Omaha, March 31, 1897.

Umbrella Day...

Early and unmistakable premonitions of continued spring weather mean that now is the time for you to buy your Umbrellas. We will place on sale Thursday a complete line from the common rain umbrella up to the best grades of silks. We guarantee every one of these to be extra values. Always remember, "If quality is ignored, price cannot be a true guide to values."

$4.00 EACH—26-inch black Windsor Silk Umbrellas, steel rods, paragon frames, with handles of mother of pearl, hand painted Dresden and fine natural wood, with sterling silver trimming.

75C EACH—26 and 28-inch Rain Umbrellas, colors guaranteed absolutely fast, natural wood handles.

$1.00 EACH—26-inch Black Silk Carola, or an English Gloria guaranteed fast black (will outwear any cheap silk) Carola Silk, have plain acacia handles, the English Gloria have steel rods, with congo loop handles, silver trimmed.

$1.35 EACH—26-inch Black Twilled Serge Silk, paragon frames, polished horn and hand painted Dresden ball handles.

$1.85 EACH—26-inch Black Twilled Union Serge Silk, steel rods, Congo and Weichsel loop handles, sterling silver trimmed, taffeta silk cases.

$2.25 EACH—26-inch black Serge Silk, steel rods, paragon frames, with fine polished crooked horn handles, also hand painted Dresden and Weichsel and Congo wood, with sterling silver trimmings, silk taffeta cases.

$3.00 EACH—26-inch Black Pacific Silk Umbrellas, steel rods, paragon frames, extra fine congo wood handles with sterling silver trimming.

$3.50 EACH—26-inch Black Pacific Silk Umbrellas, steel rods, paragon frames, high polished horn and hand painted Dresden handles.

Children's School Umbrellas We also have a line of children's 24-inch black umbrellas, just the right size for school children, very strong and durable, 75c and $1.00 each.

The New Parasols Are Ready.

Just one of a kind, of the handsomest, daintiest sorts. Also a complete line of mourning and carriage shades.

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only fifty-one votes be required to advance bills on general file or order them to third reading. This was accepted by Yeiser.

The motion received fifty-seven votes and the speaker decided it lost, not having received a two-thirds vote of all members elected. Yeiser appealed from the decision of the chair.

Jenkins in speaking on the appeal charged that a compact had been entered into by fifty-five members to override the decision of the chair and that their names had been signed to a written agreement.

Soderman denied the charge. The members had signed an agreement to support the original motion by Yeiser to change the rule.

Roberts said the move to change the rules was a scheme to slip throught vicious bills during the closing days of the session.

The decision of the chair was sustained by a vote of 63 to 17.

Standing committees reported a large number of bills to the general file, and others for indefinite postponement. The same committees reported the following bills with the recommendation that they be engrossed for third reading:

Senate file No. 78, to allow pupils to attend school in a nearer district.

Senate file No. 145, requiring railroads to mow their right of way at least twice a year.

Senate file No. 104, for the protection of fish.

Senate file No. 187, to provide for uniform vouchers.

Senate file No. 312, to set apart a quarter section of land for the use of the Lincoln asylum.

On motion of Uerling of Adams house rolls Nos. 224 and 18, to provide for the building of additions to the asylums at Norfolk and Hastings, were advanced to third reading.

On motion of Hull the speaker was authorized to appoint a committee of three to confer with a like committee from the senate on the matter of adjournment.

AFTERNOON'S ROUTINE.

After recess Wooster moved that after the committee of the whole has finished bills now under consideration it take up only senate files. His motion was tabled. A similar motion by Yeiser was also tabled.

House roll No. 42, relating to irrigation, was ordered to third reading by a two-thirds vote.

Eager moved that when this house take a recess this afternoon it be until 7:30 o'clock this evening, and it was so ordered by a majority vote.

House rolls Nos. 441 and 448 were also voted upon, but failed to be advanced.

Smith of Douglas moved to advance house roll No. 573, authorizing Douglas county to vote bonds to aid in the exposition, but the motion failed to carry.

House roll No. 175, relating to the deposit of county funds in banks and limiting such deposit to 30 per cent of the capital stock, was ordered to third reading.

Burkett moved to advance house roll No. 333, allowing state certificates to graduates of the University of Nebraska when they have completed the course as prescribed for the State Normal, but it was voted down, as were several other similar motions.

A few senate files were given first and second reading.

Bills on third reading were taken up and placed on passage.

