WHEREABOUTS OF THE FUNDS

State Treasurer, to Date, Has Made No Statement on the Subject.

HALF MILLION DOLLARS IN HIS CUSTODY

J. H. Edmisten Makes Answer to Suit Brought Against Him by Simon for Damages for False Arrest.

LINCOLN, May 11.—(Special.)—The question as to the amount of trust funds in the hands of the state treasurer and his disposal of the same is still one of general interest and up to date the treasurer has not made a statement to show where he keeps this large amount of money. At the present time he has in his hands over $500,000 belonging to the temporary and permanent school funds, which he has in his power to farm out among favorite banks. The records for the close of business on May 9 show $215,320.55 in the permanent school fund and $284,426.19 in the temporary fund.

In this connection it is interesting to read the evidence given by Treasurer Meserve before the legislative committee of the house. He was before the committee asking for an appropriation to pay for his official bond. In the course of his argument he said:

"When I went into the office two years ago I considered that there was some technical objections to the bond company giving a bond, so I put up a personal bond. Now, this year it was my last term; I never expect to be treasurer again and I made up my mind to protect the state of Nebraska and that there was no bond good for anything but a security bond. There is no use talking about sticking a private bond for a large amount."

Questioned by Mr. Thompson:

Q.—Your salary is $2,500?

A.—Yes.

Q.—Do you derive any interest from handling the money?

A.—No, sir.

Q.—No interest from the school money?

A.—Yes.

By J. S. Detweiler:

Pushed into a Corner.

Q.—Isn't it a fact that when these former bonds that were given with personal bondsmen from different points over the state that the state's money was given around over the state as a recompense?

A.—I did not make these pledges, but of course people have criticised my bond and said it was a straw bond.

Q.—You mean to say, Mr. Meserve, that the only income is $2,500. What do you do with the money in the treasury?

A.—We keep it where we can put our hand on it any minute. There was only about $5,000 cash April 1, but there is about $300,000 school money now in the treasury.

Q.—Do you not place this money where you can draw interest on it?

A.—Now, you know what the law is in regard to this money.

Q.—Will you answer that question, as to whether or not there is any interest paid you on school moneys?

A.—One-half of the time I have had it in a bank, contrary to law, and the state has got the interest. This school fund cannot be invested except in certain ways.

Q.—Do you put the money in anything except depository banks?

A.—I am not willing to tell the public exactly where two or three thousand dollars is. I think it is a matter of prudence that when a man has to insure a certain amount of money himself and his bond—.

Q.—My question was simply to know whether it was only $2,500 that you received and we would be more likely to allow you the $1,000?

A.—I have answered once or twice that that is all the income I have.

Q.—You get no income from outside the school moneys?

A.—I do not.

Q.—There is a question in regard to paying for this bond that we must consider, that is, if we have a right to do it.

A.—That is only a question of whether the legislature reimburses me or not. That is all.

Q.—Isn't it a fact that these surety companies have no property whatever in this state?

A.—I think so.

This evidence was taken officially and was recorded by the official stenographer. The state officials were not sworn in the regulation manner, they having held that their official oats of office was sufficient. The oath of office, it seems, did not keep Mr. Meserve from making some peculiar admissions and it did not prevent him from giving an exhibition of squirming when the questions led him into an embarrassing corner.

Edmisten Files Answer.

Ex-Oil Inspector J. H. Edmisten has at last filed an answer to the suit brought against him by Edward L. Simon of this city for $30,000 damages for false arrest and imprisonment. Simon was arrested last winter on complaint of Edmisten on the charge of libel. On the way to Dawson county, where the complaint was sworn out, Simon succeeded in escaping the officers. He returned to Lincoln and at once instituted damage proceedings against Mr. Edmisten. No further attempt to arrest the man was made and the officer returned to Dawson county without his man.

In the answer filed in the district court here Edmisten admits that it is true that he filed a complaint in Dawson county, where his home is, in which he charged Simon with causing the publication in the Lincoln Call of a false, libelous and defamatory article in which he (Edmisten) was charged with aiding, abetting and engineering a manipulation of the ballots cast at the election of 1896 on a proposition to increase the number of supreme court judges, then being recounted by a legislative committee. He says Simon escaped the officer and returning to Lincoln procured his own arrest and that so far as he knows he is still under the custody of the Lancaster county sheriff.

He further states that the prosecution is not ended, but that the case in Dawson county is still pending, and that the prosecution of the charge will be made as soon as the body of Simon can be brought before the court. He says the proceedings were begun without malice and that he has a just and probable cause for believing that Simon caused the publication of the charges against him. He also adds that Simon has threatened him and his friends that if they would not do certain things or if they failed to pay certain sums he would publish what afterward did appear in the Lincoln Call.

