PERRY ELECTED PRESIDENT

Doane College Executive Chosen to Preside Over Nebraska Teachers.

WINS OUT IN FIELD OF TEN CANDIDATES

Busy Day Put in by the Teachers at Their Annual Gathering—Good Lecture by an Ohio Collegian.

LINCOLN, Dec. 28.—(Special.)—President D. B. Perry of Doane college has been elected president of the Nebraska State Teachers' association. The selection was made by the nominating committee this morning after several ballots had been taken, in which votes were cast for about ten candidates. The fight that had been threatened by the friends of C. F. Beck, who was defeated last year, did not materialize. Superintendent H. K. Wolfe of South Omaha and W. K. Fowler of Blair were the favorites on the first ballot, but when it was seen that neither could get a majority vote a compromise was made in favor of President Perry, who was then nominated with little opposition. The nomination, when announced at the general session met with general approval and was at once ratified by the association. There were the usual trading and wire-pulling over the nominations, but they were finally without any unnecessary wrangling, a more harmonious feeling existing than at previous conventions.

The other officers chosen were as follows: Secretary, Miss Lucy Williams of Norfolk; treasurer, J. E. Delzell of Lexington; chairman of the executive committee, Superintendent J. D. French of Hastings; chairman of the executive council, Superintendent U. S. Conn of Wayne; members of the reading circle board, Superintendent C. A. Fulmer for the long term, and Superintendent H. F. Carson for the short term.

Morning Session.

The exercises of the morning were conducted in the First Baptist church, where all the general sessions are being held. They were opened by singing by the Ottumwa quartet. Rev. L. P. Ludden delivered the invocation, after which the Ottumwas rendered another selection. President Fordyce then introduced President X. Z. Snyder of the Colorado State normal, who talked for half an hour on "Individuality."

President Snyder is a large man with an impressive address. He stated that physics taught that man had weight; mathematics taught that he had length, breadth and thickness; while psychology taught that man had a brain and possessed individuality. He urged the development of this individuality, not only through the efforts of the teacher, but also through the influence of the home. He asked that parents make confidants of their children instead of acting as though they were beings that belonged to another world. He insisted that individuality could best be developed by proper training of the mental and physical sides of human nature. His remarks were followed with the closest attention.

At the conclusion of President Snyder's address the Cecilian club of the Lincoln High school rendered a vocal selection. The club is composed of twenty young women. Prof. H. B. Ward of the State university then read a paper on "Zoology for the Secondary Schools." His production was in part as follows:

"There was a time when the knowledge concerning zoology was confined to the reading of omens and the offering of sacrifices to angry gods. Even a zoologist is compelled to admire the native force of the Roman Dewey, who, when told that he could not fight because the chickens would not drink, replied in forcible and classical Latin, 'Throw the whole lot overboard, for by Jupiter, they've got to drink.'"

Prof. Ward argued that the present zoology deals more and more every year with the study of life, and that, therefore, many have termed it biology. The tendency of the high schools of today is to cram the pupils, to teach them too much that is immaterial to the exclusion of much that is material. In other states the study of biology is made a portion of the curriculum. Two committees on courses of study of the State Teachers' association have recommended that zoology and biology should have a place in the course of study in the secondary schools of the state. He was of the opinion that too much attention is being paid to learning from secondary sources rather than from original sources. He urged that more effort should be put forth to enable the students to glean knowledge first hand. For that reason he thought more laboratory work in the schools of the state should be encouraged.

The discussion of this paper was led by Prof. J. H. Powers of Doane college, assisted by Principal Irving S. Cutter of Beatrice and H. M. Benedict of Omaha.

Meetings of Sections.

Meetings of the various sections of the association were held this afternoon at the State university and all were well attended. Interesting papers were read and the informal discussion allowed a general interchange of ideas. Before the college section President Dowling of Creighton university spoke on the college as a preparation for a business career. Prof. G. G. Sears of Grand Island discussed the essential studies and the question as to whether ancient or modern languages should predominate in the high school was treated by John N. Bennett of Doane college. President Schell of York told what the bachelor's degree should stand for.