Senate file No. 108, Beal's deficiency judgment bill, which was passed over yesterday on account of house amendments not being printed, was read and after a call of the house was passed by a vote of 58 to 24. Fouke, McLeod and Mann, republicans, voted for the bill, while Hyatt, Rich, Uerling, Woodard, Zimmerman and Clark of Richardson voted with the minority against it.

The bill, as amended and passed by the house, is as follows:

Section 1. That sections numbered 847 and 849 of the Code of Civil Procedure of the State of Nebraska be and the same are hereby repealed.

Sec. 2. That section numbered 848 of the Code of Civil Procedure of the State of Nebraska, which reads as follows: "After such petition shall be filed, while the same is pending, and after a decree rendered thereon, no proceedings whatever shall be had at law for the recovery of the debt secured by the mortgage or any part thereof, unless authorized by the court;" shall be amended so as to read as follows: "After such petition shall be filed, while the same is pending, and after a decree rendered thereon, no proceedings whatever shall be had at law for the recovery of the debt secured by the mortgage or any part thereof. Providing that nothing in this act shall be construed as affecting existing contracts."

Sec. 3. All acts and parts of acts in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

House roll No. 267, by Gaffin, to prohibit corporations from contributing money to campaign funds, had been amended by the senate, and the house concurred in the amendments.

Senate file No. 210, by McGann, providing that the territory within the corporate limits of a city of 1,500 inhabitants or over, shall constitute one school district, was passed by a vote of 61 to 17.

AIMS AT CORPORATIONS.

House roll No. 428, extending the powers of the State Board of Transportation, received 65 votes, with 23 against it, and failed to pass with the emergency clause. The vote was as follows:

Ayes:

Baldwin,	Hill,	Severe,
Bernard,	Holland,	Sheldon,
Billings,	Horner,	Shull,
Bower,	Hull,	Smith (Doug.),
Burkett,	Hyatt,	Smith (Rich.),
Campbell,	Jones (Nem.),	Snyder (Saer.),
Clark (Rich.),	Kapp,	Snyder (Nem.),
Cole,	Keister,	Straub,
Cronk,	Lemar,	Taylor (Doug.),
Curtis,	Loomis,	Uerling,
Eager,	McCarthy,	Van Horn,
Eastman,	McCracken,	Welch,
Endorf,	McLeod,	Wheeler,
Fernow,	Marshall,	Wiebe,
Gaylord,	Moran,	Winslow,
Gerdes,	Morrison,	Woodard,
Grandstaff,	Phelps,	Wooster,
Grell,	Pollard,	Wright,
Grimes,	Rich,	Yeiser,
Grosvenor,	Roberts,	Zimmerman,
Hamilton,	Robertson,	Mr. Speaker—65.
Hile,	Rouse,	

Nays:

Alderman,	Goshorn,	Nesbit,
Blake,	Henderson,	Prince,
Byram,	Jones (Gage),	Stebbins,
Casebeer,	Jones (Wayne),	Sutton,
Chittenden,	Liddell,	Waite,
Clark (Lan.),	McGee,	Young—23.
Felker,	Mann,	Taylor (Fill.),
Givens,	Mitchell,	

Absent and not voting:

Ankeny,	Holbrook,	Soderman,
Dobson,	Jenkins,	Webb,
Eighmy,	Mills,	Wimberley—11.
Fouke,	Roddy,	

Senate file No. 78, allowing pupils to attend school in a nearer district, and providing that they shall thereafter be enumerated in the district nearest their residence was passed by a vote of 79 to 1.

Senate file No. 145, requiring railroads to mow their right-of-way twice a year, between the 15th day of July and the 15th of August of each year, was passed.

Senate file No. 104, the bill for the protection of fish, failed to pass.

The judiciary committee reported house roll No. 653, with the recommendation that it be engrossed for the third reading. The report was adopted. It is the bill to validate bonds in metropolitan cities.

The house took a recess until 7:30. The house convened at 7:30, with sixty members present, and went into committee of the whole to consider house roll No. 247, the general revenue bill. On motion of Wooster the bill was recommended for indefinite postponement.

House roll No. 342, Fernow's bill for the government of the state penitentiary, was recommended for passage.

House roll No. 274, providing for the branding of convict made goods, was indefinitely postponed.

At 10:30 the house adjourned.

GOES FOR THE CORPORATIONS.

Senate Puts in Its Time Fixing Up Reform Legislation.

