LAWMAKERS STILL HANG ON

Legislators Continue Their Session Into Early Morning Hours.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON CLAIMS BILL

Two Houses Endeavoring to Get Together on the Measure—Salary Appropriation Bill is Finally Passed.

LINCOLN, April 1.—(Special Telegram.)—After a two days' struggle against the juggling tactics that were employed by the tremendous lobby H. R. 251, the bill to regulate the fees of district clerks, came to the surface in the senate at 6 o'clock this evening. The arrangement had been made to further delay the bill by neglecting to have the amendments printed, and this trick was attempted by one of the clerks in conjunction with the printing office. But the conspirators were surprised to find printed amendments on their desks when Senator Noyes succeeded in resurrecting the bill. On final passage the bill received 21 votes, with none against it. The senator who proposed the amendments that delayed the bill this afternoon sat in his seat and failed to vote on the final passage. The senators who were absent or not voting were: Allen, Crow, Dunn, Farrell, Giffert, Hannibal, Holbrook, Howard, Knepper, O'Neill, Prout and Steele. The bill was transmitted to the house and Grosvenor moved that the house do not concur in the senate amendments. This was defeated and the amendments were concurred in by an overwhelming vote.

Session Opens at Nine.

The members of the senate reported in the legislative chamber at 9 o'clock this morning after a much-needed rest. Crow of Douglas moved that the senate go into committee of the whole on H. R. 603. He withdrew his motion to allow bills on third reading to come up.

H. R. 347, creating a state registry of brands and marks and a state brand and mark committee, was passed by a vote of 25 to 0.

H. R. 210, providing for the organization and control of building and loan associations, passed by the same vote, 25 to 0.

When H. R. 251, the bill fixing the salaries of clerks of the district court, came up on third reading Prout of Gage moved that the bill be recommitted for a specific amendment raising the salary of the Gage county clerk to $3,000 per year.

Van Dusen of Douglas offered an amendment to the amendment to adopt the committee amendments raising the Douglas county clerk to $5,000 and the Lancaster clerk to $3,500. Some objections were read to the form of the motion and a substitute was drawn up that was satisfactory. The senate went into committee of the whole at once to adopt the amendment which limits the Douglas county district court clerk to an annual salary of $5,000, Lancaster, $3,500, Gage and Adams $3,000 and in all counties of less than 25,000 inhabitants, $1,600. The committee arose upon adopting these changes.

Report on 444.

The report of the conference committee on H. R. 444 was presented. The changes agreed upon are as follows: Deputy secretary of state and deputy superintendent of public instruction, from $1,600 to $1,500; adjutant general, salary, $1,500 to $1,350; replace the stenographers in the Labor Bureau at $500 and add a stenographer in he insurance department at $890; salary of the superintendent at the Beatrice institute, from $2,000 to $1,800, and restoring teachers to $600 each per annum. The senate adopted a motion ordering 1,000 extra copies of Adjutant General Barry's report to be printed.

The house reported that the senate amendment, raising the university salary appropriations from $210,000 to $242,500, had not been agreed upon and asked a further conference. The senate authorized the same conference committee, Talbot, Currie and Farrell, to confer again.

Other bills passed were H. R. 183 and 65. H. R. 183 is the bill regulating licenses for pawnbrokers. H. R. 65 relates to mechanics' and laborers' liens. H. R. 318 compels fire escapes to be erected on all buildings four stories or more in height. H. R. 470 appropriates $3,500 to William C. Peterson.

H. R. 413, 254, 184 and 50 were passed. H. R. 413 reduces the number of justices of the peace in Lincoln from three to two. H. R. 254 removes the statute of limitation relating to suits by municipal authorities to recover possession of any public road, street or alley. H. R. 184 is the Olmsted corrupt practices bill. H. R. 50 changes the time when city school boards take their seats from the first Monday in July to the first Monday in May.

The senate upon motion of Talbot rescinded its action censuring Colonel Stotsenberg and ordered it expunged from the journal. Senator Miller alone voted "no."

The conference committee reported the joint conference committee had unanimously agreed not to recede on the university amendments.

The clerk of the house reported that the house had discharged its committee and named a new one.

The senate went into committee of the whole on H. R. 600 and 457.

Afternoon Session.

