TRUE IDEAL FOR EVERY MAN

Chancellor MacLean Holds it to Be the Formation of Perfect Character.

REQUIRES AN ETERNITY TO DEVELOP IT

Chancellor of the State University Preaches the Baccalaureate Sermon to the Graduates of that Institution.

LINCOLN, June 6.—(Special.)—The baccalaureate sermon to the graduates of 1897 of the University of Nebraska was preached tonight at the Lansing theater. After the song service the sermon, "Ideals and Life Ruins," was delivered by Chancellor MacLean. He took for his text Isaiah ix, 4: "And they shall build the old wastes, they shall raise up the former desolations, and they shall repair the waste cities, the desolations of many generations.'

In pursuing his subject, the chancellor said: "When men practically, as well as theoretically, cease to form and live for ideals they are in despair. It is the absence of ideals which constitutes despair. When no longer hope burns or aspiration kindles in the bosom one who is a man must die, or plunge into insanity. Webster, dying when he had failed to snatch the bauble of the presidency for which he had lived, is a most sad and illustrious example. The increasing number of men and women about us who, failing in business or in love, the absorbing aim of their lives, fall into insanity, tells the same tale. Their insanity is but a wandering up and down among the tombs of their past ideals.

"The second class developed by the disappointment arising from the failure of the real to equal the ideal, inclined by their ardent disposition, give themselves over to the ideal. That is perfect and alone worth living for. The real is paltry, transient, and begets nothing but misery. As one ideal after another is transmuted into the real and found to be unsatisfactory their scorn for anything earthly increases. They build cloud castles. When they strive to inhabit them they find them damp and vaporous and do not rest content. They dare raise still more fanciful ones, beyond the skies. They picture according to their gross tastes those things that are 'unutterable,' that 'eye hath not seen nor ear heard.' This religious sentimentalism has made a literature. It makes religion appear frivolous to men of common sense. Well may the world become disgusted if the church is to play the part of a hospital for hypochondriacs or visionaries with a mild sort of insanity—even though it be about heaven.

WORLD IS NOT DREARY.

"The world is not dreary to the healthy-minded Christian. To be sure it is transient; but it is because we are rushing through it. It appears as in the railway train when the country, trees and fences apparently fly by us, but it is we who are the travelers, the transients. It is evident the difficulty we have to solve cannot be disposed of by calling two which are not one, one. Neither the party ignoring the ideal, nor the one spurning the real, rids itself of the problem nor escapes the ruin which flows from the two.

"Christianity presents and urges every man to make his own the only ideal that meets these requirements, namely, the formation of a perfect character. This, ethics—making its deductions from the nature of man and God alike—declares supreme. This ideal is enduring, one for eternity. Others will be fleeting. Those of business and fame at the latest will fail us at death. Even those of love are readily broken before our very eyes. If these are not made supreme, but subordinated according to their value, the disappointments they may bring us will not overwhelm us, but bear us on, though it may seem an angry tide, to the higher ideal, which must be based on the Rock of Ages.

"Man, placed by nature on the summit of the ruins accumulating since the beginning of creation, might but tremblingly hope to escape what is so universal. But the oak roots and builds itself up from the decay of many generations of its ancestors. When its leaves fade and die, though reluctantly, it shakes itself from them. It waits for a brighter spring, when it lifts higher than ever its corona of green. It ever abides by the ideal which was stamped in its tiny germ. The soul of man is imprinted with an ideal which only a Christ could develop in time. As does the oak, as did Christ, let us live by our ideal. When stripped of our little, and, in their place, beautiful earthly ideals, let our life's sap be centered in preparing for the putting forth of our germinal ideal, which requires and pledges the light and length of an eternity to develop it: a perfect character. Thanks be to God, the character and eternity have been pledged for us as we trust in Him who, when He came, surmounted the ruin accumulating till then, and swallowed up ruin and death in victory."

GOOD HAND OF OUR GOD UPON US.

Encouraging Words Afford a Theme for Dr. Stephen Phelps.

BELLEVUE, Neb., June 6.—(Special.)—The baccalaureate sermon to the class of Bellevue college was preached this morning by President Kerr, and was appropriate to the occasion. In the evening Rev. Stephen Phelps, D. D., of Omaha delivered the address before the religious societies of the college. He had chosen as his theme "The Good Hand of Our God Upon Us," and spoke briefly as follows:

Two eminently successful men of an olden time were Ezra and Nehemiah. God gave them exceedingly difficult tasks, full of peril as well as toil and care. They accomplished them grandly. We have their inspired autobiographies. Over and over, they ascribe their success to the same thing, "The Good Hand of Our God Upon Us." From them I take my theme, The good hand of our God upon us.