LINCOLN, March 31.—(Special.)—The senate today made an earnest effort to clear away the large accumulation of business on the general file. The day was commenced with the usual attempt to advance favorite bills for immediate consideration; but this morning, at least, the effort resulted in failure.

As soon as the senators' desks were cleared for action Mr. McGann opened the conflict by moving that senate file No. 296 be made a special order for tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock. The bill is one introduced by the senator from Boone himself and is entitled, "an act to extend and regulate the liability of employers to make compensation for personal injuries received by their employes in their service, and to prevent the making or enforcement of contracts or agreements limiting or impairing such liability." It strikes at the volunteer relief departments organized by railroad companies doing business in the state. Under the operations of these relief departments employes belonging to the same and injured while on duty receive a stipulated sum for sick benefits each week, and at the same time they sign an agreement not to hold the company liable for further damages.

Mr. Feltz offered an amendment which restricted the operation of the bill to railroad companies, street railway companies, packers and other corporations.

Mr. Talbot said that the mask might as well be taken from the men back of the bill. He declared the bill was evidently intended to strike at the railroads, street railways and the Omaha stock yards. He said the amendment sought to single out the corporations and at the same time exempt other extensive employers of labor.

Mr. Feltz defended his amendment by saying that most of the accidents were caused by railroad companies. He believed that if the railroad companies were compelled to pay a few heavy judgments they would soon be more careful in selecting employes and the result would be the employment of a higher and more skillful class of men.

It was suggested by a senator that the law should apply to owners of threshing machines, grist mills, corn shellers and other forms of machinery.

Mr. Grothan believed that the law should apply to all classes of employes, and related several instances in which men in his own county had been maimed for life by the carelessness of other men in the operation of threshing machines. He also convulsed the committee by relating an incident which happened only last week in his own household, in which his stableman had taken his hired girl buggy riding. During the ride the team became frightened and ran away. The hired girl was seriously injured. The story did not seem to have an intimate relation to the amendment under discussion, but it defeated the amendment, only a few voices being raised in its favor.

No other vital amendments were offered and the reading of the bill was completed without further interruption. When the committee rose the bill was recommended for passage.

DORMITORY NOT POPULAR.

The senate again went into committee of the whole to take up the educational bills which had been made a special order for this afternoon by vote of last evening. Mr. Watson took the chair.

The first bill taken up was the one appropriating $20,000 for a new dormitory for the State Normal school at Peru.

Mr. Schaal offered an amendment making the amount $12,000. Mr. Grothan offered an amendment to the amendment fixing the amount at $5,000.

Mr. Graham grew indignant when the amendments were placed before the senate and declared that they were designed for the purpose of killing the bill. Mr. Lee of Boyd opposed both amendments. He admitted that he had favored the proposed normal school at Scotia; but having been disappointed he did not believe in wreaking vengeance upon the Peru institution.

Mr. Grothan and Mr. Farrell opposed the bill making the appropriation.

Mr. Dundas and Mr. Murphy favored the bill and opposed the amendments. Mr. Murphy declared that the opposition to the bill came from the senators who had failed to secure the location of the new normal school at Scotia.

Mr. McGann, one of the champions of the Scotia bill, repelled the statement. He had been opposed to the Peru bill from the first. He said it was not proposed to add to the educational facilities of the Peru Normal school, but merely to appropriate $20,000 for the erection of a dormitory. He would rather trust his own daughter with a family of Christian people than in a dormitory.

The amendment limiting the appropriation to $5,000 was voted down.

Mr. Gondring moved that the amount be fixed at $10,000, and spoke at length in favor of that amount. His motion was rejected. The question then recurred on the motion fixing the amount at $12,000. Haller of Washington favored this amount in a strong speech, in which he insisted that the people were demanding economy. The motion was lost.

A motion to fix the amount at $14,000 was rejected. Then the opponents tried $15,000. This amount fared a similar fate. Other amendments fixing the amount at $16,000, $17,000, $18,000, $19,000 and $19,500, were successively voted down. The opponents of the bill then moved to fix the amount at $50,000. This was also voted down. The opposition had exhausted itself, and the bill was recommended for passage. The committee then rose, with the understanding that the special order would be taken up immediately after supper.

Senate files Nos. 269, 270 and 271 were placed on third reading and passed. They provide that the governor shall appoint the superintendents of the Institute for the Feeble Minded at Beatrice, the Industrial School for Boys at Kearney and the Industrial School for Girls at Geneva. At present these officers are appointed by the Board of Public Lands and Buildings.

CHANCE FOR HOWELL.