The senate, after a noon breathing spell, resumed business at 10 o'clock. H. R. 603, the claims bill, was again taken up. Few changes were made from the items allowed by the house. Before finishing the detailed consideration of the items the senate grew weary, and upon motion of Schaal of Sarpy adopted the claims committee amendments for the balance of the claims without giving them any consideration whatever. Among the items allowed in this wholesale way were the scalp bounty claims of $45,000 and the American Chicory Co. claim of $17,840.23.

Holbrook of Dodge was out at the time, but while a motion to recommend the bill to pass was pending he asked if these bounty claims amounting to $62,000 had been allowed. He then offered amendments to add $73,824.35 for beet sugar bounties in favor of the Norfolk Beet Sugar company and $47,199.73 for the Oxnard company.

The first amendment was lost, but the senate changed horses and adopted the Oxnard claim. The senate then reconsidered the vote on the Norfolk claim. The Norfolk claim was allowed by a vote of 12 to 10.

The total amount allowed for sugar bounty claims is $121,024.08.

Newspaper Claims.

An attempt was made to strike out the newspaper claims for advertising in connection with the constitutional amendments proposed in 1896.

Owens of Dawson moved that when the committee rise it report H. R. 603 to pass as amended. His motion was defeated, but when renewed by Senator Talbot prevailed by a vote of 13 to 9.

H. R. 457, appropriating $5,182 to reimburse Thurston county for expenses incurred in criminal trials, was recommended to pass.

H. R. 600, the deficiency bill, was next considered. Chairman Currie said this bill had been carefully checked up and the committee found sworn vouchers for every item. He believed all to be just claims against the state.

The following additional claims were added to H. R. 600: Myron Wheeler, for stenographic service during the impeachment of state officers in 1893, the sum of $1,017; Samuel Lichty was allowed $12.50 for railroad fare.

Allen of Furnas offered a resolution that Alpha Morgan, A. R. Keim, E. E. Thompson and George Williams be empowered to get up the senate journal at a total cost of $1,200. Mr. Williams has occupied the position of bookkeeper of the senate and comes from Senator Allen's district.

Prout of Gage offered an amendment that Alpha Morgan and A. R. Keim, secretary and first assistant, be empowered to do this work at a cost of $1,250.

Senator Allen was determined to add his friend to the list and sent up an amendment adding George Williams.

Upon motion of Senator Talbot the whole matter was referred to the committee on accounts and expenditures.

After some filibustering the question of passing the bill over the veto of the governor was voted on, with the following result:

Yeas—Alexander, Allen, Arends, Barton, Crow, Currie, Fowler, Giffert, Halderman, Hannibal, McCargar, Newell, Noyes, Owens, Prout, Reynolds, Rocke, Steele, Talbot, Van Dusen—20.

Nays—Canaday, Farrell, Hale, Howard, Knepper, Miller, Morgan, Schaal, Smith, Spohn—10.

The declaration that the bill had passed over the veto of the governor brought out a storm of applause and the members and audience joined in singing "My Country, 'Tis of Thee."

Sugar Bounty Knocked Out.

H. R. 194 and 571 were advanced to third reading. Rocke of Lancaster moved that the senate do not concur in the committee amendments adding $121,034.08 for sugar bounty claims. His motion prevailed and the sugar bounty was knocked out. Newell of Cass moved that the senate do not concur in the committee report approving the items for printing the constitutional amendments. His motion carried, and the several items of various daily papers for printing these amendments were stricken out.

Spohn of Nuckolls moved to non-concur in the adoption of the $17,000 chicory bounty claims. His motion was defeated by a vote of 12 to 18. On motion of Talbot of Lancaster employes were allowed two days' pay for working last night and today.

H. R. 457, appropriating $5,180 to Thurston county to reimburse it for expenses in criminal cases, was passed.

H. R. 251, to fix the salaries of clerks of the district court, passed by a vote of 20 to 0. The amendment by the senate is as follows:

If the fees of said clerk shall exceed $1,600 per annum in counties having less than 25,000 inhabitants, or if the fees shall exceed $3,000 per annum in counties having more than 25,000 inhabitants and less than 50,000 inhabitants, or if the fees shall exceed $3,500 per annum in counties having more than 50,000 inhabitants and less than 100,000 inhabitants, or if the fees shall exceed $5,000 per annum in counties having more than 100,000 inhabitants, said district clerk shall pay such excess into the treasury of the county in which he holds his office.

