

counter wind prevented rats. Pastures and small grain much in need of rain will be greatly benefited, but much more rain is needed.

WAYNE, Neb., April 30.—(Special Telegram)—A few rats fell in the sections today and the small grain, which is growing nicely in this condition for plowing and corn planting will soon begin.

SAND STORM IN KANSAS. KANSAS CITY, April 30.—One of the worst sandstorms in years prevailed in central and western Kansas today.

Electric Storm in Michigan. NORTHVILLE, Mich., April 30.—During a recent storm today lightning struck the Globe Furniture company's plant and the four-story factory building was completely destroyed.

HASTINGS, Mich., April 30.—St. Fylen's great steeple was struck by lightning and burned to the ground early today.

SKLRIS DENIES THE CHARGE. Candy Manufacturer Insists that He and His Partner Did Not Assault a Woman.

Leon Skliris, charged with assault by a woman formerly employed by him and his partner, Louis Conras, has been released on bail. Both men insist that there are no grounds for the prosecution.

WANTED HIS TEETH FILLED. Strange Conduct of a Visitor in a Dental Office—Will Be Examined for Insanity.

While suffering from temporary aberration on Sunday Henry Telen entered the office of Dr. Mason to have his teeth filled.

WANTS TO BE ENUMERATOR. Member of Board of Education Will Be Given Such a Position "to Harmonize Things."

The principal business of tonight's school board meeting, outside of passing upon the plans for the new high school building, will be the deciding of the list of school enumerators.

May Festival. The third annual May festival, under the direction of Prof. Adolf Edgren, was given in Washington hall last night before an audience numbering nearly 300.

Will Build a Hotel. OXFORD, Neb., April 30.—(Special)—Mrs. L. Berry, late of Alma and well known to the commercial trade of the Republican valley, will shortly begin the erection of a large two-story hotel in Oxford.

Easy to Take. Easy to Operate. Hood's Pills. Hood's Pills are purely vegetable—yet thorough cleanser of the system.

MYSTERIOUS DISAPPEARANCE

Brick and Stone Contractor of Hastings Drops Out of Sight.

MISSING SINCE LAST THURSDAY MORNING. Leaves Home to Go to Work and is Not Seen Since—His Friends and Relatives Fear Foot Plot.

HASTINGS, Neb., April 30.—(Special Telegram)—Hastings is excited over the sudden and mysterious disappearance of J. C. Hensel, who has his home here since last Thursday morning.

HARRINGTON NOT A CANDIDATE. Holt County Man Declares that He Cherishes No Yearnings for Congressional Honors.

LINCOLN, April 30.—(Special Telegram)—Mike Harrington came down from Holt county tonight in company with Joseph O'Neill, who is a candidate for the wardenship of the penitentiary and who is said to be reasonably sure of the place.

Engaging McCook Shops. McCOOK, Neb., April 30.—(Special)—One of the happiest items of the week has come to the McCook ear in many moons in the announcement of the Burlington company that the shops at McCook will shortly be greatly enlarged.

Protons Reach Compromise. TECUMSEH, Neb., April 30.—(Special)—The case of the trustees of St. Andrew's Catholic church against Rev. Frederick Sperlein for trespass and destruction of property has been dismissed from the district court.

Abos Buried at Fremont. COLUMBUS, Neb., April 30.—(Special)—The ashes of John W. Clark, who died in Germany last November, were interred at the family burial lot in the Columbus cemetery yesterday afternoon.

Base Ball at Fremont. FREMONT, Neb., April 30.—(Special)—The High School base ball nine played a game in the afternoon at Fremont.

Row Among Syrians. Musarralla, Eased and Sussie Musarralla, Syrians living at Thirteenth and Williams streets, were arrested last night on the complaint of Beal Shambert.

Four Small Fires. Three small fires, due to troubles occurring in electric wire connections, occurred yesterday morning about 9:30 while it was raining hard.

Traveling Men Oppose Trustees. TOLEDO, Ind., April 30.—The United Commercial Travelers' meeting in this city May 22 is planning to take special action on trusts, which are cutting off the traveling men.

shot herself this morning with a 32-calibre revolver, which was supposed to be not loaded. The ball entered just under her right eye, inflicting a very dangerous wound.

From Nebraska News Notes. A heavy loss of spring calves in Nebraska county is reported.

John Patterson of Loup county was riding in a buggy last Sunday with a self-acting ball entered his hip pocket. It went off and his leg entered his hip and the doctor had to cut it out.

William Gains, a student here last year, is a college visitor this week. He expects to attend Doane again next year.

The tennis association has reorganized and will have a large tennis tournament which will be held at the close of the spring term.

Prof. H. H. Hoford to be notified by Prof. H. H. Hoford to return to him the elective studies that they wish to take next year.

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CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

Fiftenth Annual Report of that Body is Presented to the President.

REVIEW OF THE WORK OF THE PAST YEAR. Larger Number of Appointments Based on Examinations Than Previously—Rate Two Removals Meets Heavy Approval.

WASHINGTON, April 30.—The fifteenth annual report of the Civil Service commission, under date of November 1, 1898, has been presented to the president.

The report shows a larger number of appointments through examinations than ever before in the history of the commission.

The total number of persons examined during the year was 45,712, of whom 20,600 passed. This was a decrease of 4,859 in the number examined and a decrease of 5,985 in the number who did not pass.

On the subject of promotions the commission says: "Without doubt a very large number of promotions in all branches of the service are based solely upon merit, but it is equally true that there are made without a just regard to the fitness of those who are promoted."

In speaking of the ruling the removals must be for just cause, the statement is made that after a full year's operation, has met the hearty approval of the public and of most of the executive officers of the government.

The question of the appointment of appointments at Washington among the several departments and bureaus.

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TRAFFIC IN POISON. Government Inspection Needed to Condemn Whiskey that is Bad as Well as to Approve that Which is Good.

It has often been observed by those who come from the other country that it is a great pity that no governmental supervision is exercised over the keepers of saloons, so that they should be compelled to sell genuine and pure spirits.

We say, then let the government appoint inspectors, whose duty it shall be to go to every saloon and test by scientific methods the liquor that are sold there.

It is true that the government has set its seal of approval upon good whiskey, in re-gauging and taxing the Pure Malt Whiskey as a Medicine, but let it also seek out and punish those who sell poison under the name of whiskey.

Keep Drury's Pure Malt Whiskey in the house and then you are sure of having that which the government says is all right.

CHICAGO. Great Rock Island Route. Best Dining Car Service. Only Depot in Chicago on the Elevated Loop.

When others fail consult DOCTORS. Searles & Searles. Specialists.

HEAVY INCREASE IN EXPORTS. March Volume of Business Exceeds that of Any Previous Month and Twice that of February.

WASHINGTON, April 30.—American manufacturers made their highest record in foreign markets last month.

TO MRS. PINKHAM. From Mrs. Walter E. Budd, of Pat-chogue, New York.

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