Mr. Murphy asked to be excused for two days. Mr. Howell of Douglas objected unless Mr. Murphy, who is chairman of the committee engaged in investigating the charges of boodleism in connection with the passage of the gambling bill, would agree to bring in a report tomorrow morning. Mr. Murphy said that he would withdraw his request.

Later Mr. Talbot moved that Mr. Murphy be excused. Both Howell and Ransom objected strenously unless Mr. Murphy would agree to turn over all papers and evidence in the gambling investigation to the other members of the committee. Mr. Murphy declined to agree to this, but would agree, he said to return from Beatrice tomorrow in case another session of the investigating committee would be necessary tomorrow night. This did not satisfy Howell and Ransom and the latter moved that Murphy be instructed to turn over to the other members of the committee all evidence and papers in the case when he left for home.

The motion was carried, and the senate, at 7 o'clock, adjourned.

INVESTIGATION IS NOW CLOSED.

Several Important Witnesses Wanted Suddenly Leave the State.

LINCOLN, March 31.—(Special Telegram.)—The investigation of the charges made by The Omaha Bee relative to the methods by which the gambling bill was railroaded through the senate was completed tonight. All of the witnesses summoned by Mr. Rosewater could not be secured. The sergeant-at-arms of the senate appeared before the committee and stated that he had gone to Omaha today to subpoena the witnesses, but had been unable to serve the papers, as the men wanted had suddenly left the state. He also stated that the men wanted had received telegrams from Lincoln advising them to leave. The men wanted included some of the leading gamblers of Omaha. The committee remained in session until nearly midnight. It is stated that a report will be presented tomorrow. It is understood that Ransom will make a report practically whitewashing the men implicated.

COUNTERS FINDING THE VOTES.

Every County Shows a Gain for the Amendment on Recount.

LINCOLN, March 31.—(Special Telegram.)—The recount commission tonight has seventy-nine counties canvassed. Those yet to be counted are Adams, Boone, Dixon, Douglas, Furnas, Hall, Jefferson, Lancaster, McPherson, Polk, Red Willow and Seward. Gains noted in a few counties canvassed today are as follows: Butler, 397; Clay, 123; Deuel, 165; Otoe, 59; Cass, 258; Nuckolls, 113; Buffalo, 166; Boyd, 286; Saline, 195; Dodge, 451. A gain of 201 is made in the Third ward of Fremont.

Ethel Whitney Wins the Contest.

TECUMSEH, Neb., March 31.—(Special Telegram.)—A big crowd turned out this evening to hear the oratorical contest at the opera house between high school pupils. The program was an interesting one. Besides vocal and instrumental music the following pupils, with their respective subjects, entered the contest: Thomas Appelget, "Imaginary Speech of John Adams;" Bertha Brillhart, "The Maniac;" Roderic Dew, "Abraham Lincoln;" Harry Lawrence, "Peaceable Secession;" Elsie Watkins, "The Polish Boy;" Ethel Whiting, "Scene from Leah;" Anna Woodley, "Our Guide at Genoa." The several recitations were exceedingly well rendered and Ethel Whitney was declared the best by the judges who gave the medal.

Fremont Postoffice Aspirants.

FREMONT, Neb., March 31.—(Special.)—Arthur Gibson has come out as a candidate for postmaster of this city and has his petition for that purpose in circulation. Mr. Gibson is an old resident of the city, a member of the Grand Army of the Republic and a life-long republican, and he is receiving quite strong support. Some politicians here are of the opinion that Ross L. Hammond, owing to his having been a candidate for congress in this district last fall, will name the man and it may be himself. Mr. Hammond stated some time ago that he was not a candidate for the position in the sense of making any active effort. If Hammond has the naming of the postmaster it is not probable that Gibson will get it. Mr. Gibson's friends are active in his behalf.

Organize a Y. M. C. A.

OGALALLA, Neb., March 31.—(Special.)—A large and enthusiastic meeting of the young men of this town was held last evening for the purpose of organizing a Young Men's Christian association. A temporary organization was effected pending the report of the committee on constitution and by-laws. The officers elected were: J. H. Bower, president; J. H. Kelly, secretary and Arch Searle, treasurer. The young men have been having a prayer meeting two nights each week for several months and this organization is one of its first fruits.

Bank Closing Up Its Business.