H. R. 501, the general appropriation bill, was passed without dissent.

Stock Yards Fight.

When the president started business again at 8:30 o'clock the closing chapter of the stock yards fight was begun. Van Dusen of Douglas moved that all bills be indefinitely postponed except appropriation bills and bills on third reading. Farrell of Merrick moved to amend by advancing H. R. 331 to third reading. Senator Van Dusen moved the previous question, cutting off debate. The Farrell amendment was lost by a vote of 12 to 17. The vote was as follows:

Ayes—Canaday, Currie, Farrell, Hale, Hannibal, Howard, Knepper, Miller, Morgan, Smith, Spohn, Steele—12.

Nays—Alexander, Arends, Barton, Crow, Fowler, Giffert, Halderman, Holbrook, McCargar, Newell, Noyes, Owens, Prout, Reynolds, Rocke, Talbot, Van Dusen—17.

The Van Dusen motion was then adopted.

H. R. 509, appropriating about $500 to pay vouchers for furnishing books to the State library, was advanced to third reading.

H. R. 9, appropriating $15,000 for improvements at the Hastings asylum, passed by a vote of 27 to 0. Senators Owens, Arends and Canaday were appointed as a conference committee to act with the house committee on the senate amendments to H. R. 501, the general appropriation bill.

Message from the Governor.

At 5 o'clock the senate received the following message from the governor to the members of the legislature:

Gentlemen—I return to your honorable body S. F. 298, without my approval. I regret that a misstatement of what I deem the facts in the resolution compels me to take this course. No one has a higher regard for the bravery and gallantry of our brave soldiers in the far away Philippines than I. No encomiums that can be spoken for them would exceed the bounds of propriety. The state of Nebraska is and has a just right to be proud of the First Nebraska volunteers. We acknowledge with gratitude and joy the debt the state owes them by reason of the honor conferred upon it by their valor. We pledge the honor of the state that to the living shall be accorded worthy distinction and to the dead all that can be given the dead, a fitting memorial of their fame, but we must regret that circumstances have compelled them to give their services and sacrifice their lives in a conflict that is at utter variance to the very fundamental principles of our government and contrary to the established policy of the nation for more than a century. Enlisting in a war for humanity and in the cause of human liberty, complications have arisen which have compelled them to engage in a conflict against a people who have been battling against the oppression of another nation for nearly 400 years. Such a conflict is not "defending the principles of our government and adding new glory to our flag" which has ever stood as the glorious emblem of freedom. I cannot stultify myself and the calm judgment of the thinking people of this commonwealth by giving official approval to the statement that the war of conquest now carried on in the far away Philippines is in defense of the principles of our government and is adding new glory to our flag.

W. A. POYNTER,
Governor.

Chairman Currie of the committee on accounts and expenditures offered a report that Secretary Morgan and Assistant Secretary Keim be empowered to get out the senate journal at a cost of $1,200. Hannibal of Howard moved to amend by adding Second Assistant Secretary Thompson. The amendment did not prevail. The original motion prevailed. Senators Talbot, Reynolds and Knepper were named as a committee to wait on the governor and notify him the legislature is about to adjourn, asking him if he has any further messages.

The report of the committee appointed to investigate the auditor's office, which had been on file since last night, was called up. The secretary began reading the report at 11:25 o'clock. After a partial reading of the report it was adopted and ordered spread upon the record in full.

The committee appointed to wait on the governor submitted a report, including some farewell words from his excellency and wishing the members godspeed home. The report was ordered spread in the journal and the committee discharged.

H. R. 194, appropriating $500 to reimburse Cyrus F. Bake for injuries received from a mob while guarding a prisoner in Nance county, he being an officer, was passed.

The Gillespie report was taken up and after some discussion adopted and ordered spread upon the journal.

Mr. Talbot of Lancaster again brought up the items for publishing the amendments in 1896, which had been stricken out earlier in the day, moving to reinsert them. Allen of Furnas wanted to tack on $105 for some paper in western Nebraska. The motion and all amendments were lost.