The High school section was addressed by Principal Bartz of Ravenna, Prof. Fling of the State university and several others; the grammar school section by Dr. Z. X. Snyder of Greeley, Colo.; J. C. Hisey of Chicago, Miss Emma Peckham of Pawnee City and Miss Rines of Crete; the primary section by Miss Cora E. Clary of Nebraska City, Miss Etta Schrack of Crete, Miss Marferding of Lincoln, Miss Kelley of Peru, Miss Anna Gilmore of Omaha and Miss Frances Gross of Blair; and the county superintendents' section by Superintendent D. G. Hopkins of Wilber, J. H. Robb of Minden, Eva J. Case of Red Cloud and E. J. Bodwell of Omaha.

A meeting for members of school boards was conducted by Rev. L. P. Ludden of the Lincoln school board.

Address by President Thwing.

President Charles F. Thwing, LL. D., of the Western Reserve university and Adelbert college of Cleveland, O., addressed the teachers in general session this evening at the First Baptist church. He spoke on "The Teacher as a Force in Civilization," and in his address he referred to some of the reasons for believing that the higher leadership of the community is passing from the church to the school and the college and from the clergymen to the instructors. He said that the church fills in the minds of the better classes a less conspicuous place than it did a score of years ago, and that the school and the college occupy a more conspicuous and important place.

"The attendance on the services of the church relating to the whole population has diminished, while the attendance at the school and the college has increased," he said. "The superintendent or director of schools in many communities has come to fill a place not unlike that which the pastor of the former generation occupied. He is the guide, philosopher, friend. His office has increased in importance and its enlarged value brings to itself men of greater power, of wider intelligence and nobler character. The pastorate is certainly not getting richer or finer personalities than twenty or thirty years ago. The head of the educational system in not a few communities is the tacitly recognized head of the community itself. More frequently is he the head than is the pastor of any individual church. The ordinary teacher, too, finds that he is something far more than a teacher of twenty years ago. He is the counselor, the companion, the general helper of his boys and girls. These youths are not simply his students; they are his boys and girls. The relation has ceased to be simple and single; it has become general and manifold."

Continuing, President Thwing said: "The causes of this change of leadership lie, on the side of the church, in the increasing commercialism of the age, and in the current unsettlement of religious doctrines, and on the side of the school and the college in the great educational revival, manifest in better school houses, better courses of study, better systems of education and richer and finer personalities in the teaching force.

"Of course there are exceptions. Of course, too, the present lack of effectiveness in the church may prove to be only temporary. Let us pray that it is only temporary. But, for the present, at least, the teacher's desk has become a more important power in the higher leadership of the community than the minister's pulpit."

Duties of the Teacher.

The speaker also paid particular attention to the duties of the teacher of the present day. He reviewed a number of reforms in the educational system and told how improvements might be made by the concerted efforts of school authorities without necessarily adding to the expense of the school. The sphere of the teacher has grown wider and the advance in all lines of education has been rapid and he thought it was time for every teacher to devote his best energies to the great and responsible work before him. President Thwing has spoken before several state teachers' associations in the west during the last few weeks and while here he expressed himself as well pleased with what he had seen in Nebraska.

The evening program was opened with a selection by the Ottumwa quartet. The divine blessing was invoked by Rev. Hindman of the First Presbyterian church and after a vocal selection by Miss Beatrix Mizer of Chicago the speaker of the evening was introduced. The program closed with another selection by the quartet.

The general session tomorrow evening will terminate the convention. Murat Halstead will be the speaker for the evening. A general meeting will be held in the morning and in the afternoon the sections will gather again at the State university.

Interscholastic Athletic Association.

The principals and superintendents of the various large towns in the state have formed an interscholastic athletic association. The board of control elected is composed of Dr. Hastings of the State university, A. A. Reed of Crete, Superintendent Laird of Fremont and Dr. Gordon of Lincoln. Dr. James T. Lees of the State university was elected arbitrator. The cities that have entered the association are: Omaha, Lincoln, Crete, Fairbury, Nebraska City, Fremont, Aurora, Edgar, Sutton, Fairfield, Wymore, Genoa, Columbus, Friend, Beatrice, Schuyler, Blair, Pawnee City, Tecumseh, Craig, Wahoo, Rising City and Red Cloud.