STOCKVILLE, Neb., March 31.—(Special.)—The Farmers' and Merchants' State bank of this place will close up its business here very shortly. About February 1 it refused to take further deposits and notified all depositors to call and get their money. Since that time the bank has been closing up its affairs and will soon close its doors. The president of the bank, M. T. Ward, is engaged in the general merchandise business and the cashier expects to move away.

Woman's Missionary Society.

YORK, Neb., March 31.—(Special.)—The Woman's Missionary society of the Presbyterian church for this district is in session here. The meeting of last evening was spoiled by a heavy rain, but this morning's session was largely attended. Reports from the various local societies were heard, also the reports from the secretary and treasurer of the district organization. The reports show the society to be doing active work and meeting with success.

Simeon Carey in Court.

STOCKVILLE, Neb., March 30.—(Special.)—Judge H. H. Grimes of North Platte opened the second week of court here yesterday, having exchanged with G. W. Norris. The case against Simeon Carey was called this morning. Mr. Carey is being tried for shooting S. R. Razee, editor of the Curtis Courier, last summer. The regular panel has been exhausted and a special venire has been ordered to complete the jury.

Sale of Blooded Poland-China Hogs.

FREMONT, Neb., March 31.—(Special.)—Mrs. A. M. Edwards held an auction sale of blooded Poland-China hogs at her stock farm, east of the city, yesterday afternoon. Many buyers from out of town were present and, though the prices were not as high as was expected, the bulk of them went at fair figures, ranging from $10 to $50, averaging about $20.

York College is Prospering.

YORK, Neb., March 31.—(Special.)—York college opened its spring term this morning under auspicious conditions and with a good attendance. The assertions made recently by members of the state senate as to the insolvency of this institution are emphatically denied by the college officials. The past few years of hard times have necessarily hindered the growth of this young college, but despite adverse conditions attending its early years, its resources yet exceed the liabilities by many thousands of dollars.

TEACHERS AT WEEPING WATER.

Institute Becomes More Interesting as It Proceeds.

WEEPING WATER, Neb., March 31.—(Special.)—Tuesday's work at the teachers' institute was more interesting than the day before. Opening exercises were conducted by Profs. Waterhouse and Saylor, after which Miss Lulu Knight of Omaha instructed in physical culture, and then Prof. Saylor drilled them in reading. The teachers are delighted with his work. In history Prof. Waterhouse took up the laws of Virginia and many questions were covered. The source system seems to be meeting with much favor. He also occupied a few minutes on school government that were helpful to the young teachers. Prof. Saylor took up the subject of pedagogy, adding much to previous instruction, and he is making this one of the best classes.

The afternoon session was commenced at 2:45, and after a piano duet Prof. Saylor addressed the institute on the subject of self-government. A man can never become a self-governing being until he becomes a right reasoning being. The government was made for man, not man for the government, as it is in some countries, where everything is made subservient to the government and not the latter for the uplifting of mankind. His address was an interesting one throughout.

Prof. Fling then instructed in the source method of history. Source method of any branch is simply a scientific study of the sources. The existence of our country and of our state depends upon historical facts. What distinguishes the source method from other methods is that it delves into the sources. The source is the actual remains and traditions. An excedingly good number was a solo by Mrs. J. K. Keithley. The sociable last night was a pleasant affair, and the evening was partly taken up with the following program: Piano duet, Messrs. Jones; solo, Miss Vallery; piano solo, Miss Abbott; drill, Miss Knight; solo, Mrs. Keithley; violin solo, Prof. Morgan; solo, Miss Street; club swinging, Otto Wurl.

YORK DISTRICT EPWORTH LEAGUE.

Sixth Annual Convention in Session with a Good Attendance.

YORK, Neb., March 31.—(Special.)—The sixth annual convention of the Epworth league of the York district began at this place yesterday afternoon. At 3:30 there was a devotional service conducted by Rev. G. M. Jones of Rising City, followed by the appointment of committees and the transaction of incidental business.

Despite a hard rain, the evening services were well attended. Rev. W. J. Calfee of Aurora led a pentecostal service and Rev. Mr. Abbott of University Place preached a stirring sermon.

This morning's session was well attended, nearly ninety delegates being present. Miss Sadie Huntington of Aurora read a paper on "The Reading Course." "The New Spoke in the Epworth League Wheel" was the subject of an interesting paper by Grace Moore of York. "Missions" was the new spoke of which she told, and an important spoke she made it.

"The Tobacco Habit and Its Relation to the League" was the subject for a general discussion. Henry Greenslit of Surprise told of the liquor traffic and its evils and of their relation to this society. "The Epworth League at Work" was another topic discussed with interest and zeal. Miss Hedden of Seward read a paper on "Possibilities of the League."