The house having refused to concur in the senate amendments to H. R. 603, a conference committee consisting of Senators Currie, Newell and Miller was appointed to confer with a like committee from the house on the amendments to that bill.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE HOUSE.

Numerous Matters Are Disposed Of and Gillespie is Exonerated.

LINCOLN, April 1.—(Special Telegram.)—The house members straggled back to the hall this morning and the work began when the report of the conference committee on H. R. 444 was presented. The raise in the amount allowed the university for salaries raised immediate objections and after some speechmaking a vote was taken on the motion to concur in the report. The motion was defeated by a vote of 44 to 45. The absentees were Beverly, Conwell, Detweiler, Grafton, Grandstaff, Myers, Memminger, Nesbit, Shore, Watson and Woodard.

Taylor of Custer moved that the house committee be instructed to agree upon $220,000 for the university. Prince of Hall moved to amend that it be made $230,000. Burns of Lancaster amended this by making it $225,000. After further discussion the amendments were withdrawn and the motion by Taylor was adopted.

Smith of Saline called attention to the fact that through an error in the record S. F. 137 had been postponed. He moved to order the bill to a third reading. The motion prevailed.

McCarthy of Dixon moved to reconsider the vote whereby S. F. 35 had been postponed. He explained that it was the bill wanted by the fraternal societies. The motion by McCarthy was adopted.

The conference committee on H. R. 444 reported that the senate committee refused to recede from the original figures. The committee was discharged and Taylor of Custer moved that a new committee composed of McGinley, Smithberger and Hall be appointed. This was later withdrawn and the chair was allowed to make the selection. Hall, Wheeler and Armstrong were appointed.

A motion by Fisher to resurrect S. F. 212 and an amendment by Burns to raise all senate files was defeated.

At 12 o'clock the house members went to dinner, leaving the house apparently in session.

After dinner the printing committee reported on the matter of the omissions from the printed copies of the governor's message. It failed to locate the blame for the omissions and recommended that the message in full be printed in the house journal. The report was adopted.

S. F. 35, by Senator Holbrook of Dodge, to regulate the organization and operation of mutual benefit associations and life insurance companies, failed to pass with the emergency clause by a vote of 55 to 10. Those voting against the bill were: Anderson, Broderick, Carter, Hicks, McCracken, McGinley, Olmsted and Shore. On the second call the bill was passed without the emergency clause by a vote of 63 to 3. Those voting against it were: Carter, Olmsted and Wendt.

S. F. 137, by Senator McGargar, to provide for a lien for amounts due for threshing grain or shelling corn and to provide for the recording and foreclosure of the same, was defeated by a vote of 46 to 38.

The joint conference committee on H. R. 444 having failed to come to an agreement, the committee was discharged and a new one was appointed as follows: McCarthy of Dixon, Taylor of Custer and Nesbit of Burt.

After an hour's absence this committee returned with the report that an agreement had been reached to allow the university $230,000 for salaries. This report was adopted by the house.

The report of the committee appointed to investigate Prof. Gillespie's connection with the Deaf and Dumb institute at Omaha, exonerating Mr. Gillespie, was presented at this time and caused a little flutter and some opposition, but was adopted by a vote of 51 to 28.

The question of overtime for employes came up again and Pollard of Cass moved that the matter be left to the judgment of the speaker of the house and the timekeeper.

Burman moved to amend that the speaker be instructed to sign all claims for overtime.

The speaker explained, as he had once before done, that all meritorious claims for overtime had been approved, but that there were some of the claims that ought not to be paid.

On roll call the motion by Burman was defeated by a vote of 15 to 55 and the motion by Pollard was adopted. The house members then went to supper.

When the veto message came to the house the bill was immediately put on its passage, the veto of the governor notwithstanding. Many of the members explained their votes. The fusionists all sustained the governor and the republicans, with the exception of Beverly, voted to override the veto. The vote was: Yeas, 43; nays, 37. The absentees were: Boulier, Crockett, Conwell, Detweiler, Eastman, Grafton, Grandstaff, Haller, Hardy, Harkson, Jones, Mann, Morrison, Peck, Smith of Butler, Taylor of Custer, Watson, Woodard, Wright and Young. The bill failed to pass over the veto.

The house did not concur in the amendments of the senate to H. R. 501 and a conference committee was appointed, consisting of Thompson of Merrick, Prince and Wyman.

