

NEBRASKA TEACHERS MEET

Annual Convention of the State Association
Opens at Lincoln.

MANY PEDAGOGUES ARE IN ATTENDANCE

Gathering Promises to Be the Most Important Ever Held in Nebraska
In the Furtherance of Educational Interests.

LINCOLN, Dec. 26.—(Special)—Teachers and school men from all over Nebraska began to gather by the hundreds in this city today to attend what promises to be the most important annual meeting of the State Teachers' association ever held. Nearly every county in the state is already represented and quite a number of prominent educators from surrounding states are here. Conservative estimates place the attendance at about 1,000.

The program today included a meeting of the executive committee this afternoon at the headquarters in the Lindell hotel, a meeting of the educational council at the State university and the High school debates in the High school auditorium this evening.

The former was for the purpose of completing the final arrangements for the convention. At the meeting of the educational council reports were read by the committees on graded schools, teacher training and school legislation. The debate was a contest between the High schools of Omaha, York, Beatrice, Nebraska City, Lincoln and Cranford. The question, "Resolved, That England is justified in its present action toward the Boers?"

Following the reading of the report of the committee on school legislation at the educational council there was a general discussion concerning the recent decision of the Lancaster county district court in declaring the free High school attendance law unconstitutional. The case in which this decision was rendered will be appealed to the supreme court and several members of the council advocated employing additional legal talent to assist in securing a reversal.

General Sessions.

The general sessions will begin Wednesday evening and continue Thursday evening, Friday forenoon and Friday evening, when the convention will close. All the general sessions will be held in the First Baptist church, which has a seating capacity of 2,000. The afternoons will be devoted to the various section and auxiliary association meetings, which will be held at the State university.

At the general sessions, which will be open to members of the association only, some of the best speakers in the country will be heard. On Wednesday evening Dean Charles Fordyce, president of the association, will deliver the address of welcome. Thursday evening Charles E. Thwing, LL.D., president of the Wesleyan Reserve University of Cleveland, O., will deliver an address on "The Teacher as a Force in Civilization." On Friday evening Murat Halstead will speak on "Dewey, Manila and the War." At all of the general sessions the Ottumwa quartet will furnish music. The foremost educators of Nebraska will be heard at the various section and auxiliary meetings, which will be held at the State university.

Cornell and the Weaver Act.

Auditor Cornell is still undecided as to what course he will pursue regarding the appropriations for the offices created by the Weaver act. The restoration of the insurance supervisor to the auditor will necessitate employing two or three more clerks in his office and there is strong doubt as to whether there are any funds available for their salaries. Auditor Cornell has announced that he will not touch the appropriations unless assured by some legal authority that he has a right to do so and he has intimated that he may submit the question to the supreme court to be on the safe side.

The books and records of the governor's insurance commission will probably be turned over to the auditor some time this week. All applications to that office for insurance supervision will be turned over by Mr. Bryant with the information that no office has been created, but not to the supreme court.

All state offices were closed this afternoon in respect to the late William Chapman Poynter, whose funeral was held this afternoon in Albion.

C. W. Little, recently convicted in the district court here for violating the law which makes it necessary for every one professing to treat and cure diseases to have a certificate from the State Board of Health, was denied a new trial by Judge Holmes this morning and fined \$50.

The failure of Deputy Attorney General Oldham to file a demurser in the case of the State Board of Agriculture against Auditor Cornell may result in a decision in favor of the board. The board is trying to collect appropriations for the years in which no fairs were held. Mr. Oldham explained to Judge Cornish that he had prepared the paper but had left it in his office. The supreme court has frequently held that neglect of an attorney is equivalent to neglect of the client and the Board of Agriculture proposes to apply this decision to the case now pending. The amount involved is \$4,000.

Christmas Trees at Churches.

GENEVA, N.Y., Dec. 26.—(Special)—The different churches celebrated Christmas with appropriate services and the usual carols. Saturday evening the Baptist Sunday school was treated to a tree laden with gifts. At the Methodist Episcopal church Santa Claus appeared in the cantata "Crowning Christmas" and presented the children with candy and nuts. Sunday evening sacks of candy and nuts and oranges and apples and books were distributed in Holy Trinity and a program rendered by the little ones. Monday evening there was a Christmas tree celebration at the Congregational church.

Alleged Magnetic Dealer Arrested.

DALLAS CITY, Neb., Dec. 26.—(Special)—About six days ago a man giving his name as Laughlin came from Lincoln and advertised himself as a magnetic healer. Saturday he was placed under arrest for practicing without a permit upon complaint made by a local physician. He gave bond for his appearance and the case was continued.

Christmas Day at Nelson.