Judge Cornish of the district court has ruled on another of the Home for the Friendless claims, finding that John M. Osborn is entitled to $830 for services rendered for the state. Auditor Cornell rejected the claim and Osborn appealed to the district court. The auditor paid the salaries of the officers of the home, who were kept out of their places during 1897 and 1898, but refused to consider Osborn an officer, as he was simply appointed as an engineer.

At a meeting of the executive board of the Nebraska Federation of Women's Clubs the following committees were appointed: Industrial, Mrs. Harford, Omaha; household economics, Mrs. Pugh, Omaha; music, Mrs. E. H. Barbour; art, Mrs. F. M. Hall; education, Miss Hascall, Wakefield; reciprocity bureau, Mrs. A. A. Scott. Mrs. Anna L. Apperson of Tecumseh presided. An invitation to hold the state convention next October in Lincoln, extended through the Lincoln federation, was accepted.

A petition for the pardon of former State Treasurer Bartley is being circulated in this city and will be presented to the governor within the next few weeks. One of the reasons for asking a pardon is that Bartley's physical condition is very poor and that he will lose his eyesight if confined in the penitentiary much longer.

After Lang's Scalp.

A movement has been started in this city to secure the removal of Superintendent B. F. Lang of the State Institute for the Feeble Minded at Beatrice. Trouble has been brewing in this institution ever since the appointment of Lang, and Governor Poynter has been called upon several times to straighten out difficulties that have arisen there, through his mismanagement.

The present outbreak of hostilities is caused by the course pursued by Lang in discharging instructors and employes on purely personal grounds, to make room for relatives and friends. One of the most capable employes of the institution was removed to make a place for Mrs. Lang, wife of the superintendent. Other relatives have been placed on the pay roll without regard to their fitness for office. Miss Ross of this city and Miss Keating of Columbus, the latter an employe of the institution for several years, were recently removed without cause, it is asserted. The citizens of Beatrice have taken the matter up and are determined to secure a change in the administration of affairs at the institution.

Capital City Notes.

Attorney General Smyth is considering the right of Auditor Cornell to the insurance appropriations and an opinion is promised within the next few days.

Governor Poynter today appointed John Zeller of Omaha to the position of state inspector of grains to take the place of James Jones, resigned.

Wilbur F. Bryant this afternoon submitted to Governor Poynter his report of insurance business transacted in accordance with the provisions of the Weaver act. It shows that 863 certificates were issued by his department. During the same period the state auditor issued 431 certificates.

The trades unions of South Omaha have filed a protest with the adjutant general against the location of a militia company at that place. It is urged that the Omaha Guards furnish sufficient protection.

TO DETERMINE THOMPSON'S SANITY.

Missouri Pacific's Talmage Agent Now in Otoe County Jail.

NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., Dec. 28.—(Special.)—H. C. Thompson, the agent of the Missouri Pacific at Talmage, who disappeared a few days ago and later was found in Omaha, was brought here by Sheriff Brown today. The railroad company brought suit in attachment against Thompson and the Bank of Talmage to recover $200. Thompson was placed in the county jail and will be given a hearing before the Board of Insanity Commissioners.

Wymore Whist Club Reception.

WYMORE, Neb., Dec. 28.—(Special Telegram.)—The reception given last night by the Ladies' Whist club to their gentlemen friends at the home of the club's president, Mrs. Lake Bridenthal, was a success. The large parlors were artistically decorated with smilax, holly, mistletoe and roses. The ladies' prize went to Mrs. H. A. Given and the gentlemen's to Fred Litby. At a late hour luncheon was served.

Panic at an Entertainment.

BERTRAND, Neb., Dec. 28.—(Special.)—A panic occurred at a hall last night just at the close of an entertainment given by a medicine show, caused by the upsetting of a lamp on the stage. The hall was packed, and men, women and children rushed for the door. Luckily the flames were quickly extinguished and no one was seriously injured.

NEW REFORM PARTY IS BORN

Branch of the National Organization Formed in Nebraska.

NO MENTION IS MADE OF BRYAN'S NAME

Three Score Delegates at Hastings Plan to Do Entirely Without the Democrats—Executive Committee is Appointed.

HASTINGS, Neb., Dec. 28.—(Special Telegram.)—Under the banner of the union reform party over three-score delegates met at Dutton hall today and effected a state organization. The old middle-of-the-road element is behind the plan and the spirit of that branch of populism was rampant.

