

VAST SUMS FOR EDUCATION

Unprecedented Generosity Shown by This Year's Contributions.

MILLIONS FOR COLLEGES AND LIBRARIES

Facts About Nebraska's School of Agriculture—Summary of State School Reports—Educational Notes.

Contributions to the support of American educational institutions have increased so rapidly during the fall months as to place the known total for 1899 far ahead of any year in the country's history.

In a statistical review for 1898 the Chicago Tribune stated that the contributions to schools and colleges had reached the "unprecedented sum" of \$12,086,150.

To make the comparison more complete, twenty-five persons last year gave \$100,000 and upwards and three persons \$1,000,000 and upwards in single donations.

Another interesting feature of public generosity has been the aid extended to libraries, and the larger part of this must be credited to Andrew Carnegie.

In the past ex-Governor Drake of Iowa has contributed over \$100,000 to the various departments of Drake University at Des Moines.

Miss Ellen Irwin of Baltimore has turned over to the Board of Trustees of the Peabody Institute \$15,000 which her sister bequeathed, and the income of which is to be used to purchase paintings to be added to the Peabody collection as a memorial to the late George C. Irwin, brother of the Misses Irwin.

James Jennings McComb of New York City, one of the founders of the Southwest Presbyterian university at Clarksville, Tenn., has given \$70,000 to the endowment fund of that institution.

D. F. Converse, a mill owner of Spartanburg, S. C., has bequeathed to the University of Nebraska \$500,000 to Converse college, an institution for the higher education of women, founded by him at Spartanburg ten years ago.

The University of Nebraska has just issued a very attractive pamphlet descriptive of the school of agriculture in the petition for a charter is altogether the most complete, practical and common-sense thing of the kind that has ever come under our observation.

It is something that no farmer's girl or boy can afford to miss. The pamphlet is charged in the petition for a charter with the school realize the fact that most farmers' sons and daughters cannot afford to spend the time and money required in the preparation for and completion of the regular college course.

It provides for the following studies: Soils, field crops, diseases of farm animals, breeding of livestock, feeding of livestock, dairying, horticulture, agriculture, engineering, carpentry and blacksmithing, insects injurious to crops, plant pests, farm accounts and English.

An explanation given in the circular of the manner in which the instruction is given shows that the student obtains much of it by means of actual practice and observation. Not that he will be expected to do the work of the farm with him he is already familiar, but such operations as stock-judging, milk-testing, creamery operations, tree-grafting, treating sick animals, etc.

No examinations are required for entrance. There is a registration fee of \$1. The cost to each student last year for room, board, books, etc., was about \$26.

Schools in North Carolina. Figures in a recent annual report of the superintendent of public instruction in North Carolina make an interesting showing of the variation in money expenditures on the schools for white children and those for negroes. The amount apportioned to white schools was \$575,441, and to negro schools, \$216,804.

On the basis of average attendance these figures show an expenditure of \$4.10 for each white pupil and of \$2.37 for each negro pupil. It has been hitherto explained that negro teachers can be hired for less money than that paid to white teachers, and this may account for part of the difference in the per capita expenditures.

At this point consists principally of about a dozen carloads of structural iron for the United States machinery building at the exposition. Materials for the installation of the educational, social and economic exhibits and a number of cases of photographs, charts, maps, etc., for the educational exhibit are also on board.

First Cargo for the Exposition. NEW YORK, Dec. 4.—The United States auxiliary cruiser Prairie has sailed from the Brooklyn navy yard for Havre, France, with the first shipment of the United States government exhibit for the Paris exposition.

The vessel will proceed to Norfolk, Va., and to Baltimore, where it will take aboard additions to its cargo and will then go direct to Havre.

MAY QUENCH ITS OWN THIRST

City Has Renewed Prospect of Owning a Water Works Plant.

SPECIAL MEETING TO CONSIDER PROJECT

City Attorney's Plan Will Be Considered Fully—The City Physician Secures Money for the Emergency Hospital.

At the council meeting yesterday afternoon Chairman Burmeister of the committee on fire, water and police made a report on the project of ownership of the waterworks. He recommended that the city attorney be directed to frame an ordinance providing for the sale of bonds to purchase or construct a waterworks plant.

The committee believed that the proper procedure by the council would be first to decide whether municipal ownership is desirable, then to appoint appraisers for condemnation of the property in view and finally to submit the whole matter to the people.