NELSON, Neb., Dec. 26.—(Special)—Christmas exercises were held at the Methodist, Presbyterian and Baptist churches, and the opera house a large number of young people participated in a dance. Last Friday night a chorus of thirty voices under the direction of F. A. Scherzinger gave a cantata, which was listened to by 600 people.

Everybody in Columbus Celebrates.

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American Tobacco Dividends.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—The directors of the American Tobacco company have de-

clared the regular quarterly dividend of 2 per cent on its preferred and 1½ per cent on its common stock, payable February 1.

BRING UP FIVE MORE BODIES

Last of Victims of Great Mine Disaster Taken from the Pit.

BROWNSVILLE, Pa., Dec. 26.—The search for the head was kept up at the Brazzell mine all night, resulting in the finding of five more bodies, making twenty victims of the explosion. The bodies were so mutilated they had not been identified.

A thorough search of the mine was made this morning, but no more bodies were found, and it is now believed that the number of dead will not be increased. The work of removing the mass of wreckage in the mine began today and a careful search was made for more bodies, although the company's officials feel confident that all the men have been accounted for. They thought, however, that only thirty-six men were in the mine, but thirty-seven have been accounted for. The work of cleaning the mine to get it ready to resume will take three weeks or a month. The pumps are working all right and the water is fast being pumped out and the fans are forcing plenty of air into the mine.

Inspectors Black and Loutitt today began a thorough investigation of the cause of the accident, and the result will be submitted to the coroner.

Twelve of the victims of the explosion were buried today. The funerals were attended by every man, woman and child in Brazzell.

With sightless eyes, peering into the dark depths below, the corpse of Andrew Forber hung for three days and three nights from a beam half way up the mine shaft of the Brazzell mine. The body was fifty feet above the level of the mine, from whence it had been blown by the force of the explosion. Since the accident occurred living and dead men had been almost constantly passing within a few feet of the corpse.

The accident wreaked both caves. One was hastily repaired and operated on one side of the shaft. On the other side, within reaching distance of the cage in use, hung Forber's body, but owing to the darkness in the shaft, it was not found until today. Two other bodies, or rather pieces, were found this afternoon. They were located deep among the debris and were worse mangled than any yet found. The heads and trunks were together, but the arms, hands, legs and feet were picked up here and there and placed in the same box. They were foreigners and it was impossible to identify them. One of the rescuers today said that many of the bodies remained in the mine and he shoveled up a great pile of fragments of flesh and clothing, which it was useless to bring from the mine. With these three bodies recovered the number of dead is increased to twenty-three.

HYMENEAL.

Chalberg-Clark.

SUTTON, Neb., Dec. 26.—(Special)—At noon yesterday O. W. Chalberg and Miss Edith Clark were married at the home of the bride's parents, Dr. and Mrs. M. V. Clark, by Rev. Philip Smith. The bride has been prominent in musical and literary circles and, besides being a member of the Methodist Episcopal church choir, has taken part in amateur theatricals. She was associate editor of the Sutton Advertiser. Mr. Chalberg is owner of the grain elevator at Saronville and is a partner in the Chalberg Brothers' Grain Commission company at Kansas City. After dinner at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. Thompson, the couple left for the south on a wedding trip. They will reside at Saronville.

Bunting-Gruaugh.

Mr. Herbert E. Bunting of David City, Neb., and Miss Musetta M. Gruaugh of Omaha, were married December 25, at 8 a.m., at the South Tenth Street Methodist Episcopal church in Omaha. G. A. Luce, clergyman officiating. The church was beautifully decorated and a large number of friends and relatives were present. The bride has been a very faithful attendant and worker in all church affairs for many years and was remembered by numerous and valuable presents. She is the oldest daughter of W. J. Gruaugh, an old resident of this city. The groom is a prosperous young farmer of Butler county, where they will make their home near David City.

Craig-Campbell.

SIBLEY, Ia., Dec. 26.—(Special)—At the home of the bride's parents Messrs. R. Campbell, daughter of County Surveyor M. J. Campbell, was married to Arthur Still Craig of Des Moines, a member of the faculty of an esthetician college and editor of a journal devoted to esthetics. Rev. G. W. Barnes performed the ceremony.

Unland-Nemecek.

HUMBOLDT, Neb., Dec. 26.—(Special)—Ben Unland and Miss Minnie Nemecek, two of Humboldt's well known young people, were married at the home of the groom's father, Rev. Fred Unland, who performed the ceremony. The groom is at present in business at Lincoln, where the couple will make their home.

Kellar-Gilbert.

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Maurice-Taylor.

ARLINGTON, Mass., Dec. 26.—(Special)—Another claimant to the property left by John McClelland, the wealthy pioneer who was killed here last August, has appeared in the person of Joseph McClelland of Milbank, S. D., who says he is a nephew of the deceased.