We know there is a God; living, personal, present, active. We can see and trace His hand all about us, in what He has done and is now doing; in works of creation, providence and grace. It is the hand that lifted the mountain, shaped the continents, formed the oceans, made the earth and heavens; the hand that leveled the mountain of difficulties to a plain, in the path of Zerubbabel; that touched Jeremiah's lips, putting God's word into his mouth, and changing him from a timid child into a successful prophet, in most wicked and perilous times; that lifted Daniel up into strength again, when he had fallen as a dead man by the river bank; that wrote words of doom on Belshazzar's palace wall; that reached the tablets of the law to Moses out of the flaming terrors of Mount Sinai; the hand that holds the winds in its fist, the sea in its hollow, scatters the hoar frost like ashes, meted out the heavens with its span, weighs the mountains and hills in scales, takes up the islands as a very little thing, and in which the nations are as but a drop in the bucket and as the fine dust of the balances. To take hold on that hand, and to have that hand take hold on us, this is our privilege. "The hand of our God is upon all them for good that seek Him." He is said to open His hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing.

In it are four things, of which I would speak: Provision, protection, direction and power.

The provision is always timely, and for all departments of our need. Let us formulate our faith into the "Jehovah Jaireh" of Abraham on Mount Moriah. "The Lord will provide." Abraham made the mountain ring with it, when God provided Himself with a burnt offering and spared Isaac.

The protection is complete. Peril is everywhere, and of every conceivable kind; yet we are absolutely safe, hid in the hollow of His hand.

The direction is distinct and personal. He beckons to us with His hand. He spreads our path before our feet. He opens before us for us to enter. He leads us by the hand, step by step; naught can prevent. He led Israel through the sea, the wilderness and the Swollen river.

His hand girds us with power sufficient for our tasks. His touch strengthens us with might in the inner man; quickens and energizes every faculty, of both mind and heart, that He sees fit, at any time, to uses. It is easy for Him to help us, no matter how difficult our task. He easily lifts the crops out of the soil, hangs the fruit upon the trees of the orchard; changes the acorn into the oak, holds and leads the worlds in their orbits, the suns in their courses; preserves and governs all His creatures and all their actions; transforms little things into great. In His hand, the few loaves and fishes of the Galilean peasant lad fed a hungry multitude. If God be for us, who can be against us?

May the good hand of our God be upon you for good, with its provision, protection, direction and power, and for all your lives.

HIGH SCHOOL COMMENCEMENTS.

Graduation Exercises Occupy Time and Afford Much Entertainment.

BLAIR, Neb., June 6.—(Special.)—The twenty-second annual graduating exercises of the Blair High school were held in Germania hall here last night. There were nine graduates, Cora A. Willsey, George W. Brooks, G. A. Bailey, Aimee Sutherland, Andrew Beck, Bessie L. Patrick, Pearl Edwards, Lucinda H. Cameron and Birdie G. Scott. The hall was crowded to overflowing. It was another case of trying to put 1,500 people into a building that would only hold 600. The alumni banquet will be held Monday evening in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows' hall.

CHADRON, Neb., June 6.—(Special.)—The commencement exercises of the class of '97 of the Chadron High school were held at the Rink opera house Friday night. Esther Mason, Oscar Oleson, Inez Houghton, John O'Connor and Guy Benham were the graduates. The last mentioned was presented with a six years' scholarship at Doane college on account of having the highest average of the class. The opera house was crowded to the doors.

STROMSBURG, Neb., June 6.—(Special.)—The commencement exercises of the Stromsburg High school took place in the opera house Friday evening. The class consisted of eight members, Misses Julia McCune, Julia Anderson, Maude Dale, Olive E. Erickson, Kate Darrow, Beda Holm and Valda Boberg and Mr. Lowell Little. The program was varied and was composed of orations, recitations and music. Mrs. P. T. Buckley, secretary of the school board, presented the diplomas as only a woman can.

HARTINGTON, Neb., June 6.—(Special.)—The seventh annual commencement exercises of the Hartington High school were held at the Union opera house Friday evening. A magnificent audience greeted the class of '97. The class motto hung in a prominent place above the stage: "We Have Reached the Bay; the Ocean Lies Beyond." The graduates were Lois Gable, Stella Van Dorn, Mercy Merrill, Elizabeth Miller, Edward Jenal, Orlo Gould and Henry Champion. Prof. F. E. Stain of Cleghorn, Ia., presented the diplomas in a neat address.

FREMONT, Neb., June 6.—(Special.)—The baccalaureate sermon to the graduating class of the Fremont High school was preached at the Methodist church this morning by Rev. F. M. Sisson, its pastor. The church was crowded with the families and friends of the graduates. The floral decorations were finely arranged and there was special music for the occasion.

HOT SPRINGS, S. D., June 6.—(Special.)—Commencement exercises of the High school in this city occurred last evening. The graduates are: Frank Cummings, Harriet Cummings, Charlie Fallon, Charles Grippen and Arthur Vincent.

