

ENFORCES FOUR YEAR RULE

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HE FOLLOWS PRECEDENT OF HOLCOMB

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LINCOLN, May 31.—(Special.)—The name of Davis Rees of Norfolk has been added to the list of democratic appointments made by Governor Poynter since the first of the year. Mr. Rees will succeed C. D. Jenkins as steward of the State Asylum for the Insane at Norfolk. This appointment was held up for some time on account of there being strong influence brought to bear on the chief executive for other applicants, most of whom were populists. Mr. Rees is a strong democrat and has served in the democratic central committee. He is at present state central committeeman from Madison county.

In connection with this office, the "four-year-rule" promulgated by Governor Poynter was enforced. Mr. Jenkins was appointed steward of the Norfolk asylum four years ago by Governor Holcomb. Under the rule made by Governor Poynter all employees of state institutions who have been in office four years or more are supposed to step down and out, thereby making room for their favorites. This rule has been enforced and in others it has not.

Commissions for Cadets.

Commissions for twelve officers of the University Cadets have been made out in the governor's office and next week they will be presented to the students when they graduate. To the young and ambitious cadets these commissions appear almost valuable as the diplomas. They are printed on heavy parchment paper with the coat of arms of the state, the governor's official seal and signed by Governor Poynter, Secretary of State Porter, Adjutant General Barry and Charles Wesley, commandant and instructor of military science at the State university. The intention of the law in providing for military training at the State university is to supply the state militia with officers who have experience and military training under a military commander. Last year the various cadet officers who held these commissions supposed that in the event of war they would be called upon to enter the service, but this privilege was not taken advantage of by the governor, who appointed them as officers of the militia. To go into the volunteer regiments as officers as provided for in the commissions. The cadets who will receive commissions this year are as follows:

Captains John J. Brodie, Joel Stebbins, Otis G. Whipple, Orlo Brown, J. M. Tanner; First Lieutenants Joseph F. Boomer, Edgar H. Clark, Earl McCreery, Charles H. von Mansfeld, Charles E. Doran; Second Lieutenants G. A. Benedict and A. Hansen.

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BERTRAND, Neb., May 31.—(Special.)—Crop prospects in Phelps and Gosper counties are at present very promising, the recent rains having been followed by fine growing weather. T. Scott Brown of Osco, Ill., who was seriously injured in a runaway near this place on the 25th inst., is slightly improved, but it is feared that he recovers physically his mind will be affected. John Morrison, aged about 75, living some ten miles southeast of this place, was killed by lightning about 5 o'clock last Saturday evening. He had just left a neighbor's and was walking along the road when the bolt struck him.

Entertain the Graduates.

HASTINGS, Neb., May 31.—(Special.)—The alumni of the Hastings High school tendered a reception to the class of '99 at Elks' hall last night. There were over 100 guests present and it was a most pleasant affair. The hall was appropriately decorated with flowers. The program consisted of an interesting musical and literary program. The newly-elected officers for the alumni are: James Brown, president; Marjory Russell, vice president; Grace Bigelow, secretary; and Francis, treasurer. Refreshments were served the remainder of the evening was pleasantly passed with games and dancing.

Fish Car on Its Travels.

COLUMBUS, Neb., May 31.—(Special.)—William O'Brien, superintendent of the Nebraska Fish commission, arrived here last evening with a carload of young fish direct from the hatcheries at South Bend. He planted 500 young pike in the lower river near the confluence with the Platte, their natural tendency being to run up stream. He also planted many thousand crappies, bass and what is known as the black cored bass in the lakes and ponds near here. These fish are said to grow to a size of a pound or more and are said to be of excellent flavor. From here he goes west to stock some streams.

Burlington Graders at Work.

GERING, Neb., May 31.—(Special.)—The grading on the new Burlington branch line through this county is progressing as rapidly as could be expected, the excessive wet weather having hindered the work considerably. There is little doubt, however, that the grade will be ready to receive the iron before fall. The Union Pacific surveyors are just finishing up their line of survey through from Norfolk to Gering. The engineers who are camped here this week are engaged in the final corrections. It is reported here that the first ninety miles has been let to contractors.

Insurance Companies Consolidate.

YORK, Neb., May 31.—(Special.)—The York Mutual Benefit Life association has just made arrangements with the Industrial Mutual Life Insurance company of Lincoln, Neb., whereby the two companies are consolidated. The policies of the Lincoln company are being taken up by the York Mutual, and all business records of the Industrial Mutual have been transferred here and business to be managed by officers of the York Mutual. The York Mutual has changed its name to the Western Mutual Benefit Life association.

Fatally Kicked by a Horse.

AUBURN, Neb., May 31.—(Special.)—Charles Edwards and wife drove in from near Julian to attend Decoration day exercises and as Mr. Edwards stepped up to untie the horse from the carriage he was kicked in the stomach by one of his horses. He was taken home on a bed, but before reaching home had a spell of vomiting blood. It is not thought that he can recover.

Reception to Returned Volunteer.

TRENTON, Neb., May 31.—(Special.)—Monday night a large crowd gathered at Honey's hall and tendered a reception to Frank Jones. Mr. Jones was a member of the Third regiment and arrived home a few days ago. The reception was under the auspices of the Maccabee lodge, of which he was a member.

Injured in a Runaway.

BLAIR, Neb., May 31.—(Special.)—By a runaway accident here yesterday George Wull had a shoulder dislocated and his hip badly hurt. His two daughters were considerably bruised, but it is not thought their injuries are serious.

Baccalaureate Sermon.

EXETER, Neb., May 31.—(Special.)—The baccalaureate sermon before the Exeter High school was delivered by Rev. Gearhart in the opera house Sunday evening to an immense audience.

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WEeping Water, Neb., May 31.—(Special.)—There was a large attendance at the Memorial day exercises at Weeping Water. The program carried out in a very impressive manner. Rev. J. K. Maxfield of the Methodist Episcopal church delivered the address and it was pronounced excellent. Most of the returned soldiers of the Spanish-American War were present and many of them were seen in the audience. The graves of the soldier dead were beautifully decorated with flowers.

NORFOLK, Neb., May 31.—(Special.)—Memorial day was observed in Norfolk. The usual Memorial day services were held here. The Grand Army hall was packed with Knox county citizens to do honor to the nation's fallen heroes. After a splendid musical and literary program Mr. Conner of Pierce delivered an address, after which the old soldiers of the Spanish-American War, repaired to the cemetery to hold the memorial service and strew the graves with flowers.

STROMSBURG, Neb., May 31.—(Special.)—The memorial services were well attended. Rev. J. K. Maxfield of the Methodist Episcopal church delivered the address and it was pronounced excellent. Most of the returned soldiers of the Spanish-American War were present and many of them were seen in the audience. The graves of the soldier dead were beautifully decorated with flowers.

HEBRON, Neb., May 31.—(Special.)—The program for Memorial day observation was carried out in a very impressive manner. The program consisted of an interesting musical and literary program. The newly-elected officers for the alumni are: James Brown, president; Marjory Russell, vice president; Grace Bigelow, secretary; and Francis, treasurer.

WESTON, Neb., May 31.—(Special.)—The Memorial day program here was in charge of the old soldiers and was most fittingly carried