FIRE RECORD.

NEW SUGAR MILL.

HOUSTON, Tex., Dec. 26.—(Special)—James Fluett, manager of Sugarland, Cunningham's plantation, was burned this evening with all the machinery. Loss, \$5,000, fully insured.

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ST. LOUIS, Dec. 26.—The Siegel-Hillman Dry Goods company, which operated a large department store here, today filed a deed of trust to secure all its creditors in the sum of \$200,000. The Thomas H. McKitterick of the Hargadine-McKitterick Dry Goods company, one of the heaviest creditors, was among those named. The Siegel-Hillman Dry Goods company, which is the largest creditor, is the Fourth National bank of St. Louis and the Corn Exchange National bank of New York.

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Man Suspected of Murdering Robert Ray Hamilton Goes Crazy.

RELEASED FROM JAIL IN WYOMING

Continual Brooding Over His Troubles Causes Him to Lose His Mind—Story of His Alleged Crimes.

CHEYENNE, Wyo., Dec. 26.—(Special Telegram)—John D. Sargent of New York, who was suspected of the murder of Robert Ray Hamilton, the wealthy young New York club man who was drowned in Snake River in the winter of 1885, was released from the Wyoming State Prison at Jackson, Wyo., this morning, near which place Sargent and Hamilton had established a ranch in 1881, and now stands charged with the murder of his wife and criminally assaulting his 4-year-old daughter at Jackson in March, 1887. He has been released from custody owing to his mental condition.

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After his wife died Sargent fled from Jackson, Wyo., to New York, but returned to Wyoming last summer to face the charges against him. Last October at a preliminary hearing he was bound over to the district court on the charge of murder. He brooded over his troubles so much that he was fast becoming a physical wreck and his release from jail was ordered to prevent a complete breakdown. Sargent is now in Evansville awaiting his trial, which will be held next spring. He is believed to be incurably insane.

Every Known Criminal Lawyer.

BOSTON, Dec. 26.—William B. Gale, a well known criminal lawyer, died today.

city editors of the Century dictionary and other publications, an ornithologist of worldwide reputation and published many works on that subject.

His versatility as an author was very great and his works included a number of scientific subjects. He was a member of at least fifty foreign and American scientific societies.

For a number of years he was an enthusiastic theosophist, a friend and adviser of Madame Blavatsky. After a while he lost his interest in theosophy, but he never ceased to reach out for theories and dogmas. No man in the United States probably had a wider acquaintance with men of thought the world over than Prof. Coues.

Killed Harlan Cisco during a quarrel. Cisco fatally stabbed Patton.

REPUBLICANS ALL IN LINE

Hope to Get Currency Bill Through the Senate Without Amend- ment.

No Possible Supply of Money Can Prevent Stock Exchange Panics or Periods of Money Stringency—Plenty of Gold.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—Mr. Roberts, the Mint Director, was asked today as to whether the present monetary stringency, in his opinion, signified an actual scarcity of money to meet the present requirements of trade. He said:

"No possible supply of money can prevent stock exchange panics or periods of monetary stringency, because speculation and rising prices will absorb any possible increase until the pressure for ready cash is just as great on the new alone as it was upon the old. The cry for more money is as unappeasable as the demand for more wealth. A new supply, instead of satisfying the demand, stimulates it. Men want money to buy things with—good things that they think are going higher."

"When stocks are going up we have more people wanting to buy and the demand for money increases. You cannot furnish money fast enough to meet the demand of all who would like to borrow while prices are going up, nor could all the gold and silver mines in the world together keep prices going up forever."

"A marvelous era of increasing money stocks began in 1850 and started a period of speculation, which ended with a grand world-wide smash in 1857, when even the Bank of England had to suspend payment, without any decline in production and with the mints everywhere open to both gold and silver."

"The real sequel to these reactions is in speculation on margins. These people who are crying that they have been forced to throw away their property had never paid for their holdings. They borrowed money on call to make small payments, hoping that a right turn in the market would give large profits. But in that class of operations losses come as easily as profits. That is one of the conditions of the game; when they have profits they call it prosperity, when they have losses they think the country has come to a standstill and want to know who is to blame. Nothing has happened except that they have been asked to pay what they owe."

SECRET OF Marginal Trading.

"It is impossible to do away with such speculation by any increase in the money supply. If a stock selling at \$100 per share has an advance of \$10 the investor who owns it outright makes but 10 per cent, while the speculator who has only a margin of \$10 makes 100 per cent."

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The buildings burned comprised practically all the business portion of the town on the south side of Main street, and as Fort Pierre, early this morning, experienced the most severe fire in its history. The fire started in a building owned by William Hayes and his wife, barely escaped.

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