"FREE SILVER REPUBLICANS."

Populists in Buffalo County Adopt a New Ruse.

KEARNEY, Neb., June 6.—(Special.)—A subpopulist organization was started here yesterday, under the name of "Free Silver Republicans." There were twenty-nine persons present, all told, but where the republican element came in, it was hard to determine. Eli Campbell of Shelton was chosen chairman, and in his opening remarks declared himself to be a populist, while H. F. Carson, the past, present and future candidate for superintendent of schools on the populist ticket, said that "judging from the faces around me, I would say this was a populist convention." In spite of this populistic complexion, however, W. L. Hand was of the opinion that silver republicans should be held together, either by joining the populists or organizing a party of their own. R. A. Moore said that this fall there should be no distinction between a free silver republican, a populist or a democrat, but for the sake of holding the free silver republicans in line, he moved that a committee of three be appointed to select township committeemen and organize and draft a platform. The motion carried by a vote of two to none. It looks as though the populists in Buffalo county were beginning to see the handwriting on the wall, and spread this dragnet for new recruits.

DROWN IN GOTHENBURG LAKE.

Fishermen Follow Their Seine Into Water that is Too Deep.

GOTHENBURG, Neb., June 6.—(Special.)—This morning about 2 o'clock John Anderson, a shoemaker, and Andrew Johnson, a farmer, while seining in the Gothenburg lake, near the mouth of the canal, got into the main channel, where the water was about eight feet deep, and drowned. John Donaldson, who was with them, said it was very dark and when they struck the channel he heard them cry for help, but as they had on heavy rubber waders he knew that if he went to their assistance that three instead of two would meet a watery grave, so he stayed at his post while his countrymen fought the battle alone. As soon as the waters had claimed their victims Donaldson and a mover named Frank Sall gave the alarm and by 5 o'clock this morning citizens with grappling hooks had recovered the bodies. Anderson leaves a wife and two children. Johnson was a single man and has a brother living here. The funerals will be held tomorrow.

Four persons have been drowned in the Gothenburg lake and strange as it may seem all have been Swedes.

LIEUTENANT MERCER TAKES HOLD.

New Agent of the Omaha and Winnebagoes at His Post.

DAKOTA CITY, Neb., June 6.—(Special.)—Lieutenant W. A. Mercer, who has been detailed as acting Indian agent of the Omaha and Winnebago Indians by the War department, passed through this place yesterday en route to the Winnebago agency to enter upon his duties. To a Bee correspondent Lieutenant Mercer stated that he assumes his duties without any special instructions from the War department, but with a general knowledge of Indian affairs, having completed five years' service as agent of the Chippewa Indians at LaPointe, Wis., in February last. The transfer of agents will be made at once, as Captain W. H. Beck, whose place Lieutenant Mercer takes, goes to Ouray Agency, Utah, where he has been detailed as agent. Lieutenant Mercer will spend some time in making himself acquainted with the general conditions at the agency, and investigating the complaints now pending. The lieutenant is a fine appearing and courteous gentleman, and a great lover of gun and rod.

To Entertain the Druggists.

PLATTSMOUTH, Neb., June 6.—(Special.)—The coming week Plattsmouth will extend hospitality and a warm welcome to a crowd of visitors expected in this city to participate in the festivities incident to the state convention of pharmacists, which convenes Monday evening. Monday evening the local lodges of the Ancient Order United Workmen have arranged to give a grand reception in honor of Grand Master Workman M. E. Schultz, who will be in attendance upon the pharmaceutical convention. The members of the order will march in a body to the Burlington depot Monday evening to meet a special train from Omaha, expected to arrive here at 8 o'clock with about 500 visitors. The latter will then be escorted to Waterman hall, where an address of welcome will be delivered by Hon. R. B. Windham, and the freedom of the city extended to all the visiting druggists. After the oratorical welcome a fine supper will be served by the Ladies' Aid society of the Methodist Episcopal church. The Ancient Order of United Workmen lodges at Murray, Union, Louisville and Cedar Creek will send large delegations and the city will be in its gala dress.

CONGREGATIONALISTS AT LEIGH.

Annual Meetings of the Columbus Association of Churches.