The damage suit has been in the district court since early last year and until today no answer was filed by the defendant. Simon insists that the plan to prosecute him in Dawson county was simply a plan to get him out of the jurisdiction of the grand jury of this county, then in session.

Work of the Workmen.

The final result of the election of officers of the grand lodge of the Ancient Order of United Workmen was not announced until this afternoon. The Australian ballot system was used in selecting the officers, causing considerable delay and necessitating two elections for some of the officers. A vote was taken yesterday morning on the different candidates, and the result announced last night showed that the necessary majority of votes had not been received by any of the candidates for grand guide, grand watchman and supreme representatives and several other offices of minor importance. Ballots for these offices were taken again this morning. The complete list of officers elected by the grand lodge is as follows: M. E. Shultz, Beatrice, grand masterworkman; R. P. R. Miller, Lincoln, grand foreman; H. M. Stockwell, Clearwater, grand overseer; G. H. Barber, Edgar, grand recorder; Frank J. Morgan, Plattsmouth, grand receiver; J. C. McElheinney, Lyons, grand watchman; J. D. Brayton, Bassett, grand guide; Jacob Johnson, Superior, member of board of trustees; U. W. Cole of McCook, M. E. Shultz of Beatrice and J. H. Erford of Lincoln, representatives to the supreme lodge.

An amendment to the constitution of the grand lodge authorizing the issuance of $1,000 certificates, has been adopted. This amendment, like all similar acts of the grand lodge, must be submitted to a full vote of all the subordinate lodges. Heretofore all benefit certificates have been $2,000 or over. The issuance of $1,000 benefit certificates has been demanded for a long time.

The representatives to the supreme lodge have been instructed to do all in their power towards securing biennial meetings of the supreme lodge, instead of annual meetings.

Capital City Notes.

The University of Nebraska base ball team left this morning for Manhattan, Kan. The team will make an extended tour through Kansas, Missouri, Illinois, Indiana, Wisconsin and Iowa. The last game of the series will be played in Omaha. The schedule comprises thirteen games.

The Lincoln Association of Congregational Churches has closed a successful annual meeting. Nearly all the Congregational churches in the southeastern portion of the state were represented by their pastors.

The second annual debate between the representatives of the Nebraska and Missouri state universities will be held in this city tomorrow evening. The first annual debate, held last year, was won by Missouri by a narrow margin. The topic to be discussed will be "Railway Combination." The Missouri debaters will argue against combinations and Nebraska's representatives will attempt to show the fallacy of such argument. Missouri will send an able team and Nebraska will be represented by G. D. Talbot, who won fourth place in the recent interstate oratorical contest; Fred A. Nims and Miss Bertha Stull, both members of college debating societies.

Articles of incorporation of the Julius Newman company of Wymore, with a capital stock of $15,000, were filed with the secretary of state today. The company will do a general merchandise business. The principal incorporators are Julius Newman, Thomas Callaway and H. B. Smith.

Doane College Notes.

CRETE, Neb., May 11.—(Special.)—The class in physics is just finishing the subject of heat. Electricity comes next.

Freshmen in chemistry are now struggling with the hard formulae and the peculiar smells which characterize organic chemistry.

Messrs. Vance and Butler and Miss Porter read theses last week before the elective political economy class on "Competition," "Protection" and "Socialism."

The beginning French class is translating a history of France, committing to memory short extracts, committing to memory examples illustrating grammar rules, while a book of fairy tales is used from time to time by the instructor for translation from hearing. The class occasionally writes short original letters and stories as French composition work.

Doane college has as high requirements of admission as any college or university in this section of the country. On this foundation it builds its own superstructure. Electives are offered in the junior and senior years, thus providing for the modern idea of specialization, but the freshmen and sophomore year contains courses absolutely required of all students. Students thus get acquainted with more studies than where high specialization limits the number of studies prescribed.

The religious work of the professors is as follows: President Perry fills preaching engagements in different parts of the state, Prof. Fairchild leads the bible class in the Sunday school of the Congregational church and addresses a class of young men at the college every Sunday, Prof. Doane conducts the church choir, Prof. Brown conducts a large class of young men, Prof. Hosford is church treasurer, Profs. Thompson and Jillson are trustees of the Congregational church.

Welcome for the Third.