Another position was taken by Councilman Mercer, who believed that a proposal to vote a fixed amount of bonds should be submitted to the people and that upon its approval the project should be proceeded in the acquisition of a plant. The whole matter will be further discussed at a special meeting to be held on Wednesday night.

Provision for Pest House. President Bingham introduced a resolution to transfer \$2,000 from the general fund to the health fund to enable the city physician to meet any emergencies which may arise in his department. Several members thought that the resolution touched in too general terms and should provide for some specific expenditure.

Mr. Bingham said he would explain in private what disposition it was proposed to make of the money. The funds will undoubtedly be used in the maintenance of a pest house at a location not made public. The city physician admits that such a place is already established and that means are at hand to attend to all smallpox cases which may appear. The best helps remaining former emergency hospitals are the acute arguments for the present secrecy. The councilmen present were in favor of the resolution.

The fire department asked for authority to purchase a new hook and ladder truck in place of the antiquated one out of service. There was also a hose bill to be paid amounting to \$2,850. The sum of \$7,000 recently transferred to the fire fund was deemed sufficient to meet these items.

Hospitality for Fort Dodge. A resolution by Bingham was adopted to invite the city of the newly organized Illinois to this city when the Illinois Central railroad is formally opened. It was understood that the Commercial club would entertain the business men of the Iowa town on that occasion and the council believed that it should show equal hospitality to the officials.

The claim of Mrs. Elizabeth Van Brocklin for personal injuries received by a fall on a slippery Harney street sidewalk, appeared once more for settlement. The contractor had been a legal opinion who had given his provisional approval. The committee also endorsed the amount named in the compromise, \$1,000, and formal action was deferred until tonight.

F. P. Kirkendall & Co. entered protest against the payment of \$40,000 imposed on their stock by the tax commissioner, claiming that the sum of \$35,000 had been agreed upon with that official. Commissioner Sackett admitted that the increase was the result of a blunder on his own part and the valuation will be rectified.

C. F. Robertson of the legal department submitted a claim for salary due during the months of January, February and March, 1899. In the months named Mr. Robertson had held a committee clerkship in the legislature and there was doubt as to whether he was entitled to the salary. The committee was notified that Mr. Robertson had either himself performed his legal duties or had provided a substitute. Mr. Connell was instructed to bring a recommendation before the regular session tonight.

The Second Presbyterian church proposed to lease city property for the erection of a mission building. The church has been granted the privilege will be granted on reasonable terms. The heirs of Benjamin Iltner entered a petition for the return of sewer taxes paid in 1889 to the amount of \$121.10. The money was paid for the drain on Twentieth street when the Lake street frontage had already been taxed for the same purpose. The petition was favored by the controller and will come up again at the formal meeting.

TALES TOLD TO THE POLICE. Sneak Thieves Are Unusually Busy Just at Present and Numerous Complaints Are Made. The reports at the police station yesterday show that the bad men of the city did not puzzle their brains over difficult holdups or carefully thought-out burglaries during the past week. The profession has made their living by helping themselves to whatever was lying about loose and easy to steal.

H. B. Tyler complains that some one entered his hall, at 1521 Harney street, and took a bicycle. A valuable laprobe was taken from a buggy belonging to R. Lahl of the Union Stock yards, near Eleventh and Douglas streets. C. W. Henge reports the loss of an overcoat which he left hanging on a hook in a hotel near the depot.

Two ice chests were gone through Sunday night and the thieves can entertain their friends at dinner today. The chests were on the back porches at E. Skinner's, 2205 Sherman avenue, and G. W. Skinner's, next door north.

Saturday night the meat market of John Horn, 2202 South Sixteenth street, was entered through the front door, which had been left unlocked, and eight dressed chickens were stolen, besides 25 cents.

Mr. Wilson left his slot machine standing outside his news stand at 420 North Sixteenth street Saturday night, and now he is looking for it.

MAYOR WORTHY OF HIS HIRE

Law Department Points Out the City's Obligation to Its Executive During His Disability.

A special meeting of the council was called Monday afternoon to insert an item covering the mayor's salary in the appropriation ordinance.

The resolution was heard on first and second readings.