Up to midnight the house transacted no business except to make the usual infernal racket, the members making burlesque speeches, singing songs and throwing paper balls at each other. In the meantime the clerks in the enrolling room were working hard to get the bills ready for the necessary signatures. During the evening a resolution was sent in, signed by the employes of the house, presenting Beverly with a gold-headed cane and Burman with a silver water set. Both responded in appropriate speeches.

H. R. 600 was passed. The conference committee reported that it had reached an agreement on several amendments. The amount for living expenses at the Norfolk asylum was made $40,000 instead of $35,000. The amount for the hospital at Grand Island was made $12,500 instead of $10,000. At the Kearney reform school $1,000 cut off by the senate committee was restored. The item for employes' wages at the Grand Island home was replaced at $12,000 instead of $8,000. H. R. 600 was passed after midnight.

The conference committee on H. R. 501, the general appropriation bill, reported that an agreement had been reached shortly after midnight. The amendments were reread and the report of the committee was adopted without division. A committee composed of Pollard, Myers and Memminger was named to wait on the governor and see if he had any further communications to make.

At 12:30 the claims bill came over from the senate and the house refused to concur in the amendments. A conference committee consisting of Beverly, Harkson and Tanner was appointed.

At 2:15 the conference committee came back to the house and the joint report on H. R. 603 was read. The report of the committee was adopted, except the newspaper claims, upon which a new conference committee was appointed, consisting of Prince, Weaver and Evans. At this hour the enrolling room still had on six or seven bills unfinished and the clerks were pretty well tired out, so that there was little hope of final adjournment before 10 or 11 o'clock Sunday.

BUILDING-LOAN ASSOCIATION LAW.

Features of the New Law Governing Building and Loan Associations.

LINCOLN, April 1.—(Special.)—Following is a summary of the provisions of H. R. 210, an act governing the building and loan associations, which passed the senate this morning and is now before the governor for approval:

The new act authorizes the use of the names "Savings and Loan association" and "Loan and Savings association" in addition to the name "Building association."

Section 1 fixes the limit of stock to be held in any association by one person at $5,000. The act of 1891 did not fix any limit, but the banking board ruled that the provisions of the act of 1873, limiting the amount to be held by one person to $2,000, applied. At annual meetings of shareholders no member can vote by proxy more than $5,000 stock.

Section 1 also authorizes the receipt of payments beyond the original monthly and weekly dues, so that if a member desires to make payments or larger amounts they may be received.

Section 4 requires that equitable provisions should be made permitting the payment of loans before maturity and prescribes the manner of computing the amount due.

Section 6 provides that matured stocks may be left in the association and bear a rate of interest to be fixed by the directors not exceeding 7 per cent. It also provides that two-thirds of the unloaned funds in the treasury of the association shall be applicable to the payment of matured stock, where the old act does not require more than one-half. The provisions of section 7 relating to the holding of stock of minors are similar to those of the old act, but a proper reference to the same has been made in the title of the new act, the same being omitted from the title of the old act.

Section 8 limits the loan to two-thirds the actual cash value of improved real estate and two-fifths on unimproved.

Section 9 extends the period for which real estate may be held to five years. The former limitation was three years.

Section 10 provides for a reserve fund and the manner of its accumulation. Five per cent of the assets in any event, and it may be increased to 10 per cent with the consent of the banking board and may be again reduced when occasion requires also with the consent of the banking board.

Section 11 requires the distribution at least annually of the net earnings as a dividend to the credit of all members pro rata, etc.

Section 12 imposes the duty of keeping accounts in a manner to facilitate examination by the banking board. Books are to be kept by double entry and a trial balance shall be made at least each month and entered in a proper book.

Section 16 requires each association to make a statement of its condition as of the last day of June of each year, and report the same to the banking board in order, to facilitate the compilation of statistics and enable the banking board to have its annual report completed by the 1st of January. The present law allows each association to make its annual statement at such time as its articles may provide.

Section 19 provides for the reorganization or liquidation, under the supervision of the banking board.

Section 25 repeals the entire act of 1873, as well as the entire act of 1891, so that all legislation on the subject is contained in the present act.

FATAL QUARREL OVER A PIG

Farmer is Assaulted by a Neighbor and is Not Expected to Survive the Blow.