HASTINGS, Neb., May 11.—(Special.)—The citizens of Hastings are making preparations to give Company K, Third Nebraska regiment, a fine reception and banquet Saturday evening, as the boys of this company are expected to return home some time Saturday afternoon. At a mass meeting of the citizens a committee was appointed to co-operate with the mayor and city council and the members of Silas A. Strickland Grand Army of the Republic post, and the women of the Women's Relief Corps to arrange a patriotic welcome and reception for the boys of Company K. Prof. R. E. Moritz was made chairman of the program committee. The other committees are as follows: Refreshments, Mrs. W. J. Ohlheiser and Mrs. J. N. Lyman; funds and collections, George Kirby, Dave Bigelow and Harry Haverly. The address of welcome will be delivered by Rev. G. W. Abbott. Hon. R. A. Batty will preside as toastmaster. Those who will respond are Hon. W. H. Lanning, Hon. J. W. Clarke, J. B. Cessna and Rev. J. Nelson.

Disbarment Proceedings.

NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., May 11.—(Special.)—The committee appointed by Judge B. S. Ramsey to hear the evidence in the dibarment proceedings against John C. Watson was instructed by the court today to arrange for the hearing at the earliest date practicable. The committee is composed of Hon. D. T. Hayden, S. J. Stevenson, Paul Jessen, A. W. Root and D. O. Dwyer. The three first named are prominent members of the Otoe county bar. Root and Dwyer are among the leading attorneys of Plattsmouth. E. F. Warren and L. H. Jackson, attorneys for the complainants, asked leave to file an amended complaint, containing another paragraph, but the court decided that issues have been joined on the original complaint. The hearing will probably begin the first of next week. Watson will be represented by Hon. Matt Gering of Plattsmouth and John V. Morgan and W. C. Sloan of this city.

Last of the Gang Sent Up.

COLUMBUS, Neb., May 11.—(Special.)—Thomas Waters plead guilty to an information filed in the district court charging him with the shooting of Policeman Brock last December. Judge Grimison sentenced him to one year and eight months in the penitentiary at hard labor. This very effectually breaks up one of the toughest gangs of crooks that ever operated in central Nebraska, as three of the leaders have preceded Waters to the pen, all having been sent from this county. Waters was among the number who escaped from the jail here in January by cutting through the steel cell, but Sheriff Byrnes has recaptured all except one.

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G. A. R. ENCAMPMENT CLOSES

Resolutions Adopted Endorsing the National Administration and Praising Nebraska Soldiers.

YORK, Neb., May 11.—(Special Telegram.)—"I want to say that this is one of the largest encampments I ever attended and that I never was treated better nor entertained as well at any previous meeting, and I am for York as convention city," was the remark made by a veteran to his comrades.

At today's business session of the Grand Army of the Republic patriotic resolutions were adopted endorsing and commending the national administration. Colonel Stotsenburg's death was deplored and the regiment at Manila praised for its gallant service. Senator Hayward was chosen delegate-at-large to the national encampment, and Thomas Hibberd of Adams, J. O. Moore of Palmyra, William Phillips of Superior, J. B. Ferguson of Lincoln, Lew W. Raber of Omaha, William Widaman of Norfolk, delegates. J. Davis of Wilbur, Smith Caldwell of Edgar, Will Giffert of Pawnee, Jack Horton of Stanton, Joseph Lafferty of Wisner, form the new state council of administration. Beatrice secured the next encampment.

The Women's Relief Corps elected the following officers: Mrs. Fedelia M. Rupeper, Harvard, president; Mrs. Mattie J. Pemberton, York, senior vice; Mrs. Martha J. Bagley, Bloomfield, junior vice; Mrs. Mary R. Morgan, Alma, treasurer; Anna Boyd, Hastings, chaplain. Delegates to the national meeting are Mrs. Sarah Sweet; at large, Mesdames Brooks, Stover, Lamb, Akers and Miss Gillispie. Executive board, Louise Deacon of Omaha, Mary Saxton of Edgar, Mary Huffman of Newman Grove, Mary Smith of Lyons, N. Morey of Kearney.

The encampment closed tonight with public installation of the newly elected officers of the Grand Army of the Republic and Women's Relief corps under canvas with a rousing campfire. Addresses were made by members of both organizations. Each organization passed resolutions thanking the people of York and the local orders for the royal entertainment furnished.

Three Hurt in a Runaway.

BEATRICE, Neb., May 11.—(Special Telegram.)—About 8 o'clock this evening a runaway team attached to a lumber wagon ran over F. E. Morrison, his wife and child, who were riding in a carriage. The runaway team struck the carriage squarely at the side. Mr. Morrison received a bad cut on his head and severe injuries to one arm and shoulder. Mrs. Morrison's left arm was broken and she was otherwise badly bruised. The child escaped practically unhurt. The carriage was literally demolished.

Falls City Municipal Affairs.

FALLS CITY, Neb., May 11.—(Special.)—The new city council has organized and Mayor Clegg has made the following appointments: Chief of police, Gus Schlosser; night police, Ben Stump; street commissioner, Frank McFarland; city attorney, Jule Schoenheit. The city council has advertised for bids for extending the water mains about five blocks further, and the electric light plant will in all probability be much improved.