NORFOLK TEACHERS' INSTITUTE.

Interesting Subjects for Discussion During a Three Days' Session.

NORFOLK, Neb., March 31.—(Special.)—The eleventh annual meeting of the North Nebraska Teachers' association is being held in this city this week, beginning this afternoon and continuing until Friday evening.

The officers of the association at present are: Dan Miller of Fremont, president; W. J. Dean of Norfolk, vice president; Hettie Moore of South Omaha, secretary; Myra D. Fletcher of Wayne, treasurer, and H. A. Mason of Oakdale, transportation secretary. An interesting program has been prepared which, in addition to plenty of work, provides for an entertainment each evening. This evening the High school oratorical contest will take place at the Methodist church, tomorrow evening Rev. Sam Small of Atlanta, Ga., will lecture and Friday evening Chancellor MacLean of the State university will lecture. A silk flag now held by Stanton county will be awarded to the county having the largest attendance of teachers.

Three papers were read at this afternoon's session and each was discussed at some length. B. H. Culver of Ponca read a paper on "Supervision in Town Schools;" Ellen M. Austin of Stanton discussed an "Ideal Course of Study," and F. M. Harding of South Sioux City took the subject of "Graded School Libraries."

Prohibitionists Name Candidates.

FREMONT, Neb., March 31.—(Special.)—The prohibitionists held a mass convention at the Women's Christian Temperance union temple yesterday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock. The attendance was small and but little interest was manifested. John W. Harris was nominated for mayor, B. F. Pease for councilman for the First ward, O. W. Cheeney for the Second, A. W. Murphy for the Third and W. A. Estey for the Fourth. The rest of the city ticket was left vacant. J. W. Harris is on the democratic ticket for member of the school board and A. W. Murphy, republican candidate for the council. As the time for filing certificates with the city clerk has passed the prohibitionists will have to write the names of their candidates on the ticket.

Lightning Strikes a Barn.

HARVARD, Neb., March 31.—(Special.)—Last evening about 7:30 o'clock, during a heavy rain storm, lightning struck the barn of Attorney L. G. Hurd. The fire department was soon on the ground and but little damage was done, except to hay and grain. Mr. Hurd was attending district court at Clay Center. This is the third time his buildings have been on fire while he was in attendance at district court.

Lightning's Damage at Hastings.

HASTINGS, March 31.—(Special.)—During the heavy rain and electric storm here last night the house of Conrad Amen was struck by lightning. Mr. Amen and two of his children were knocked senseless by the shock, but have recovered. The lightning in striking the house tore the plastering off, scattering the chimney over the premises and threw a large piece of stovepipe through one of the windows.

Ferdinand Bering is Buried.

WEST POINT, Neb., March 31.—(Special.)—Ferdinand Bering, formerly of this place, was buried in Humphrey yesterday. The deceased was well known and respected here and was a commissioner of Platte county at the time of his death. His demise so affected Mrs. Bering that she became very ill and her life is despaired of.

Funeral of C. A. Curten.

NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., March 31.—(Special.)—The funeral services of the late C. A. Curten, formerly editor of the Press of this city, were conducted this afternoon by the local lodge of Knights of Pythias, of which the deceased was a member. Rev. Dr. Fleming, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, delivered a touching discourse.

NORFOLK DECLAMATORY CONTEST.

Pupils from North Nebraska High Schools Compete for Medals.

NORFOLK, Neb., March 31.—(Special Telegram.)—At the north Nebraska high school declamatory contest tonight Herbert Daniel of Norfolk won first and Clifton Carter of Tekamah second in the oratorical class; Ellen Long of Madison first, Louie Sullivan of Wayne second and Loueva Barton third in the dramatic class; Flora Kakish of Fremont first and Winnie Owen of Norfolk second in the humorous class. Parnell Golden of O'Neill, though he did not secure a medal, completely captured the audience in the humorous class.

THROWN FROM TRAIN AND INJURED.

Omaha Boy Dangerously Hurt on the Burlington at La Platte.

BELLEVUE, Neb., March 31.—(Special.)—Last evening S. W. Atherton, 107 South Eighteenth street, Omaha, a boy about 17 years of age, who was stealing a ride, was thrown from a Burlington freight at La Platte, by the brakeman, and sustained severe injuries. Dr. W. C. Buel, who was called to attend the injured lad, reports a deep scalp wound, about five inches long besides dangerous internal injuries.