WYMORE, Neb., April 1.—(Special.)—A. Koeing, a well known German farmer living southwest of this city, was dangerously assaulted Thursday evening by John With, one of his neighbors. Koeing took up a stray hog last week and Thursday evening With appeared at his home and demanded that he give it up, claiming it was his property. A quarrel followed Koeing's refusal and With struck Koeing a blow over the head with a singletree, badly fracturing his skull. The man's injuries are such that it is thought he will not recover. With, after delivering the blow, secured the pig and went home and as yet has not been arrested.

CONTEST OF YOUNG DECLAIMERS.

Representatives of Nebraska High Schools Compete for Honors.

GENEVA, Neb., April 1.—(Special.)—Last night the central Nebraska High school declamatory contest was held in Masonic temple. Over 600 people were present. Delegations from York, Hastings, Harvard, Belvidere, Grand Island, Seward, Lexington, Broken Bow, Minden, Superior, Shelton and Clay Center were on hand to back up their contestants.

The program opened with music. In the oratorical class there were five speakers. George Shidler of York took first medal. R. Ralph Deets of Hastings second. In the dramatic class Lillie Hrubesky of Geneva received first prize, rendering "Spartacus' Speech to the Gladiators;" Lena Moore of Broken Bow took second. In the humorous class "A Naughty Little Girl's View of Life," Ina Gittings of Superior captured the first and Lulu Fishback of Harvard second prize. During the pause for the decision Edith Cogswell recited "Philosophy of Wit and Humor."

After some musical selections the referee, Prof. O. C. Hubbell of Fairfield, announced the decision and presented the gold medal, and for a short time the hall resounded with deafening school yells.

News from York.

YORK, Neb., April 1.—(Special.)—The Masons this week purchased the brick block they now occupy, known as the Masonic block.

W. H. Rose, alias Smith, was captured at Fremont, Neb. He represented himself here as agent for Frank Leslie's, and took in a large number of dollars, offering a year's subscription and fifty-six pieces of Haviland china to each subscriber.

The revivals of Methodists, United Brethren and Christian churches held nearly all winter have been discontinued and the Presbyterians have commenced this week holding revival meetings.

First Settlers of Cuming Celebrate.

WEST POINT, Neb., April 1.—(Special.)—Charles H. Wilde and wife, the pioneer homesteaders of Cuming county, who have lived for thirty years a few miles east of West Point, will celebrate their golden wedding anniversary on Easter Sunday.

The Third district Christian Endeavor union will hold a convention in this city on May 12, 13 and 14. The Endeavor society of this place is making preparations for a successful convention. About forty delegates will be in attendance.

Malolos Hero a Native of Nebraska.

YORK, Neb., April 1.—(Special.)—Milton Lynde, who was killed in battle at Malolos yesterday, is a York boy. He is a son of Rev. Lynde, a United Brethren minister, and was 20 years old. He was born in Otoe county, Nebraska, and his time was occupied in attending school and doing farm work.

Session of Nebraska Educators.

GENEVA, Neb., April 1.—(Special.)—The meeting of the Central Nebraska Educational association yesterday was held in the court room and well attended. Prof. Heisey of Denver was present and made an address. Vice President H. F. Carson of Kearney was elected president for the coming year.

Mysterious Discovery Explained.

KEARNEY, Neb., April 1.—(Special.)—It turns out that the half dozen sticks of dynamite found by some boys under the chute of the Union Pacific stock yards were put there a few days ago by a man named Coombs, a well digger, who came to Kearney from Iowa a few months ago. Coombs had chartered a car and was removing to Missouri, and having the dynamite and not caring to take it with him in the car had put it under the chute.

Hot Campaign at Grand Island.

GRAND ISLAND, Neb., April 1.—(Special.)—The present municipal campaign is the most bitter and exciting that has taken place in this city in ten years. The issue is between license and anti-license. The latter faction has as its candidate Dr. H. C. Miller, who announces as his platform an economic administration and the suppression of the gambling houses. W. H. Platt, who is being ardently supported by the other element, has made no pledges.

Entertainment for Veterans.