Boy Gets His Leg in a Wheel.

WILCOX, Neb., May 11.—(Special.)—Claud Clinger, 10 years old, while attempting to climb on the back of a buggy, in some way got one leg in the wheel. The horse became frightened and the woman who was driving could not stop it. The boy's leg was badly lacerated and the bone broken in two places. A bystander caught the horse and removed the boy's leg from the wheel or it would have been torn from the body.

Grocery Firm Incorporates.

GRAND ISLAND, Neb., May 11.—(Special.)—The Donald-Porter company, consisting of John Donald and George Porter of Grand Island and Lawrence Donald of Chicago, today filed articles of incorporation for a wholesale mercantile business, with a capital stock at $50,000. The firm is the successor to the Minton-Woodward business, wholesale grocers.

Secures Wolf Bounty.

YORK, Neb., May 11.—(Special.)—Charles Tolle of Charleston, this county, brought in six young wolves, about 2 weeks old, and secured a bounty of $6. Tolle was compelled to scalp each wolf before getting his pay. These are the first brought in under the late law.

Funds for the Episcopal Church.

FALLS CITY, Neb., May 11.—(Special.)—A paper is being circulated for subscriptions for the purpose of erecting a new Episcopal church here. Already several hundred dollars have been subscribed and within a few months a new church is expected to be erected.

Board of Education Organizes.

FALLS CITY, Neb., May 11.—(Special.)—The Board of Education of this place has organized by electing W. H. Crook, president and Harry P. Custer secretary. In this instance the secretary has been chosen outside of the regular membership of the board.

Put Under Peace Bonds.

GRAFTON, Neb., May 11.—(Special.)—John Bermaster yesterday swore out a warrant against his brother William, charging him with threats of assault and general abuse. William pleaded guilty and was put under $500 bonds to keep the peace.

Boy Loses a Foot.

NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., May 11.—(Special.)—Frank, the 9-year-old son of John Fuller, was run over by a freight car in the Missouri Pacific yards today and his left foot badly crushed. The company surgeon amputated the injured member.

DECIDES ON EXTRA SESSION

Member of the Cabinet Authority for the Statement—To Meet in October.

NEW YORK, May 11.—A special to the Herald from Washington says: Your correspondent has the authority of a member of the cabinet for the statement that the president before he left Washington practically had made up his mind to call congress together in extraordinary session about the 20th of October, in order that several big questions to be brought before it may be disposed of in time for adjournment before the nominating conventions next year.

Reported Burlington Purchases.

CHICAGO, May 11.—It is stated upon good authority that the Burlington contemplates an outright ownership of several of the most important lines which now are operated by it under leases. The roads mentioned in the report are the Hannibal & St. Joseph, the St. Louis, Keokuk & Northwestern, the Kansas City, St. Joseph & Council Bluffs, the Chicago, Burlington & Kansas City and the two narrow gauge lines—the Burlington & Northwestern and the Burlington & Western. In all of these properties the Burlington has considerable interest by virtue of its holdings of stock. The combined capital of the short lines mentioned is about $20,500,000.

Missouri Sheriff After a Prisoner.

FERGUS FALLS, N. D., May 11.—A Missouri sheriff today demanded the possession of William F. Ross, an alleged member of the Thayer hold-up gang. He declares Ross is an ex-Missouri convict and is now wanted in that state.

COST OF KEEPING INDIGENTS

Official Figures Prepared by the State Examiner of Wyoming.

DECREASE OF EXPENSE IN FIVE YEARS

Statement Showing the Cost of Maintaining County Governments in Wyoming—Gossip Concerning Proposed New Railroad.

CHEYENNE, Wyo., May 11.—(Special.)—State Examiner H. B. Henderson has prepared a very interesting statement which shows the cost of maintaining the poor and pauper population of the state. According to these figures the cost of keeping the indigents has decreased more than $8,000 during the last five years. During the year 1894 $28,000 was expended by the state for the poor and pauper. In 1895 they cost $27,242.23; 1896, $25,197.25; 1897, $24,267.58, and in 1898, $20,951.22. A large per cent of the poor and pauper of the state are found in the southern portion along the line of the Union Pacific railroad. This is caused by the falling by the wayside of transcontinental travelers who are found in almost all of the towns along the railroad. However, the proportion of indigents among actual residents in the southern portion of the state is no larger than in the northern half of Wyoming. The number of poor and pauper in the state will not average five to each county.