City Attorney Connell, under instructions from the council, has prepared an opinion upon the right of Mayor Moore to draw his salary during his illness and consequent absence from duty. The council, with two exceptions, was in favor of allowing the full amount at the last meeting. Objection was made on the ground of the double expense of maintaining two incumbents in the office and the matter was referred to the city attorney that the city's legal obligations might be made clear.

The city attorney gives as his opinion that the mayor is entitled to his full salary regardless of what may be allowed to the president of the council for his services as a presiding officer during the chief executive's disability.

The opinion continues: "The correctness of this position is too clear to be questioned. The salary as fixed by the charter is not a specified sum by the day or month, but is \$500 per annum. There is no provision in the present charter authorizing a deduction from the per annum salary, and when the course of legislation is followed it is manifest that no such deduction was intended by the legislature."

The original charter provides that the president of the council shall exercise the functions of mayor during the latter's absence from duty, receiving full compensation therefor, the amount to be deducted from the salary of the mayor. At the following session of the legislature in 1889 the clause was amended by a deduction from the mayor's income was stricken out and in no other respect was the section changed or amended. The will of the legislature is, therefore, clear, and I recommend that the mayor's salary be allowed in full for the month of November."

Shovels in Frozen Earth. Necessary Public Improvements Are Being Carried On in Spite of Cold Weather. The advent of cold weather finds the Department of Public Works hurrying to complete certain operations which cannot possibly be postponed until spring. Workmen are engaged in the main sewer on Fort street, and work for two weeks remains before the project can be abandoned for the winter. The drain was planned to relieve the Fort street branch of North creek for six blocks and the channel has already been dug in an additional 100 feet.

The sewer will probably be extended in the spring to North creek, depositing the water of that stream into an outlet which flows through Miller park to the north, thus relieving North Omaha of the periodic deluges following heavy rains. The trench is now fifteen feet deep, and the shovellers are able to work at the bottom with some degree of comfort.

There are several district sewers which are also being hurried to completion; one on Mason street from Thirtieth to Twenty-third street, one on Eighteenth to Twentieth, and one on Thirtieth street from the Hanson park line to Wright street. These minor operations can be completed without regard to cold weather.

There will be no further paying laid extension of the sewer until the completion of work already under way. There is one day's work still remaining on the Cuming street job, from Thirtieth-second street to Fortieth, which cannot be done under present conditions. The contractor is making a comparatively mild day to finish his task.

STRANGER IS FOUND DEAD. Young Man from Central City Betrays Fatal Ignorance of Regulating Gaslight. Ver Nelson, a young man from Central City, Neb., was found dead in his bed at the Metropolitan Hotel, Twelfth and Douglas, yesterday as a result of a gas poisoning. Nelson came to the city Sunday evening and registered at the hotel about 9 o'clock. During the evening he chatted with the hotel clerk and told him he was a member of the Nebraska volunteer regiment and was here looking for work. He paid his room bill in advance and retired about 11 o'clock.

Shortly after noon yesterday a guest came to the hotel and assigned to the vacant room occupied by Nelson. The bell boy worked the door locked and reported the matter to the hotel clerk. The clerk and the day porter forced open the door and found Nelson lying in bed dead.

The room was suffocating with gas from an open jet. Coroner Swanson was notified and took charge of the remains. An inquest will be held later.

Nelson was a man of about 25 years and had a mustache. Ten dollars in money and a gold watch were found on his person.

WARMER WAVE ON THE WAY. Present Cold Spell to Be of Short Duration, Says the Weather Clerk. At the weather bureau the information is given out that the present cold spell is to be of short duration and that it is to be followed by days of bright sunshine and a rising temperature.

The cold wave is wide in extent, extending over a greater portion of the Missouri valley and the mountain slope. Here the mercury reached a low of 10 degrees below zero, yet out in the state it was much colder. At Valentine it was 10 degrees below yesterday morning and clear. The temperature was the same at Huron, S. D.; Moorhead, Minn., and throughout a greater portion of North Dakota.

Remarkable Itesous. Mrs. Rebecca Curtiss, Plainfield, Ill., makes the statement that she was visited by a month by her family physician, but grew worse. Her doctor was a homeopathic victim of consumption and that no medicine could cure her. Her druggist suggested Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption; she bought a bottle and her illness found herself benefited from first dose. She continued its use and after taking six bottles found well and sound and her husband and own household, and is as well as ever. Free trial bottles of this Great Discovery at Kuhn & Co's drug store. Only 50 cents a bottle. Every bottle guaranteed.