LEIGH, Neb., June 6.—(Special.)—The annual meetings of the Columbus Association of Congregational Churches closed a three days' session here Thursday evening. Delegates were present from Monroe, Rising City, Linwood, Albion, David City, Columbus, Silver Creek, Aurora, Grand Island and Ravenna. The meetings opened Tuesday evening with a devotional service, after which Rev. C. J. Sage of Rising City delivered the annual sermon. Wednesday morning's session opened for organization and business, F. W. Pease of Ravenna being chosen chairman and A. J. Rogers of Columbus secretary. A devotional service led by Rev. W. A. Davies of Linwood followed, after which Rev. L. H. Stoughton of Albion delivered an address on "The Service of Public Worship." "The Kind of Preaching We Like to Hear" was discussed by V. W. Graves of this village, and "The Kind of Hearing We Like to Preach To" was discoursed upon by Rev. W. A. Schwimley of David City. Wednesday afternoon was devoted to the Sunday schools. Rev. J. D. Stewart of Aurora conducted a normal lesson. Mrs. L. M. Bryan of Grand Island delivered an address on "The Lesson Preparation," following which Rev. C. J. Sage spoke upon "The Model Sunday School." Mrs. C. W. Culver of Albion presented the "Children's Meeting," urging the use of kindergarten methods.

The evening's session opened with a song service, at the conclusion of which Rev. Eliza B. Perkins of Silver Creek delivered a sermon upon the subject, "The First Pilgrim Father." Thursday morning's session opened with a devotional service. Rev. A. J. Rogers of Columbus then read a paper, "How Can We Best Deal with Unfaithful Church Members?" Financial matters in the church were talked upon by Rev. F. W. Pease and a general discussion followed.

The first hour of the afternoon session was devoted to woman's missionary work, after which Rev. Mr. Schwimley delivered an address on "A Bird's-eye View of the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor." The whole concluded with social and farewell greetings. The meeting next year will be held at Genoa.

MAY REORGANIZE THE BANK.

Merchants of Lincoln Likely to Get a Chance to Pay Out.

LINCOLN, June 6.—(Special.)—The depositors of the Merchants' bank held a meeting last night at 1338 O street, to decide upon a plan of action. The general feeling at the meeting was that the officers of the bank would deal fairly with every one, and that the depositors would be paid in full. The majority was opposed to the appointment of a receiver, as they believed the bank could be reorganized. A resolution was passed as follows:

Resolved, That we, the depositors present of the Merchants' bank, give to them all our support, and should they reorganize we will be in full sympathy with them as to their integrity and honesty in all their doings.

A committee of three, consisting of Roscoe Pound, A. E. Oeder and J. J. Curtis, was appointed to take charge of the depositors' interests.

The students of the Worthington Military academy will have their field day exercises tomorrow. The tennis tournament will be held in the forenoon, and commencing at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, the regular field day exercises will be held. They will consist of a 100-yard dash for cadets over 15 years of age; 100-yard dash for cadets under 15, running broad jump, standing jump, running high jump, potato race, string race, three-legged race and sack race.

SECRET ORDERS' MEMORIAL DAY.

Woodmen and Odd Fellows Decorate Graves of Dead Brothers.

LINCOLN, June 6.—(Special Telegram.)—The Modern Woodmen held their Decoration day exercises at the Young Men's Christian association hall this afternoon, the principal address being made by Rev. L. P. Ludden. At Wyuka cemetery fifteen graves of Woodmen were decorated. In the parade there were over 500 Woodmen and sixty women of the auxiliary lodge, Royal Neighbors, in line.

FREMONT, Neb., June 6.—(Special.)—This day was observed by the Odd Fellows of this city as a memorial day. The various lodges of the order attended the Congregational church this morning in full regalia and listened to a discourse by Rev. W. H. Buss on the subject, "The Memory of the Just, and How to Honor Them." In the afternoon they went to Ridge cemetery and decorated the graves of their deceased brothers. There was a large attendance of the members of the order at both services.

Escapes from Jail and is Caught.

TECUMSEH, Neb., June 6.—(Special.)—John Conway, who was occupying a cell at the city bastile on a criminal charge, escaped yesterday morning. Conway either had outside help or succeeded in breaking open a big lock on the outside of his cell door by reaching through the bars and beating it with an instrument. When the nightwatch made the rounds of the jail at 2 o'clock Conway was occupying his cot, and apparently asleep. The officer then went over the city, and returning to the jail at 4 o'clock found the cell door open and Conway gone. The information was immediately spread over this part of the state, and yesterday afternoon Conway was stopped at Tate, a small town twenty-five miles southwest of here, to where he had walked. He was returned to the Tecumseh jail and will be more carefully secured.

Trouble Over a City Marshal.

CHADRON, Neb., June 6.—(Special.)—The city council and Mayor Crites are at outs over the selection of a city marshal. Ever since Crites went into office he has been trying to get the council to confirm some one to take the place of J. W. Carter, who held over, but Carter has a petition signed by nearly every business man, every member of the council, as well as the ministers of the city, and the council will not consent to oust him. Friday night at the regular meeting Mayor Crites nominated W. S. Gillam and upon the council refusing to confirm, summarily removed Carter and appointed Gillam to act until the next regular meeting.

Buffalo County Mortgage Record.