The convention was sprinkled with democrats, but at no time during the conference was Bryan's name mentioned.

Ordinances as fundamental law of party organization and management were adopted and channels laid out by which contributions may reach national headquarters.

The national union reform party platform was then read and adopted. A fervid discussion followed the report of the committee on plan of work, recommending the designation "union reform party." Some objected to the word "party," holding that "union reformers" would be a better name, and others wanted to cut loose from the national organization, but these were voted down.

A state executive committee was selected, composed of:

Asa Taylor of Douglas county, chairman; C. E. Bentley, L. E. Kellie, D. L. Pond and E. A. Gerrard.

On motion the committee was increased to seven and the names of W. H. Briggs and George Bischel added.

It was voted to leave the appointment of county central committees to the state executive committee. The state executive committee was also authorized to select from its own number a state chairman, state secretary and state treasurer.

The convention was called to order at 11 o'clock this morning by Asa Taylor. E. A. Gerrard of Platte county was made temporary chairman and D. L. Pond of Holt county temporary secretary. A recess was taken to allow all persons present who had not done so to sign the call, thus permitting them to vote in the convention. When the convention was again called to order L. E. Kellie of Kearney was elected assistant secretary. After explanatory remarks by Taylor this committee of five was appointed on plan of work: Taylor, Pond, C. E. Bentley of Lancaster, H. W. Biggs of Madison and L. E. Kellie of Kearney. A second recess was then taken until 2 o'clock p. m. At the afternoon session about sixty were present. The first business taken up was the report of the committee on plan of work. The committee reported as follows:

Laws of Party Organization.

That in order to retain the permanent management and control of the party organization by the whole membership of the party, unaffected by the interests of those in public service, it is necessary at the outset of its organization to establish these ordinances as fundamental law of party organization and management.

First—No person holding any office or position of profit, trust or emolument under the federal, state, county or other government shall be eligible to sit or vote in any convention or conference of this party.

Second—No such person shall be eligible to an appointment as an officer in the party management, to be on any committee of the party or be in any way connected with the management of the party, other than as an individual voter in the management of the party when taken by a referendum vote.

Third—No chairman of any conference or convention of this party shall be allowed to appoint any committee or officer without the final and confirming vote of the conference or convention. Should the committee or other officer appointed by the chairman be rejected by a vote of the conference or convention, then that committee or officer shall be nominated and elected by the conference or convention itself.

Fourth—No person shall receive a second-term nomination for office in any convention of the Union Reform party unless he shall receive a three-fourths vote on the first ballot. Should such person not receive a three-fourths vote, then his name shall not again be presented to that convention for that office, nor shall he ever be renominated for that office unless he shall receive the required three-fourths vote.

Fifth—Union Reform party clubs shall be organized as rapidly as possible in each voting precinct. Questions of party management, platform building, nominations for officers and similar questions shall be submitted by the various executive committees of the party to the clubs in the state, county, township or other subdivision being interested therein.

How Members Will Vote.

Sixth—Each club shall keep the different headquarters informed as to its number of members and when any question is to be submitted for a referendum vote printed slips shall be sent to each club, one for each member, containing all propositions to be voted upon with space for his vote, yes or no, after each proposition.

Seventh—There shall also be one extra ballot sent to each organization, on which the president and secretary will verify the total vote for and against each proposition and forward the same to the next highest headquarters, the totals of all affiliating clubs added and these totals sent on to the next highest headquarters and so on.

Eighth—Each club shall have the right to propose questions for a vote on party management, platform, etc.

Ninth—When nominations for officers are to be made for party management or for public office one ballot shall be sent to each club. It shall contain the names of all the offices to be filled and the necessary blank spaces in which to write the names of the persons which each club may decide to place in nomination, also a blank space for each club to insert the total number of its membership. When these ballots are properly filled out they shall be returned to the proper headquarters. The names which have thus been nominated shall be printed on the ballot, with the number of votes cast in nominating each, and sent out to each club, one for each member and one extra as before. The vote shall be taken and be stated in the official ballot of each club as to their choice—first, second, third and so on through the list of candidates for each office.

Money for Referendum Votes.