Water Company's Franchise. A committee from the Labor union met with a committee from the Commercial club yesterday to discuss the proposed extension of the water company's franchise. The meeting was at the invitation of the Commercial club, which committee is preparing to oppose an extension of the franchise to the water company. The committee from the Commercial club was in possession of such definite information as was deemed necessary to accomplish something.

Personal Taxes. The committee from the Commercial club appointed recently to try to bring about greater concert of action on the part of property owners in the payment of personal taxes will meet with the city council this evening at 7 o'clock at the city hall. The findings to the meeting of the executive committee of the Commercial club an hour later. The committee consists of Messrs. Martin, Steele and White.

CITY ENJOYS GOOD HEALTH

November Mortality List is Smaller Than One Year Ago.

VERY FEW CASES OF CONTAGIOUS DISEASE

Eighty Deaths Are Reported During the Month, the Ratio Sustaining Omaha's Reputation as a Health Resort.

The report on the public health for November, showing the number and causes of deaths and the prevalence of contagious diseases is now being compiled by Assistant City Physician Ralph. According to the record Omaha still upholds its reputation as the healthiest city in the United States.

There were eighty deaths during the month, exactly the same number as for October. On an estimated population of 100,000 this indicates a death rate for the year of 6.8 to each 1,000, exactly the lowest ratio in any of the cities. The mortality rate in other cities varies from seven to twenty-five.

The month just past compares favorably with any other, when the death list numbered eighty-five. In spite of the warm weather, open to a suspicion of unseasonable mildness, there was no epidemic of any sort during the month. Last year, when the cold weather opened much earlier, there was considerably more sickness, being proof, as far as it goes, that a green Christmas and a full graveyard are not after all synonymous.

The record also shows a gratifying absence of contagious disease for the month. There is less typhoid, scarlet fever and diphtheria than for a number of years, and very few cases have resulted fatally. The total number of such cases during November was fifty-four. In the same month one year ago there were eighty-eight, a balance of thirty-four in favor of the present year. Added to this showing is the fact that the present facilities for collecting data are much more complete than ever before. A large number of cases having previously been unreported. For example, last year thirty-seven deaths were reported from typhoid fever and a total of only eighty-eight cases were reported. According to the usual death rate of that disease the city physician points out that the fatalities reported must have represented a total of over 400 cases. Physicians are supplied with postal cards for the report of all such cases and an official also gives his time to the collection of data.

FEAST FOR THE WORTHY POOR. Salvation Army Will Distribute Viands at the Barracks and is Seeking Out Deserving Ones. The Salvation Army is preparing to serve a bountiful Christmas dinner to the poor from the barracks at 1741 Capitol avenue. The contributions of food will be arranged in baskets, each containing enough for five persons. The cadets and officers are now soliciting supplies and are likewise inspecting the poorer quarters of the city with a view to seeking out the worthy poor. It is their duty to leave a thick calling for one or more baskets with each deserving family which will entitle the holders to the Christmas distribution. The canvass is being carried on with the assistance of the county officers, and donors are thus assured that their gifts will go into proper channels. Contributions of food or clothing may be sent to the barracks, where they will be cared for by Captain Stanley. On Christmas day the food will be distributed at the barracks bearing gifts for children who would otherwise find their chimney place vacant.

It Will Stop Aches, Wright's Paragon Headache and Neuralgia Cure. Try It. All Druggists, 25c. FIGHT FOR REESE'S LIBERTY. Best Legal Talent Obtainable to Be Secured to Handle the Case. INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 4.—John Mitchell, president of the United Mine Workers, returned from Illinois today. He said that legal proceedings will be begun at once looking to the release from the Fort Scott (Kan.) jail of John P. Reese, member of the executive committee. Pre-Flight Mitchell by long-distance telephone directed that the best legal firm in Kansas take charge of the case. Habeas corpus proceedings, he says, will probably be filed with Judge Williams of Fort Scott, but the final hearing will be in the United States circuit court. The mine workers' order is paying all expenses and President Mitchell has instructed that no expense be spared in securing the release of Reese.