KEARNEY, Neb., June 6.—(Special.)—The mortgage record for Buffalo county for the month of May makes a very satisfactory showing. There were four mortgages filed, amounting to $7,921, and released, $26,740.23, aside from four sheriff's deeds, aggregating $15,000, which would make the total $41,740.23. There were four city property mortgages filed, aggregating $1,401, and ten released, amounting to $6,079.41. The chattel mortgages show a decrease of $6,700. At this rate Buffalo county will soon have but few incumbered farms.

Farewell Musical Reception.

AURORA, Neb., June 6.—(Special.)—A musicale was given last night at the Methodist church in honor of Mrs. Lucy Eads, pianist, who has taught music here for the past twelve years, and who departs for South Omaha, Tuesday, to make her future home. All the musicians and singers of the city took part, and the program was a very entertaining one.

Receive Returning Conductors.

M'COOK, Neb., June 6.—(Special Telegram.)—Quite an ovation was accorded the Pennsylvania delegation to the Order of Railway Conductors convention at Los Angeles, Cal., which passed through here this morning between 8 and 9 o'clock. The local Order of Railway Conductors and citizens to the number of 200 or 300 greeted the Keystone conductors and their wives, eighty-one in all. The Nebraska Brigade band enlivened the occasion with several choice selections. Several speeches were made by the knights of the punch, acknowledging the reception to be unequaled for enthusiasm in their 6,000-mile trip.

His Loss Generously Replaced.

MARQUETTE, Neb., June 6.—(Special.)—Fire broke out in the livery stable of S. Stalnaker at 12:30 yesterday morning, completely destroying the building and contents, consisting of six head of horses, one colt, fine Jersey cow and several tons of hay. The livery barn of the hotel and its contents also burned. No insurance. Mr. Stalnaker, who is the greater loser, is an old and respected citizen of Marquette and lost nearly all he had. Business men circulated a subscription paper this morning and in a short time raised money enough to rebuild his barn and again start him in business.

Quarrel Over a Horse.

DECATUR, Neb., June 6.—(Special.)—Sam Cameron and Carl Peterson came together in a fistic combat yesterday and much blood was spilled. The former finally broke a pitchfork handle over the latter's head, and Peterson reciprocated by carving Cameron recklessly with a pruning knife. He has been placed under the care of a physician. The fight arose over a dispute about a horse.

Hundred Cases for Trial.

DAVID CITY, Neb., June 6.—(Special.)—District court will convene here on Monday. Judge Bates will preside. There are ninety-one civil and four criminal cases on the docket. The Davidson perjury case will be called up, but no trial will take place, as no jury has been called for the term. It has been intimated that he will plead guilty and ask the clemency of the court.

Goes Back to the Hospital.

DAVID CITY, Neb., June 6.—(Special.)—Sheriff Derby and wife went to Lincoln with Anna Kosarek, who has been adjudged insane by the insanity board. This is the second time she has been in the hospital, having been discharged in January. Worry over domestic cares brought on a return of her malady. Her family is in a destitute condition.

Will Visit Sweden.

MALMO, Neb., June 6.—(Special.)—August Anderson of Malmo left yesterday for Stockholm, Sweden, to attend the exposition now in session there. He will remain at Stockholm during the summer and will return to Malmo in the fall or early in the winter.

Court Closes at Greeley Center.

GREELEY CENTER, Neb., June 6.—(Special Telegram.)—Judge Thompson closed the spring term of the district court for this county yesterday. The session has comprised three weeks' work, but was extended over six weeks of time.

Robbed the Mayor.

AURORA, Neb., June 6.—(Special Telegram.)—The residence of Mayor Curry was robbed by tramps today, while the household was at church, and several pieces of jewelry and other valuables taken. The officers are on the track of the thieves.

Woman Poisons Herself.

WAYNE, Neb., June 6.—(Special Telegram.)—Mrs. R. H. Johansen, wife of a dryman living here, died at noon today. On Friday evening she swallowed some paris green, evidently with suicidal intent. The cause for the act is unknown.

Bathes Her Face in Carbolic Acid.

FAIRMONT, Neb., June 6.—(Special.)—Miss Lizzie Bach, a young woman of this place, washed her face yesterday in carbolic acid, supposing it was glycerine. Her face is badly blistered and she says all her freckles have been removed.

Anton J. Langer for Secretary.

WEST POINT, Neb., June 6.—(Special.)—At a meeting of the Cuming County Agricultural society Mr. Anton J. Langer, editor of the West Point Republican, was unanimously elected secretary.

Crops Near Gothenburg.

GOTHENBURG, Neb., June 6.—(Special.)—There was another fine shower here yesterday. Crops are looking remarkably well and everybody is greatly pleased at the outlook.

Ringing noises in the ears, snapping, buzzing, roaring, caused by catarrh, all disappear with the use of Hood's Sarsaparilla

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June 29 to July 3, account of national convention of Christian Endeavorers. Through sleeping cars, June 29 and 30 and July 1. Stopovers allowed at and west of Denver. Return via Portland, Yellowstone Park and Black Hills if desired.