Tenth—When each club is organized it shall send in to the state headquarters 25 cents per member and 5 cents per member thereafter at the time of taking each referendum vote, to pay the expenses of taking the votes and of organization work, one-fifth of which shall go to the national headquarters. A similar arrangement shall be adopted where a referendum vote is taken in a congressional, county or other division, smaller than the state, and the same percentage shall be sent in to the state fund.

Eleventh—These clubs shall meet once each quarter or on call, as votes are to be taken or there is business to transact.

ONE RANCHMAN SHOOTS ANOTHER.

Joseph Kime Inflicts a Mortal Wound Upon C. E. Clough.

ALLIANCE, Neb., Dec. 28.—(Special Telegram.)—Joseph Kime and C. E. Clough, two prominent ranchmen living not far from this place, had a quarrel today and as a result Clough lies in a precarious condition with a wound in his neck fired from a revolver in the hands of Kime. Kime has been placed under arrest. Details of the tragedy are difficult to obtain, but it is known that the two men came to words over some ranch affairs and that during the altercation Kime drew his gun and fired, the bullet taking effect in Clough's neck, inflicting a mortal wound. Clough fell to the ground and was taken later to his home, where everything possible was done to relieve him. He cannot recover. Both Kime and Clough are prominent in this locality and are over 60 years of age.

First Snow for These Towns.

GOTHENBURG, Neb., Dec. 28.—(Special.)—Snow began falling here Tuesday night and continued most of the day and at present there are about two inches on the level. This is the first snow of the season and unless it is followed by more, the cattle will still be able to feed upon the prairies. The cattlemen say that the fall and winter have been the best for stock in years.

RED CLOUD, Neb., Dec. 28.—(Special.)—About two inches of snow fell here Tuesday night, the first of the season in this locality. It is still snowing lightly.

BERTRAND, Neb., Dec. 28.—(Special.)—The first snow of the season fell Tuesday night. Merchants who stocked up heavily with winter clothing have had a light trade in that line, owing to the mild weather which had heretofore prevailed.

Restaurant Man Under Arrest.

STRATTON, Neb., Dec. 28.—(Special Telegram.)—Frank Watson, a restaurant man of this village, was arrested this morning on complaint of Mary Gunder, charging him with selling liquor without a license. The trial will occur next Saturday before Judge Shurtleff at Trenton. Twenty witnesses have been subpoenaed.

York's High School Athletic Club.

YORK, Neb., Dec. 28.—(Special.)—The York High school will give a minstrel show January 2, the proceeds to be used in building up its athletic association for next year. The school's foot ball team, it is believed, would have added to its string of victories of the past season, had funds been more plentiful.

Victim of Mysterious Assault.

NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., Dec. 28.—(Special.)—Warren Andrews, a well-known citizen, was assaulted while on his way home last night and seriously injured. He was struck with a blunt instrument, causing a fracture of the skull. His recovery is doubtful.

Short Session of Court.

SIDNEY, Neb., Dec. 28.—(Special Telegram.)—Judge Grimes held a brief adjourned session of the October term here today and rendered judgment in several equity cases.

EVENING'S ENTERTAINMENTS

Omaha Guards and Their Women Friends Are the Guests of the Creighton Orpheum.

Through the courtesy of Manager Jacob Rosenthal the Creighton-Orpheum was thrown open for the benefit of the Omaha Guards Thursday night and members of the popular organization in full uniform with their women friends occupied seats in the center parquet and enjoyed the attractive bill afforded by the house. In honor of the presence of the soldiers, stacked arms and accoutrements were placed at either side of the stage, flags were draped around the boxes and holly wreaths placed effectively amidst the national colors around the balcony. It was a large and brilliant audience and it seemed the actors were on their mettle to give a more than usually meritorious performance, for everything passed off with vim and force.

One of the good things of the evening was the violin solo by Franz Adelmann. He played Schubert's serenade extremely well and the audience gave him such a glad hand that he was forced to play it over again. Manager Rosenthal and his assistants did everything in their power to make the visit of the organization a pleasant one and all seemed to have a very good time. Sergeant James Allen, assisted by Messrs. George W. Done and Dan Dunham, made all arrangements for the affair outside the theater and the successful outcome reflects credit on their good management.

North Omaha Pleasure Club Dance.

