review—"Katrina" .....Miss Lida Harpster

Played Too Much Poker.

G. H. Wakefield and H. Obersteller, train "butchers" for Barkalow Bros., running on the western divisions of the Union Pacific, were arrested yesterday on complaint of Harry Woodward, who alleges they made way with $20 of the firm's money. It is stated that while stopping off at Green River, Wyo., a short time ago, Wakefield and Obersteller got into a redhot poker game with some convivial spirits and before they realized what had happened they had dropped $20, which has since caused their imprisonment. The men are anxious to make good the amount and assert that they can easily raise the requisite funds.

FORECAST OF TODAY'S WEATHER.

Fair and Warmer, with Brisk to High Southwest Winds.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—Forecast for Tuesday:

For Nebraska—Fair and warmer during the day; probably showers by Wednesday morning; brisk to high southwest winds.

For Missouri and Kansas—Generally fair and warmer; increasing south to west winds.

For Iowa—Probably fair and warmer during the day, followed by threatening weather at night; south winds.

For South Dakota—Increasing cloudiness, followed by rain or snow; warmer, brisk to high south winds, shifting to west.

For Wyoming—Generally fair; west winds; warmer in eastern portion.

Local Record.

OFFICE OF THE WEATHER BUREAU, OMAHA, Feb. 15.—Omaha record of rainfall and temperature compared with corresponding day of the past three years:

	1897.	1896.	1895.	1894.
Maximum temperature...	48	27	27	20
Minimum temperature...	30	14	5	—1
Average temperature.....	39	20	16	10
Rainfall	.00	T	.60	.00

Record of temperature and precipitation at Omaha for this day and since March 1, 1896:

Normal temperature for the day..... 24
Excess for the day..... 15
Accumulated excess since March 1..... 240
Normal precipitation for the day.. .03 inch
Deficiency for the day..... .03 inch
Total precipitation since Mch. 1..36.16 inches
Excess since March 1..... 4.86 inches
Deficiency for cor. period, 1896..11.63 inches
Deficiency for cor. period, 1895..15.46 inches

Reports from Stations at 8 p. m.

Seventy-fifth meridian time.

STATIONS AND STATE OF WEATHER.	Temperature at 8 p. m.	Maximum for day.	Precipitation.
Omaha, clear	37	48	.00
North Platte, clear	40	48	.00
Salt Lake City, clear	44	44	.02
Cheyenne, clear	36	40	.00
Rapid City, partly cloudy	34	44	.00
Huron, clear	10	16	.00
Chicago, clear	34	36	.06
St. Louis, partly cloudy	38	40	.00
St. Paul, cloudy	22	24	.00
Davenport, snowing	34	36	.14
Helena, cloudy	44	44	.00
Kansas City, clear	30	34	.00
Havre, cloudy	40	40	.00
Bismarck, clear	2	6	.00
Williston, partly cloudy	10	18	.00
Galveston, cloudy	50	64	.08

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T indicates trace of precipitation.

L. A. WELSH, Local Forecast Official.

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