Endeavorers and their friends who take the Burlington Route may depend upon a quick, cool, comfortable journey, finest scenery in the world (by daylight), and first class equipment.

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Reduced Rates to Nashville, Tenn., every Tuesday.

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Tickets to and from all points in Europe via all lines. For rates, sailing lists or a copy of "To the Lake Resorts and Beyond," call at Wabash Office, 1415 Farnam street, or write G. N. CLAYTON, Agent.

"False in one, false in all," is an ancient legal maxim. Remember it to the disadvantage of any tradesman who tries to substitute one article for another.

FORECAST OF TODAY'S WEATHER.

Increasing Cloudiness with Variable Winds Predicted for Nebraska.

WASHINGTON, June 6.—Forecast for Monday:

For Nebraska and Iowa—Increasing cloudiness; variable winds.

For South Dakota—Generally fair; variable winds.

For Missouri—Showers; variable winds.

For Kansas—Fair, preceded by showers in extreme southeast portion; variable winds.

For Wyoming—Cloudy weather; variable winds.

Local Record.

OFFICE OF THE WEATHER BUREAU, OMAHA, June 6.—Omaha record of rainfall and temperature compared with corresponding day of the past three years:

	1897.	1896.	1895.	1894.
Maximum temperature	69	88	87	77
Minimum temperature	50	69	62	47
Average temperature	60	78	74	62
Rainfall	T	.00	.00	.00

Record of temperature and precipitation at Omaha for this day and since March 1, 1897:

Normal for the day	68
Deficiency for the day	8
Accumulated deficiency since March 1	134
Normal rainfall for the day	.18 inch
Deficiency for the day	.18 inch
Total rainfall since March 1	9.32 inches
Deficiency since March 1, 1897	.72 inch
Excess for cor. period, 1896	6.10 inches
Deficiency for cor. period, 1895	3.88 inches

Reports from Stations at 8 p. m.

Seventy-fifth meridian time.

STATIONS AND STATE OF WEATHER.	Temperature at 8 p. m.	Maximum temperature for day.	Precipitation.
Omaha, clear	66	70	.00
North Platte, cloudy	58	70	T
Salt Lake City, clear	74	76	.00
Cheyenne, cloudy	58	62	T
Rapid City, cloudy	60	64	.02
Huron, partly cloudy	64	68	.02
Chicago, cloudy	56	58	.01
Williston, clear	64	64	.00
St. Louis, raining	62	74	.04
St. Paul, cloudy	56	58	.00
Davenport, cloudy	66	66	.00
Helena, cloudy	70	72	T
Kansas City, clear	66	72	.00
Havre, cloudy	70	74	.00
Bismarck, clear	56	62	.00
Galveston, cloudy	78	82	.00

T indicates trace of precipitation.

L. A. WELSH, Local Forecast Official.

PREPARING FOR A TRADE

Manual Training Department Popular with Pupils of the High School.

VALUABLE DRILL FOR USEFUL VOCATIONS

Ninety Pupils Have This Year Taken This Practical Course in Education—More Room Needed for Next Year.

Now that the public school year is drawing to a close one of the busiest scenes in connection with the last week is to be seen in the manual training department of the High school. This department is located in the basement of the big building on the hill, and is under the personal supervision of Prof. J. E. Wigman. Carpentry, wood turning, wood carving, pattern making, and moulding, in its simpler forms, are taught. The course is thorough and is based on scientific principles. While the graduate from the Omaha manual school would not be able to secure a position as a skilled artisan, he will find if he adopts a trade that the school drill has been of much benefit, particularly as to the handling of tools in drafting and in working to a plan.

Prof. Wigman has added many improvements to the school, both as to the manner in handling his pupils, nearly 100 in all, and in the selection of new machinery. Chief among the last named is a handsome band saw, which occupies a corner of the lathe room. By its aid the heavier pieces of wood needed in the exercises are sawed into the requisite lengths, thus saving the laborious hand work of former days. A large case for blue print working drawings has been provided for the carpentry room, and each sketch furnished a pupil is regularly numbered and filed away for future reference.

A small room formerly used for the storage of lumber has been remodeled by Prof. Wigman into a moulding room, and has rendered excellent service during the past year in demonstrating methods used in this trade.

NEARLY NINETY IN THE CLASS.

The class this year numbers nearly ninety, and the fact that every available bench and lathe is in use speaks volumes as to the increasing popularity of the course. Manual training, however, is not intended as a mere pastime, and in proof of its utility Prof. Wigman has a long list of scholars who have worked under him, who are at present making good wages in the legitimate trades. The present quarters of the school have been found cramped and it is quite probable that the Board of Education will take steps during the next school year to utilize several more rooms in the basement of the High school for this branch.