At Thurston Rifles armory Thursday night the North Omaha Pleasure club gave the first of a series of dances which was a delightfully informal party attended by about seventy couples. Rohre's orchestra made the music, which was dance-compelling, and the young people present were there for no other purpose than to have a good time and they had it without a doubt.

There were eighteen dances on the program and two extras, but several encores were demanded, which made the program yet longer. Al Mohr was master of ceremonies. The committee on arrangements was: F. Brown, Dan Hegarty and Pat Leary; reception, L. Shannon, J. Gardiner and L. Shannon; floor, S. Knapp, T. Falconer, B. Smith, H. Leary, A. Woodruff and C. A. Granden. T. Connors had charge of the door and Chris Backus of the cloak room.

THE CUDAHY-COWIN WEDDING

Ceremony Performed at Noon in St. John's Church—Take a European Trip.

At high noon yesterday occurred the wedding of Miss Edna Cowin, daughter of General and Mrs. J. C. Cowin, and Mr. John P. Cudahy, son of Mr. Michael Cudahy of Chicago. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Father Bronsgeest at St. John's church, which was filled to its utmost capacity by admiring friends and relatives.

The maid of honor was Miss Tyler of Connecticut. Miss Sallie Tyler, Miss Cudahy and Miss Clara Cudahy of Chicago and Miss Gertrude Kountze attended the bride. The ushers were Mr. Cudahy, Mr. Edward Cudahy, Mr. Cummings and Mr. McCune, all of Chicago.

After the impressive ceremony a reception was held at the home of the bride's parents, which was elaborately adorned with holiday greens and the bride's favorite flowers, pink roses.

At 3 o'clock Mr. and Mrs. Cudahy left for an extended European trip.

They will make their home in Kansas City, where Mr. Cudahy is manager of one of the Cudahy packing houses. Miss Cowin is the beautiful and accomplished daughter of one of the oldest families of Omaha. Since her debut into society two winters ago she has been one of the most popular belles of the social realm. Her go-away gown was an elegant gray venetian cloth with hat of mink and violets.

THE REALTY MARKET.

INSTRUMENTS placed on record Thursday, December 28, 1899:

Warranty Deeds.

Alex Thom and wife to John Wilson, lot 1, block 5, Horbach's 2d add	$ 5,000
John Wilson et al to Alex Thom; same	5,000
I. M. Vore to W. McCraith, lots 9 and 10, block 8, Hammond Place	500
Thomas Hector and wife to same, lot 18, Park View	650
Western Cold Storage Co. to T. C. Kennedy, part lo. 4, block "C," Omaha	6,500
Anglo-American Mortgage and Trust Co. to Ernest Swert, lot 3, block 3, Monmouth park	400
Jacob Dworak and wife to Mary Hop, lot 10, block 3, Dworak's add	700
W. G. Clark, trustee, to I. M. Withrow, w 96 feet of lot 21 and w 96 feet of n 38 feet of lot 22, Himebaugh Place	1,500
Aaron Cahn to W. P. Vandervoort, lots 1 and 2, block 12, Highland Place	3,800

Quit Claim Deeds.

Mary Klavka to Anna Klvaka, lot 6, block 108, South Omaha	1
P. A. English and wife to T. C. Kennedy, part lot 4, block "C," Omaha	1
A. E. English and wife to same, same	1
A. D. Tower to Kingman Implement company, lots 3 and 4, block 133, Omaha	1
Harrison Wirick and wife to Lydia Sevcke, n 25 feet lots 19 and 20, block 3, Union Place	1

Deeds.

Sheriff to E. T. Sherman, lot 3, Pratt's subdiv in Millard & C's add	1,200
Sheriff to C. H. Briggs, lots 3, 5 to 8, block 12, and lot 24, block 2, Brigg's Place	1,800
Frank Thompson, executor, et al to Lydia Sevcke, n 25 feet lot 20, block 3, Union Place	500
Total amount of transfers	$27,565

TANNER IS NOT A CANDIDATE

Governor Explodes a Bombshell at Republican Love Feast at Springfield.

SEVERELY ARRAIGNS THE NEWSPAPERS

Pays His Respects to Senator Cullom—Lively Scramble Among Other Candidates—Judge Haney Probably in Lead.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Dec. 28.—At a gathering of Illinois republicans for their annual love feast, a bombshell was exploded this afternoon by the declaration of Governor John R. Tanner that he was not a candidate for re-election. This declaration was made at a special meeting of the governor's political friends called by himself. He said:

"I have not been a candidate for governor from the time I entered office, and I am not now a candidate for re-election."