YORK, Neb., April 1.—(Special.)—Committees were appointed at a meeting of the Grand Army of the Republic, the Woman's Relief Corps, the Sons of Veterans and the Daughters of Veterans to make arrangements for the entertainment of old soldiers at the twenty-third annual encampment of the Nebraska Grand Army, which meets at York, May 10 and 11. Adjutant General Gage has been here looking after the meeting.

Profitable Visit of Burglars.

CREIGHTON, Neb., April 1.—(Special Telegram.)—The residence of A. Dobson, a farmer living a few miles south of here, was entered by burglars recently and a watch and chain, a suit of clothes, $45 in cash, a note for $200 and a certificate of deposit for $800 on one of the banks of Creighton were stolen. No clew as yet leading to the identification or whereabouts of the guilty parties has been obtained.

Funeral of Prominent Citizen.

GRAND ISLAND, Neb., April 1.—(Special.)—The funeral of Louis A. Von Wasmer, formerly one of the most prominent business men of the city, took place this afternoon from his residence. It was largely attended by the members of the various German societies, the Modern Woodmen and the Ancient Order of United Workmen. Mr. Wasmer was 50 years of age and leaves a wife and one son.

Successful Institute Closes.

WEEPING WATER, Neb., April 1.—(Special.)—Last night closed the session of the Cass County Institute. Dr. Schoeffer delivered a lecture on "Education Among the Greeks and Romans." The enrollment reached the highest this year in the history of the institute—164 teachers. Superintendent George L. Farley was presented by his friends with a handsome Cambridge edition of Shakespeare.

Notes from Wymore.

WYMORE, Neb., April 1.—(Special.)—The Gage County Teachers' association will be held at Blue Springs this afternoon.

The Saturday Afternoon Whist club held a very pleasant meeting, at which time a number of new members were admitted. The club will be entertained this afternoon by Mrs. A. Davidson at the parlors of the Touzalin.

New Auditorium is Begun.

YORK, Neb., April 1.—(Special.)—Excavation work has been commenced for the Auditorium convention hall on the block of ground on Seventh street and Grant avenue. This will be the second largest hall in the state. It is hoped to have the structure completed in time for the Grand Army of the Republic meeting in May.

Golden Wedding Celebrated.

KEARNEY, Neb., April 1.—(Special.)—J. P. Johnson and wife celebrated their golden wedding at their home on Wednesday evening, about sixty guests being present. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson were married March 29, 1849, in Muskingguin county, Ohio, and about twenty years later removed to Kearney, where they have since lived.

Farmer is Painfully Injured.

CREIGHTON, Neb., April 1.—(Special Telegram.)—A painful accident happened to J. E. S. Tarris, a farmer who lives a few miles west of town, while shelling corn. His hand in some way was caught in the machinery and was so badly lacerated that it was necessary to amputate two fingers.

Have you read The Bee's great wheel offer? A wheel without costing you a cent.

TODAY'S WEATHER FORECAST

Rain and Warmer Sunday and Probably Snow Monday with East Winds.

WASHINGTON, April 1.—Forecast for Sunday:

For Nebraska and Kansas—Rain and warmer Sunday; probably snow Monday; easterly winds.

For Iowa and Missouri—Fair, followed by rain in western portion Sunday night; probably rain Monday; warmer; winds shifting to easterly.

For North and South Dakota—Warmer, with rain or snow Sunday; Monday rain or snow; easterly winds.

For Wyoming and Colorado—Rain; warmer Sunday; easterly winds.

Local Record.

OFFICE OF THE WEATHER BUREAU, OMAHA, April 1.—Omaha record of temperature and precipitation compared with the corresponding day of the last three years:

	1899.	1898.	1897.	1896.
Maximum temperature	37	42	52	40
Minimum temperature	17	31	40	20
Average temperature	27	38	46	30
Precipitation	.00	.08	.06	.01

Record of temperature and precipitation at Omaha for this day and since March 1, 1899:

Normal for the day	41
Deficiency for the day	14
Accumulated deficiency since March 1	178
Normal rainfall for the day	.08 inch
Deficiency for the day	.08 inch
Total rainfall since March 1	.64 inch
Deficiency since March 1	.94 inch
Deficiency for the cor. period, 1898	.35 inch
Deficiency for the cor. period, 1897	.19 inch

LUCIUS A. WELSH,
Local Forecast Official.

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