The cost of maintaining the several county governments within the state, as shown by a statement filed with the governor today, was as follows: 1894, $369,306.52; 1895, $342,276.51; 1896, $346,425.85; 1897, $293,380.38; 1898, $291,210.71. The years 1894, 1896 and 1898 being election years the expense was naturally greater on those years than on nonelection years. That for 1898 was the smallest during Wyoming statehood and is attributed to reductions in the salaries of officers, the consolidation of the work of county officers, economy in public government and the exercise and application of business methods.

Wyoming Railroad Notes.

The Cheyenne & Northern railroad has completed arrangements for handling the large shipments of cattle which are commencing to pass through from Texas, Arizona, New Mexico and Old Mexico points to the plains of Wyoming, western Nebraska and South Dakota. For the present the train crews of the Denver Pacific will handle the trains between Denver and Cheyenne and the trains will be dispatched from the Denver office of the Colorado & Southern. Later on, however, a dispatcher's office will be established here and the trains from Cheyenne north will be handled from this point. The Cheyenne & Northern has borrowed a number of locomotives from the Union Pacific, and as there is a large number of train hands here waiting for work there is no danger but that the rush will be handled without difficulty.

It is stated in railroad circles here that the office of trainmaster at Green River, on the Eighth district of the Wyoming division, will be abolished at an early day.

It is reported here that the Union Pacific is contemplating another change in its passenger train service. It is proposed to restore old Nos. 7 and 8, which were pulled off several years ago, and run one section of the Overland Flyer as these trains. The object of the change is the increased passenger traffic which has been exceptionally heavy this spring.

News from Aberdeen.

ABERDEEN, S. D., May 11.—(Special.)—The term of United States court, which opened here Tuesday, completed its labors and adjourned the term. The Kingston case was continued and it is understood an agreement has been reached by which it will be settled out of court. The Howell-Hyneman cattle case was also continued. Unless a settlement is arrived at the case will shortly be tried at Sioux Falls.

The Dakota Central Telephone company will make several important extensions to its lines this summer. One extension will be from Redfield to Faulkton, another from Putney to Claremont, and the line from Sisseton will take in some ten or more towns on the new extensions from that point.

The city council has appropriated $1,500 as a bonus to secure the establishment of the despota factory here. The promoters of the enterprise will go ahead with the erection of the factory.

Money for the Volunteers.

DEADWOOD, S. D., May 11.—(Special.)—Deadwood is boiling over with enthusiasm for the Black Hills volunteers and it has resulted in the appointing of a committee of three, Judge J. H. Burns, D. A. McPherson and Edwin VanCise, who will receive the money which is being sent in from all parts of the Black Hills for a hospital fund for the soldiers. It is now believed that the Black Hills boys will not be able to get home before September. They were number eleven in the order of arrival at Manila and, with only five transports to bring the soldiers home, it will take longer than expected and the boys will have passed through the rainy season. The money will be cabled to the companies as soon as possible.

Teachers' Institute.

DEADWOOD, S. D., May 11.—(Special.)—Arrangements have finally been made by the superintendent of five Black Hills counties to hold a joint teachers' institute at Hot Springs for one week, commencing on July 24. It will close in time to commence the state teachers meeting at the same place. Prof. R. F. Kerr of the State Agricultural college will have charge of the department of physical culture.

DEATH RECORD.

Father of Famous Scullers.

LONDON, May 11.—Tom Nickells, father of the famous scullers, Guy and Vivian Nickells, died today at Pattison Court, Red Hill, aged 72 years. When a boy Mr. Nickells accompanied his father to Chicago in 1828, where the latter bought some land. Tom Nickells returned to England in 1845 and started in business as a stock jobber, in which he won the nickname of "King of the American Railroad Market." Mr. Nickells was an ardent sportsman and for the last twenty-one years had the position of master of the Surrey stag hounds. His sons carry on the business founded by their father.

Pioneer of Illinois.

CHICAGO, May 11.—Word was received here today from Ottawa of the death of Colonel Daniel F. Hitt, one of the pioneers of LaSalle county, and father of Andrew J. Hitt, general superintendent of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific railroad. Deceased was 89 years old and served with distinction during the civil war. He was an uncle of Congressman Robert R. Hitt, and came from a family prominent in the revolutionary days.

Mrs. Smith.

The mother of Allen B. Smith, assistant general freight agent for the Burlington, died in this city Tuesday evening at the age of 75 years. The remains were taken to Hastings yesterday for interment, being accompanied by Mr. Smith and family and by Frank Smith, a conductor on the Kansas City, St. Joseph & Council Bluffs road.

Buried at Hastings.

HASTINGS, Neb., May 11.—(Special.)—The remains of Mrs. E. Smith, mother of Mr. A. B. Smith, who died in Omaha Tuesday, arrived in Hastings today. The funeral was held at 3 o'clock from the Methodist church and was largely attended. The remains were interred in Parkview cemetery.

Old Settler of Elk Point.