Prefacing this declaration, Governor Tanner made a tart speech arraigning the newspapers, which have criticised his course. The governor said:

"My old-time friend, Senator Cullom, has said at divers times that my renomination would not only endanger the electoral ticket, but result in the election of a democrat to succeed him in the United States senate. It is not my desire that a democrat should succeed my friend Shelby McCullom. I am told my candidacy will result in the defeat and overthrow of many of my friends locally and in some instances I am led to believe that it is true. I love my party first and my friends second. High above personal ambition and political ambition I shall never interfere with republican success in Illinois or elsewhere."

Although Governor Tanner's action is construed by some as leaving him open to accept the nomination, should it be offered him in the future, the friends of the other candidates are making the most of his declination.

The fight is lively between Haney, Reeves and Yates, with Judge Haney probably in the lead at present. Further developments may appear at the meeting tomorrow.

Size doesn't indicate quality. Beware of counterfeit and worthless salve offered for DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. DeWitt's is the only original. An infallible cure for piles and all skin diseases.

WOULD EJECT A WHOLE TOWN

Papers Served on Residents of North Chamberlain, S. D.—Chapter in an Old Fight.

CHAMBERLAIN, S. D., Dec. 28.—Ejectment papers issued by the federal court at Sioux Falls have been served on all the townsite claimants on the tract known as North Chamberlain under the direction of counsel for the homestead claimant, Captain H. J. King. The townsiters are given thirty days in which to show cause why they should not vacate. The dispute dates back to 1885, when the Snow Creek reservation was thrown open by President Arthur. The townsiters declare that it will be carried to the court of last resort before they will vacate.

SOUTH DAKOTA PRAIRIE FIRE

Houses and Barns of Farmers, Several Indian Buildings and Much Hay Destroyed.

WILMOT, S. D., Dec. 28.—A disastrous prairie fire four miles north of here destroyed the houses and barns of William Nagle and John Inglert, farmers; several Indian buildings and about 1,000 tons of hay belonging to farmers. The loss of the hay is most serious, as feed was already scarce and it was depended on to winter the stock. The fire started from sparks from a burning barn belonging to Horace Greeley, an Indian. No lives are reported lost.

Progress of the Fire.

ABERDEEN, S. D., Dec. 28.—(Special.)—Reports of the damage done by the big prairie fire come in very slowly. The fire started Friday near Thule, N. D., and burned slowly until the gale of Saturday came up, when it swept south at a rapid rate, not stopping until it reached the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul tracks a few miles west of this city. Leola had a narrow escape, as the fire came within two miles of town and greatly alarmed the people, who feared a repetition of the memorable fire which wiped out almost the entire community a few years ago. Rev. George B. Reid's place, about three miles from Leola, was burned over and his barn with grain, hay and several head of live stock destroyed. Another farmer lost 1,300 bushels of wheat, all his hay and farm machinery, only his house being saved. The district is quite remote from railroads and few reports of personal losses have come in as yet. The burned tract is from five to fifteen miles wide and fifty miles long.

Big Mining Deals.

DEADWOOD, S. D., Dec. 28.—(Special Telegram.)—J. S. Tucker and H. L. Shepherd, two of the most influential mining brokers of Colorado Springs, arrived in Deadwood today. A number of large mining deals in the phonolite district are pending. The announcement of the organization of the Magnolia Mining company, composed of local and Colorado Springs capitalists, was made today. It will operate in the phonolite belt, near the old Ironsides mine.

Killed by a Train.

YANKTON, S. D., Dec. 28.—(Special Telegram.)—Miss Anna Johnson, a young woman living with relatives in the outskirts of the city, was run down and instantly killed by engine No. 94 of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railroad. Both feet were cut off and the body otherwise mangled. The young woman was backing up on a switch upon which she was walking to town.

Mrs. Eddy Makes a Material Present.

LEAD, S. D., Dec. 28.—(Special.)—Mrs. Mary Baker Eddy of Boston, founder of Christian Science, has given her son, George Glover of this city, a Christmas present, consisting of a check for $10,000 and a clear title to a $15,000 dwelling house, one of the best residences in the Black Hills.