The headquarters has also received notice of the arrest at Fort Smith, Ark., on an order issued by United States Court Judge Allen of Springfield, Ill., of a miner named Kelly, who is charged with contempt of court. President Mitchell says he suspects that Kelly was arrested on account of showing up at the mine.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Dec. 4.—R. H. Kelley, a miner, arrested at Fort Smith, Ark., was brought here by a deputy United States marshal and taken before Judge Allen, United States district court, where he was charged with violating a injunction from Judge Allen by being implicated in the riot at Carterville, Ill., last summer, in which several negro non-union miners were killed and wounded.

NO CANAL BILL THIS SESSION. Impossibility of Securing Report from Commission—One Great Difficulty. NEW YORK, Dec. 4.—A special to the Herald from Washington says: No action in the matter of pledging governmental aid for the construction of the Nicaragua canal will be taken by congress during the coming session. It is proposed by Representative Hepburn, prospective chairman of the committee on interstate and foreign commerce, to introduce his bill for the construction of the canal, but he admits that the opponents of the measure, as well as the disinclination of certain members favorable to the canal act, because of the failure of submission of the report of the Isthmian Canal commission, will prevent its passage. Rear Admiral Walker stated before his departure from Washington that in his opinion it would be impossible for the commission to submit a comprehensive statement of the canal situation before next December.

In addition any effort to press the canal measure during the coming session will meet the strenuous objections of the Panama Canal company, which has been trying to obtain from Nicaragua an extension of its concession.

CLEVELAND, O., Dec. 4.—Two motor cars collided on Wilson avenue near Woodland avenue late this afternoon, owing to an open switch. The passengers were badly shaken up, but only three persons were severely hurt. They were John Vinzell, the wheelman of one of the cars, bruised and cut and internally injured; Bruno Young, 47 Harper street, badly bruised; and Nicholas Jacobs, New Tocco street, who was bruised. They were taken to St. Vincent's hospital.

For Identifying of Cities. HARTFORD, Conn., Dec. 4.—The Municipal Art society has issued invitations to artists and architects throughout the country to attend a meeting at the Johns Hopkins university, December 13 and 14 to discuss plans for improving American cities. Responses have been received from all the large eastern cities and from Chicago and Cincinnati. Secretary Kriebel of Johns Hopkins university, California, will deliver one of the addresses.

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CAUTION—The new and improved Dr. Sanden Belt can be had only at my offices. Those sold by others are of old date, 20 years ago. Cure yourself and pay me afterwards. My little book, a guide to men, sent free sealed. Dr. F. G. SANDEN, 183 So. Clark St., Chicago, Ill.

INDIAN BREAKS A LEG. James Blackbird, an Indian from the Omaha-Winnebagos reservation, who is in the city as a witness against some parties who are accused of killing Indian in Indiana, fell and broke his leg Monday night. He was walking on Webster street between Fifteenth and Sixteenth streets when he caught his foot in the sidewalk and fell. Blackbird was at the hospital during the summer and he with several others, got an opportunity to taste a little beer which was being dispensed from what is vulgarly known as a "can." He was taken to St. Joseph's hospital in the patrol wagon, where his injured member was given attention.

Receiver for a "Brokerage" Firm. CHICAGO, Dec. 4.—On the petition of a stockholder, Judge Gibbons today appointed John F. O'Donnell receiver for the Combination Investment company, a commission and brokerage concern organized last July. It is said that large sums of money have been received from investors in various parts of the country which have been used in speculation in bucket shops. It is also charged in the petition that investors have been paid about \$25,000, purporting to have been realized on their investments, but that in reality the money was the principal advanced by other customers.

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Now How About Winter Shoes— There has been a steady flow of men all day at Drexel's shoeman's, and almost every man went out with a pair of new \$2.50 shoes—either in the box or on the winter tans—These shoes with the heavy soles make them the ideal shoe for winter wear—and the price is from 50c to \$1.00 less than it should be on the same grade of shoe. We put all our money into the making of these shoes and know the world doesn't hold their equal anywhere else for \$3.50—Now don't you want the best?

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The Cold Wave— reminds us that the holidays are at hand and we might suggest that there is no use worrying about that Christmas present you are compelled to buy—the most appropriate and one that would be appreciated would be the piano you have been promising these many months.

While you are buying buy the best—We have been selling Kimball pianos for 25 years and they have always proved satisfactory—besides we have the well known makes of Kränich & Bach—Hallett & Davis—Knabe—A. H. Hoppe and others in all the new and attractive woods and styles—Our monthly payment plan makes it easy to accomplish.

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