ELK POINT, S. D., May 11.—(Special.)—Lawrence Olson, aged 69 years, died suddenly this morning of heart failure. He had been a resident of Union county for thirty years. He was the father of Ole Lawrence, clerk of the courts.

Aged Resident of Grafton.

GRAFTON, Neb., May 11.—(Special.)—Mrs. Johnson, aged nearly 91 years, died Tuesday night at the home of her daughter, Mrs. John Martin.

CAMPAIGN AGAINST HEALERS

Active Measures Will Be Taken in New York to Suppress Illicit Practitioners.

NEW YORK, May 11.—President Michael Murphy of the Board of Health has begun an active campaign against all persons whom he considers to come under the head of "faith curers." He has issued a letter to the chief sanitary superintendent with regard to these persons. It reads in part as follows:

"You are hereby requested to direct the assistant sanitary superintendents of the various boroughs of this city to use all means in their power to discover and locate persons practicing medicine without diplomas. Recent events have shown this department that uneducated, ignorant and those whom I believe to be evil-minded persons, go from house to house and take advantage of their more ignorant neighbors, professing that they are endowed with wonderful healing faculties. If this system is allowed to proceed great evil will result.

"In your endeavors to suppress the practice I would suggest that you immediately communicate with the medical societies of the several counties comprising the entire greater city and either make an engagement to meet in consultation to advise what is the best method to adopt or receive their communications in writing and afterwards adopt some broad system that the object in view may be accomplished."

FIRE RECORD.

Barn and Two Houses.

CARSON, Ia., May 11.—(Special.)—At 11 o'clock last night fire broke out in the Blue Front livery barn, owned by J. W. Everson, on North Commercial street. So rapid was the progress of the fire that it was impossible to save anything in the building except two hearses, which were near the door. Jasper Stroud, an employe, was sleeping in the office in the front of the building and barely escaped. The fire spread from the barn to the residence of W. T. Hamford, just north, and from his residence to the residence of J. W. Griffis. The grain office of Hancock, Hodgson & Co., just south of the barn, was saved by hard work. The loss consists of the barn and two residences, together with eleven head of horses, twelve buggies and carriages, all the harness and robes. The barn was insured for $1,000 and no insurance on the stock. The loss is estimated at $3,000. Evidence of incendiary origin was discovered this morning.

Box Car Artists Start a Blaze.

BALTIMORE, May 11.—Three men who were playing cards in a freight car set it on fire early this morning and one of them, Clarence Kepler, of this city, was burned to death. William Alders, another of the trio, was badly burned and it was afterward learned that he was a fugitive from the house of correction. The flames spread to the cotton warehouse of the Mount Vernon Cottonduck mills, destroyed the building and caused $50,000 damage.

Stock of Merchandise.

BANCROFT, Neb., May 11.—Fire broke out in Ward & Son's store Wednesday evening about 10 o'clock, doing considerable damage to their stock of goods. A stream from the water works was turned on and the flames soon extinguished, but not until the entire stock was nearly ruined. Stock and building were partially covered by insurance.

Large Grocery House.

COLUMBUS, O., May 11.—Fire gutted the five-story brick building on East Spring street, occupied by the Williams-Herdman company, wholesale grocers, this afternoon. The loss on stock is placed at $40,000 and on the building, owned by T. Ewing Miller, at $15,000, all losses being fully covered by insurance.

Two Hundred Buildings Burned.

VIENNA, May 11.—In a great fire today in the town of Gura Humora, province of Bukowina, 200 buildings, including the principal church, the town hall and other public edifices and all the school houses, were destroyed.

Rochester Business Block.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., May 11.—The National Baking company's three-story building on West avenue caught fire at 1 o'clock this morning and by 1:45 a. m. was in ruins. Loss about $100,000.

HYMENEAL.

Dutton-McElwain.

PLATTSMOUTH, Neb., May 11.—(Special.)—At the Presbyterian church this afternoon at 3 o'clock occurred the marriage of John W. Dutton and Miss Jennie R. McElwain, Rev. J. T. Baird officiating. Mr. and Mrs. Dutton departed for Kansas City for a short visit. They have resided here from childhood.

Ryan-Cassin.

COLUMBUS, Neb., May 11.—(Special.)—M. J. H. Ryan and Miss Lizzie Cassin were married this morning at 8 o'clock at St. Bonaventura's Catholic church, Rev. Father Marcellanus, pastor, officiating. Mr. Ryan is engaged in business here and his bride was born and reared in this city. They will be at home to their many friends after May 15.

Sale of Gulf & Interstate.

GALVESTON, Tex., May 11.—Messrs. Weeks, McCarthy & Co., owners of the Gulf & Interstate railway of Texas, have sold the road to J. C. Osgood of New York, who is president of the Colorado Fuel and Iron company and the Crystal River railroad of Colorado.