The graduating class this year is busily engaged in turning out a variety of fancy articles to be used for exhibition purposes. Dumbbells, Indian clubs, gavels, cups, vases and many other articles both useful and ornamental are rapidly filling the cases in Prof. Wigman's show room.

Among the best specimens of handiwork yet produced is that of Howard Leonard, displayed in an inlaid checker board, backgammon and cribbage table. A dozen kinds of rare woods are used in its construction and the workmanship would do justice to a professional.

William Sievers is also engaged on a similar table which bids fair to rival its model. A handsome lamp holder fashioned from a quantity of woods glued together by John Kerrigan is worthy of special note, and all the work in vari-colored woods produced by the pupils is of excellent finish and design.

PLANNING AN EXHIBIT.

Prof. Wigman is working on a plan which contemplates a large exhibit in manual training work for the Transmississippi Exposition. In order to carry out this project he will probably visit the annual convention of the American Manual Training Teachers' association, which is dated to take place at New Haven, Conn., July 1 and 2, and will do his utmost to have the next convention located in this city during the year of the exposition.

In event of the convention being secured for Omaha in 1898 it is probable that exhibits in manual training will be brought to Omaha from every point in the United States, in addition to many foreign ones.

Prof. Wigman has considerable correspondence on the subject, and the prospects are excellent for securing the convention if the Board of Education will follow up his lead and give its support to the project.

The manual training term closes this year on June 12.

IN MEMORY OF STUDENT DAYS.

High School Alumni Holds Its Eighth Annual Reunion Friday Night.

The alumni of the Omaha High school is planning for its annual revival of high school friendships on Friday evening, the night after commencement, at Metropolitan hall, Twenty-third and Harney streets. The entire first floor of the club house is to be open to the alumni, as well as the second or dancing floor, which was the only one used last year. The guests are to be received first by the treasurer, who will receipt for the annual dues of those who have not paid them before, and they will then meet the reception committee and pass to the dressing rooms. As the reception proper will precede the program, which begins at 8:15, the guests will begin to arrive by 7:45. The reception committee, which will work in conjunction with the executive committee, is composed of the following: Misses Cassie Arnold, chairman; Huldah Schultz, Katharine Lawrence; Messrs. Larimore Denise, Fred Dale and Wallace Taylor. From the class of '97 there will be Miss Gertrude Waterman and Mr. Harry Tukey, who will aid in widening the acquaintances of their classmates among the alumni.

The positive nature of the announcement that the program will begin at 8:15 and not at 8:20 or 8:30 is being pointed out by the officers of the Alumni association. They say that if the program begins later than that there will either be no time left for the dancing or the dances will have to be so short that there will be no pleasure in them.

Those who have not paid their dues are requested to send them to Treasurer Karbach, 622 South Nineteenth street, or leave them at Balduff's before Thursday noon or give them to the treasurer at the door Friday evening, as after Thursday noon there would be the possibility of the ticket arriving too late for use and thus causing confusion.

TEACHERS' PENSIONS.

New Jersey Leads Off with a State Law on the Subject.

New Jersey is the first state to provide a system of pensions for public school teachers. A number of cities have provided for the retirement of teachers under different conditions, says the Indianapolis News. California has a law, mandatory on consolidated cities and counties, and permissive in counties at the request of teachers, providing for graded annuities. Several cities in New York provide in some way for the retirement of teachers, and in Minnesota and Massachusetts the subject of a general law has been discussed in the legislatures. It was only after many defeats in the legislature that the teachers succeeded finally in New Jersey. The bill that has lately become a law provides that a half-pay annuity—minimum $250, maximum $600—be granted to teachers of twenty years' service who may be incapacitated for further work. The fund out of which this is to be paid is maintained by a monthly reservation of 1 per cent from the salaries of all teachers who elect to take advantage of the law. Other income is to be derived from gifts, bequests, etc., to the fund. The fund is to be administered by a board of trustees, consisting of the state superintendent, the members of the State Board of Education and two representatives chosen from and by the teachers who are members of the State Teachers' association. The state treasurer is ex-officio treasurer of the fund. Teachers who cease to hold positions in the schools after five years or more are entitled to a rebate of one-half of the amount of their contributions, with interest.

Miss Elizabeth Allen, who describes the New Jersey law in the Review of Reviews, was one of the leaders in the movement in her state. The State Teachers' association of New Jersey carried on the propaganda through many years of discouragement. By June of last year 2,510 teachers out of a total of 5,074 were members of the retirement fund. Miss Allen does not sympathize with such movements undertaken by city teachers alone. Although the organization of city teachers is natural and far easier to accomplish than the organization of both city and country teachers, it is, nevertheless, selfish, and, to take Miss Allen's word, unprofessional. She makes the point that city teachers are better paid and their positions are more secure. She adds: "Professional policy, as well as philanthropy, would seem to indicate that the city teachers should extend the benefits of their organization to their equally worthy, but less fortunate, fellow-teachers in rural districts. This can better be done under a state charter and state administration, which lend dignity and stability to the enterprise."