Thieves Are Busy at Shelby.

SHELBY, Neb., March 31.—(Special.)—Considerable thieving has been done in this town lately. The same night the two sets of new harness were stolen from Constable Petteys a buffalo robe was taken from Dr. Ink's barn. A boiler, three horse collars and preserved fruit are missed by other parties. Lawyer Beebe bought half a ton of coal and it vanished during the night. Sunday evening some one left the Methodist church during the service and scared away some men who had the harness nearly removed from a team. The citizens have subscribed $50 for the arrest of the thieves.

FIND LAST YEAR'S SEED WORTHLESS

South Dakota Farmers Will Have to Use Old Corn.

VERMILLION, S. D., March 31.—(Special.)—Several farmers in this section of the state have been making tests of seed corn from the crop of 1896, with the intention of finding suitable seed for this year's planting. It is the general result that only a third or a half of the seed will sprout, and that only under the best conditions. It is thought there will be scarcely any of last year's crop suitable for seed, owing in all probability to the heavy frosts and sleet storms, which came before the grain had fully matured, and the germ was consequently killed. Seed corn of two years ago will be in demand and will be sold at a high price.

Seeding has begun in some places in the country where the ground is well drained and has had a chance to dry out. Some farmers have still a considerable amount of fall work to do, such as corn husking and threshing. There is probably no place in the state where spring is as far advanced as in Clay county. The last snow disappeared three weeks ago, and the ground is well dried up. In every direction, beginning at a distance of forty miles, the snow is still on the ground and no farm work can be done for some time to come. Clay county farmers will sow a larger quantity of wheat than usual this spring.

STAVES OFF HOG CHOLERA BY CARE.

South Dakota Farmer Has Solved the Problem for Himself.

VERMILLION, S. D., March 31.—(Special.)—One of the leading hog raisers of this county stated in conversation today that two-thirds of the hogs that were being fattened last fall for market have died this winter of hog cholera. While the estimate seems a little high, it is perfectly safe to say that one-half of the number have died. This farmer has made the disease a thorough study and has found out several helpful preventatives and cures. In the first place, he says, not enough care is taken of the hogs, especially in their food. The disease usually is at its worst in winter. Very seldom is any precaution taken in the spring time to destroy the germ of the disease, and as a consequence the following fall the germs become matured once more in the same old places and destruction to the herd is the consequence. It is by taking every precaution possible in the prevention of cholera that this farmer has succeeded in bringing through the winter several thousand dollars worth of hogs without the loss of a single one from the disease.

WORK IN HOME MISSION FIELDS.

Annual Meeting of Congregational Society for South Dakota.

HURON, S. D., March 31.—(Special.)—The annual meeting of the Board of Directors of the South Dakota Home Missionary society of the Congregational church was held in this city, with Rev. William H. Thrall, superintendent. Among those present were Rev. B. H. Burtt of Huron, president; Rev. W. B. Hubbard of Armour, secretary; Rev. C. M. Daley of Huron, superintendent of Sunday school work; Rev. John Sattler of Tyndall, general missionary among Congregational churches; Rev. W. A. Lyman of Pierre, and Rev. L. Reynolds of Redfield. The chief business of the board was to make out the schedules for the ensuing year for all the fields in the state, and apportioning the home missionary money among the churches. During the year just closed 131 churches and thirty-five out-stations have been assisted by the Congregational Home Missionary society in the field over which Rev. W. H. Thrall presides. Rev. E. W. Jenney of this city was employed for the coming six months as general missionary.

Lively Contest for Timber Land.

CHAMBERLAIN, S. D., March 31.—(Special.)—A lively legal struggle is in progress before the officials of the local land office for possession of a tract embracing only thirteen acres of land situated on the Missouri river in Gregory county. The land, in addition to being on the river, is quite heavily timbered and is therefore regarded as being very valuable. Seraphine Turgeon is the claimant and Robert Hill the contestant. The latter was represented at the hearing by Hon. F. M. Ziebach of Yankton, ex-receiver of the United States land office, formerly at that place. A number of witnesses were present, most of them from points fifty and sixty miles distant.

Murderer Allowed to Run at Large.

CHAMBERLAIN, S. D., March 31.—(Special.)—Officers have as yet failed to capture "Annie" Cunningham, the man who killed Edward Barnard last fall at the latter's ranch near Devil's Tower. The fugitive has been seen repeatedly in the vicinity of the scene of his crime, and apparently does not wish to escape from the country or he would long since have done so. He is a desperate character, but has managed to circulate the report that he would not resist arrest if the right men were sent after him.