The road is seventy miles in length, its terminus being Beaumont, Tex., the center of the Texas lumber region and Port Bolivar. At the latter place the company has a considerable water frontage on Galveston harbor. It is the intention of the new owners to improve the road and develop the water front property. A car ferry is operated between Bolivar and Galveston, new wharves having been constructed at Bolivar.

States Granted New Charters.

NEW YORK, May 11.—The Society of the Cincinnati continued its triennial session here today with a business meeting. Applications were made and considered for the revival of the society in the states where the charters have lapsed, namely, New Hampshire, Delaware and North Carolina. It was said that arrangements were made for the provisional revival of the society in these three states. The claimants were: For New Hampshire, Right Rev. John Hasen White, bishop of Indiana; for Delaware, Right Rev. Leighton Coleman, bishop of Delaware; for North Carolina, Major Charles L. Davis, U. S. N.

Sunday School Workers Confer.

MARYVILLE, Mo., May 11.—(Special.)—A convention of Nodaway county Sunday school workers, which had been in session in Pickering since yesterday, closed this afternoon. The convention was in charge of Rev. A. P. George of St. Louis, superintendent of the Missouri Sunday School association. Addresses were made by Dr. George, Rev. N. J. Moats of Pickering, Rev. S. R. Reynolds of Clearmont, Prof. W. M. Bryant of Maryville, Rev. O. W. Lawrence of Maryville and the following officers of the county association for the next year were elected: President, S. O. Hutchinson, Maryville; vice president, Mrs. J. W. Carnagey, Bedison; secretary and treasurer, S. H. Kemp, Maryville; secretary primary department, Mrs. E. C. Johnson, Burlington Junction; superintendent home department, Rev. J. M. P. Martin, Maryville. Thirteen out of fifteen townships were represented.

Harrison on a Board of Missions.

NEW YORK, May 11.—Ex-President Harrison has accepted the place of honorable president of the general committee of the conference on foreign missions to be held in this city a year hence. The program for that conference, which will include representatives of all foreign mission interests of the world, has been outlined and the committees completed.

The idea is to show, first, what has been accomplished during the century now practically ended, as missions have been inaugurated since the present century began; and, second, the outlook for the century just opening, with suggestions how to accomplish more on a given expenditure. Certain divisions of mission work have been finally accomplished and will not be undertaken again. There is to be new missionary activity, an activity of a new kind, with new methods and results anticipated in new directions.

A meeting place has not yet been secured, though several are in mind.

Missouri Veterans Meet.

ST. LOUIS, May 11.—A special to the Post-Dispatch from Kirksville, Mo., says: The eighteenth annual encampment, Department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic, is in session in this city, with several hundred comrades present. Deputy Commander A. G. Peterson called the encampment to order at 11 o'clock in the opera house. The Department of Missouri, Sons of Veterans, is also in session here, and although 200 homes were demolished in the recent tornado, the visitors are being well taken care of. Three campfires will be held tonight.

Delta Gammas Select Lincoln.

ALBION, Mich., May 11.—At the closing session today of the Delta Gamma Woman's Fraternity convention Lincoln, Neb., was chosen as the next place of meeting, in 1901. Grand officers were chosen as follows: President, Nina Howard, Glencoe, Ill.; vice president, a member to be chosen later by the Denver university chapter; secretary, a member from Albion chapter; treasurer, Mary Foster, Madison, Wis. The delegates so amended the constitution as to make the above officers, with Joanna Ross of Baltimore, comprise the grand council of the fraternity.

Gulf Committee Wins.

NEW YORK, May 11.—The demurrer of the reorganization committee of the Union Pacific, Denver & Gulf Railroad company to the complaint in the action brought against the committee by Arthur Ritter, a stockholder, was argued today before Judge Wallace in the United States circuit court. The complaint was dismissed at the close of the argument and leave to amend was refused. This terminates the action.

Successor to Dingley.

LEWISTON, Me., May 11.—C. E. Littlefield of Rockland was nominated by acclamation today by the republicans of the Second Maine congressional district to succeed the late Nelson Dingley.

TODAY'S WEATHER FORECAST

Local Rains and Cooler for Nebraska—Saturday, Fair with High Winds.

WASHINGTON, May 11.—Forecast for Friday:

For Nebraska, South Dakota and Kansas—Local rains and cooler Friday; Saturday fair and cold; high westerly winds.

For Iowa and Missouri—Local rains Friday; cooler and fair Saturday; southerly winds.

For Wyoming—Partly cloudy and colder Friday; Saturday fair; brisk westerly winds.

Local Record.