There has been a steady growth of social insurance in this country. Firemen, policemen, soldiers, the judiciary and teachers are provided for. The plan may easily lead to abuses, though in New Jersey many of these have been anticipated and guarded against. There are, of course, particular reasons why certain classes of public employes should be cared for in this way. But it is easy for those who have less equity on their side to insist that the pension idea be extended to them. There appears to be a widespread interest among teachers in this subject. Their success in New Jersey will, no doubt, stimulate similar efforts in other states.

OMAHA HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF '97.

Students Are to Receive Their Diplomas Next Thursday.

The graduation exercises of the Omaha High school will be held at Boyd's theater on the evening of Thursday, June 10. Tickets for admission have been issued and there is a promise that the capacity of the house will be taxed to its utmost. The committee having charge of the decorations will begin its work during the early days of the week, the idea being to have the class colors in endless profusion about the boxes and the stage.

The program as arranged is as follows:

PART I.

Overture, Hungarian ..... Keler Bela
Twenty-second Infantry band, Emil Reichart, director.
Essay—Character Study ..... Miss Zora I. Shields
Oration—Arbitration ..... Harry E. Crandall
Piano Solo—March of the Drummer Boy ..... Miss Lula M. Tuttle
Essay—The Queen's Jubilee ..... Miss Ella R. Crawford
Recitation—Bridge of the Tay ..... Miss Isabella Will
Essay—Heir of All the Ages ..... Miss M. Gertrude Waterman
Music—Selection ..... '97 Mandolin club
Intermezzo—Cavalleria Rusticana ..... Mascagni
Twenty-second Infantry band.

PART II.

Original Declamation—Frederick Douglas ..... Henry V. Plummer
Essay—The Lesson of the Pearl ..... Miss Edith C. Higgins
Piano Solo—Kamennoi-Ostrow, Opus 10, No. 22 ..... Rubenstein
Charles W. Engel.
Oration—Mens Sana in Corpore Sano ..... Lewis B. Reed
Essay—The Mission of Pain ..... Miss Miriam H. Hart
Address to Graduates and Presentation of Diplomas ..... Jonathan Edwards, president Board of Education.
Patrol—Blue and Gray ..... Dalbey
March—El Capitan ..... Sousa
Twenty-second Infantry band.
Two-step—The Belle of the Season ..... Bratton

The examination of papers has not yet been completed, and as a result, the full list of graduates cannot be given at this time. The list, however, so far as complete, shows that the following will receive diplomas: Margaret T. Barr, Belle Beadle, Cora A. Bentley, Nellie C. Blakesley, Ada M. Boyer, Laura V. Brunner, Gertrude Chapman, Mary C. Chapman, B. Johanna Christopherson, Fanny L. Cole, Ella R. Crawford, Margaret Currens, Edna A. Duncan, Agnes C. Durr, A. Louise Edwards, Zelma K. Fleming, Florence M. Garrett, Laura Goetz, Mabel C. Gordon, Katherine Hamlin, Miriam H. Hart, Mae Heller, Edith C. Higgins, Ora R. Hooton, Blanche K. Hungate, Fannie Hurst, Laura Jordan, Ella B. King, Sidonie L. King, Jessie A. Kroh, Harriet Marsh, Cecil Matthews, Oreta Matthews, Georgie B. Mosser, Agnes Olsen, Elvira Olsen, Martha F. Pinkerton, Hanchen J. Rehfeld, Edna O. Robinson, Pearl Rockfellow, Maywood I. Schreiber, Zora I. Shields, Edna M. Shipman, Edith V. Snell, Alvina F. Spetmann, Macy E. Stapenhorst, Charlotte Templeton, Ethel M. Tukey, Lula M. Tuttle, Edith Vapor, Marie E. vom Weg, Edith C. Ward, Fannie B. Ward, M. Gertrude Waterman, Elta P. Wead, Isabella Will, Jesse E. Beans, Henry W. Berry, George F. Bidwell, Paul A. Brich, Walter H. Chamberlain, Harry E. Crandall, Charles W. Engel, John B. Hayes, Henry J. Hopper, Albert E. Innes, Valdemar S. Jensen, William F. Krelle, Frank W. Lehmer, Henry S. Lindsey, Frank S. Morsman, George T. Morton, Fred C. Neilson, John R. Nilsson, Henry V. Plummer, Lewis B. Reed, Charles Root, Charles R. Schwartz, Chester B. Sumner, Harry A. Tukey, Harrison A. Wigton, Charles A. Woodland, Herbert C. Woodland, Henry W. Yates, jr.

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