Propose to Have a Jail of Their Own.

CHAMBERLAIN, S. D., March 31.—(Special.)—The authorities of Sanborn county are planning for the construction of a county jail at once. The commissioners of the county have heretofore confined their prisoners in the Davison county jail, but because of the saving and convenience desire to keep them at home in the future.

MUST PUBLISH THEIR ACTS

Iowa Executive Council to Print a Full Report of Its Business.

STATE CENSUS TO BE LESS COSTLY

Senate Decides that Nothing Further Than a Mere Enumeration Shall Be Attempted—Rights of Property Bill Discussed.

DES MOINES, March 31.—(Special Telegram.)—The senate took some decided liberties with the duties of the real governing body of Iowa, the executive council, today. The governor, secretary, auditor and treasurer of state form the council, and they govern the state and administer the institutions. Their duties were greatly increased under the bill as it was amended and will go to the house. They are required to print a complete report each year of all their business, something never before required. The assessment of corporations, canvass of votes of the general election, list of bonds approved, contracts for prison labor and many other matters will be contained in their report.

The state census was cut from an elaborate statistical work to a mere enumeration, and it will be published not as a separate work, but as part of the official register. It will save about $100,000 for each census. The council is to provide a new and uniform system of bookkeeping for state institutions.

The afternoon session was devoted to the rights of property bill. The house had amended the old law to provide that no lease not recorded should preserve the landlord's lien against crops raised on the land. This was cut out after a long debate. An amendment was offered that in case of sale of stock of goods by receivers or assignee, or under mortgage, the landlord's lien for rent shall be enforced for only six months rent in advance. The present law gives the landlord the prior lien for the full amount of rent for the entire term, even if it be ten years or more. The amendment will cause a long debate tomorrow, and the result is doubtful. It is considered by business men and property owners as one of the important pieces of legislation of the session.

The house today took up the revenue bill as it came from the senate. A number of minor changes were adopted. More than thirty amendments were filed by members, which will be taken up after they are printed. The Cheshire amendment, introducing the Indiana system of taxing telegraph, telephone, express and sleeping car companies, which was defeated in the senate, will be advanced again in the house. Mr. McArthur has an amendment reducing the basis of assessment from 33⅓ per cent to 25 per cent.

Pleads Guilty to Perjury.

SIOUX CITY, March 31.—(Special Telegram.)—Robert Watson, who was brought back from Omaha this morning, was taken to the court room and before Judge Wakefield pleaded guilty to the indictment against him for perjury in the Young case. As Young was on trial for murder when Watson swore falsely in his behalf, the court cannot sentence Watson to less than ten years in the penitentiary.

Organize with Twenty-Five Members.

MISSOURI VALLEY, Ia., March 31.—(Special.)—A branch of the Business Men's Fraternity, lately started in Nebraska, was organized here last night. This is the second one in Iowa. About twenty-five of the leading business men have signified their intention to join. The organization elected temporary officers. S. S. Elliot is president and Ed Reed secretary.

Thirty Delegates Are Present.

WEBSTER CITY, Ia., March 31.—(Special Telegram.)—Over thirty ministers and delegates of the Fort Dodge district of the Methodist church are in the city attending the annual missionary meeting. Today a session of the Women's Foreign Missionary society and the Women's Home Missionary society was held. The sessions will close tomorrow.

Bank Robber Kellihan Convicted.

ST. PAUL, March 31.—A special from Fairmont, Minn., says: The jury in the trial of Bank Robber Kellihan for murder, after being out nearly twenty-four hours, returned a verdict of murder in the first degree. The Kellihan brothers robbed several banks and killed two men in the Sherburne bank. One of the brothers was killed by the posse pursuing them. The jury recommended Kellihan to mercy.

Movements of Ocean Vessels, March 31.

At New York—Arrived—Ems, from Genoa and Naples.

At Philadelphia—Sailed—Illinois, for Antwerp.

Civilized people pity the heathen who throw themselves under the wheels of the Juggernaut Idol, yet many civilized people sacrifice themselves just as needlessly to the Juggernaut of disease. They grow thin and pale and emaciated; lose appetite and sleep and strength and get no nourishment out of their food. If this goes on sooner or later disease is going to roll over them and crush the life out of them as surely as any Juggernaut. Yet they do little or nothing to help it. Sometimes they think nothing can be done.

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