OFFICE OF THE WEATHER BUREAU, OMAHA, May 11.—Omaha record of temperature and precipitation compared with the corresponding day of the last three years:

	1899.	1898.	1897.	1896.
Maximum temperature	82	68	71	83
Minimum temperature	54	53	48	59
Average temperature	68	60	60	72
Precipitation	.00	.00	.48	.07

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

Normal for the day	58
Excess for the day	10
Accumulated deficiency since March 1	227
Normal rainfall for the day	.13 inch
Deficiency for the day	.13 inch
Total rainfall since March 1	4.04 inches
Deficiency since March 1	2.02 inches
Deficiency for cor. period, 1898	1.19 inches
Excess for cor. period, 1897	2.55 inches

Reports from Stations at 8 p. m.

STATIONS AND STATE OF WEATHER.	Temperature at 8 p. m.	Maximum temperature.	Precipitation.
Omaha, clear	76	82	.00
North Platte, clear	82	84	.00
Salt Lake, cloudy	74	82	.00
Cheyenne, clear	72	76	.00
Rapid City, cloudy	82	86	.01
Huron, clear	84	88	.00
Williston, cloudy	60	72	T
Chicago, clear	70	74	.00
St. Louis, cloudy	72	76	.00
St. Paul, clear	80	82	.00
Davenport, clear	72	78	.00
Helena, clear	42	58	.02
Kansas City, cloudy	72	78	.00
Havre, cloudy	42	64	.00
Bismarck, cloudy	72	84	T
Galveston, cloudy	78	80	.00

T indicates trace of precipitation.

L. A. WELSH,
Local Forecast Official.

Little Pimples Turn to Cancer.

Cancer often results from an impurity in the blood, inherited from generations back. Few people are entirely free from some taint in the blood, and it is impossible to tell when it will break out in the form of dreaded Cancer. What has appeared to be a mere pimple or scratch has developed into the most malignant Cancer.

"I had a severe Cancer which was at first only a few blotches, that I thought would soon pass away. I was treated by several able physicians, but in spite of their efforts the Cancer spread until my condition became alarming. After many months of treatment and growing steadily worse, I decided to try S. S. S. which was so strongly recommended. The first bottle produced an improvement. I continued the medicine, and in four months the last little scab dropped off. Ten years have elapsed, and not a sign of the disease has returned."

R. F. WILLIAMS,
Gillsburg, Miss.

It is dangerous to experiment with Cancer. The disease is beyond the skill of physicians. S. S. S. is the only cure, because it is the only remedy which goes deep enough to reach Cancer. S. S. S. (Swift's Specific) is the only blood remedy guaranteed

Purely Vegetable.

All others contain potash and mercury, the most dangerous of minerals.

Books on Cancer and blood diseases mailed free by Swift Specific Company, Atlanta, Georgia.

ACTIVE CAMPAIGN OF BEARS

Wheat Falls Nearly Two Cents Owing to Indiscreet Purchases Which Cannot Be Sustained.

NEW YORK, May 11.—Bears made a furious attack upon the wheat market today and succeeded in promoting a vast amount of liquidation under which prices collapsed completely and closed 1⅜@1⅞ cents under the close of the previous night. The bear campaign was made easier by the fact that in early transactions of the day the bulls had secured enough advantage to make them reckless in accumulating wheat for a still further rise. At 76 9-16 cents for July, however, their buying power was exhausted, and the market began its toboggan slide, which ended at 74⅝ cents, although on the late curb there was a still further drop to 74⅜ cents for the active option. No other reason was assigned for the bear activity than the knowledge that friends of wheat had bought more than they could support under the circumstances.

NERVOUS DEPRESSION.

[A TALK WITH MRS. PINKHAM.]

A woman with the blues is a very uncomfortable person. She is illogical, unhappy and frequently hysterical.

The condition of the mind known as "the blues," nearly always, with women, results from diseased organs of generation.

It is a source of wonder that in this age of advanced medical science, any person should still believe that mere force of will and determination will overcome depressed spirits and nervousness in women. These troubles are indications of disease.

Every woman who doesn't understand her condition should write to Lynn, Mass., to Mrs. Pinkham for her advice. Her advice is thorough common sense, and is the counsel of a learned woman of great experience. Read the story of Mrs. F. S. BENNETT, Westphalia, Kansas, as told in the following letter:

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—I have suffered for over two years with falling, enlargement and ulceration of the womb, and this spring, being in such a weakened condition, caused me to flow for nearly six months. Some time ago, urged by friends, I wrote to you for advice. After using the treatment which you advised for a short time, that terrible flow stopped.

"I am now gaining strength and flesh, and have better health than I have had for the past ten years. I wish to say to all distressed, suffering women, do not suffer longer, when there is one so kind and willing to aid you."

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