Hail Insurance Company Fails.

FARGO, N. D., Dec. 28.—The Red River Valley Mutual Hail Insurance company of Wahpeton was closed today. The company's liabilities are over $50,000 and assets $8,000.

South Dakota News Notes.

A new church has been completed at Delmont.

A new 15,000-bushel grain elevator will be erected at Strandberg.

The Viborg co-operative creamery will resume operations January 1.

Yankton county taxpayers are agitating the construction of a new court house.

A new jail has been completed at St. Lawrence and now the officers are looking for some one to put into it.

At Vermillion the Milwaukee Railroad company received during the present year for freight over $10,000 more than during 1898.

The Parker Masons are preparing to give an entertainment about January 10, including a program and banquet, at the Masonic hall, to be concluded with a ball.

After waiting nearly a month, the members of the band of the State university at Vermillion have received their new uniforms, which somewhat resemble the cadet uniforms.

A delinquent taxpayer of Brookings county sent the board a communication, in which he stated that he was willing to compromise a $50 claim by paying $10 in cash and turning in to the county an old buggy which he declared was not mortgaged, the buggy and cash to be considered full payment.

WILL OF LATE JOHN I. BLAIR

Offered for Probate at Belvidere, N. J.—Executed March 5, 1878—Son Named as Executor.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—The will of the late John I. Blair was offered for probate in the surrogate's office at Belvidere, N. J., today by his only surviving child, Dewitt C. Blair. The document is very long and characteristic of the man in many ways.

It is executed on March 5, 1878, when Mr. Blair was 76 years old, contains no codicils and so far as known is the only will he ever executed. To his wife, who was living when the will was made, he gave an annuity and the use of the homestead in which she had always lived. He bequeathed to her his horses and carriages and provided for their maintenance.

A large number of small bequests and trusts are made to various friends and connections, many of which have lapsed by death. Mr. Blair also remembered the two churches in Blairstown—the First Presbyterian church, which he attended, as well as the Methodist Episcopal church. He provided also for a certain number of bonds to be set aside for the benefit of the church at Oxford, where his parents are buried.

Both of Mr. Blair's daughters died many years ago, but in his will he makes liberal provision for their children. His daughter, who married Charles Scribner, the publisher, left five children at her death, to whom a large amount of stocks and bonds is left for life, their children ultimately to receive the principal.

Provision is also made for Clarence B. Mitchell, son of Clarence G. Mitchell, who married Mr. Blair's youngest daughter.

All of these securities are enumerated in detail in the text of the will. Their value is difficult to determine, as most of them are not quoted today, but in all probability would amount to several millions. All the remainder of the estate, real and personal, of whatsoever character and wheresoever it may be situated, is devised and bequeathed to Dewitt C. Blair, his heirs and assigns forever.

D. C. Blair is also named as sole executor and trustee and in both capacities vested with the fullest powers.

HYMENEAL.

Former Senator Faulkner's Daughter.

MARTINSBURG, W. Va., Dec. 28.—Boydsville, the ancestral home of the Faulkners, was the scene of a brilliant wedding tonight, when Miss Jeane Wynn Faulkner, daughter of former United States Senator Charles Faulkner, became the bride of Dr. William White of Nashville, Tenn. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Woody of the First Presbyterian church, assisted by Rev. Dewitt Talmage of Washington. Mr. and Mrs. White will spend their honeymoon in the south. They will reside in Nashville.

Rev. Gunderson's Day to Marry.

MITCHELL, S. D., Dec. 28.—(Special.)—Rev. Harry Gunderson, pastor of the Baptist church, and Miss Blanche Turneaure, who has been teaching school at Alexandria, were married. Soon afterward Rev. Gunderson was called to Hartford, where he performed the ceremony that made Frank Mayes and Miss Lois Kingsbury one. Mr. Mayes is now conducting a daily paper at Pensacola, Fla. He was formerly editor of the Mitchell Gazette.

FIRE RECORD.

Dry Goods Scorched.

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 28.—The three-story building on Washington street occupied by Brosnan Bros., dry goods, was destroyed by fire today. Loss, $65,000; covered by insurance.

Looking for Puerto Rico Trade.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—The Merchants' association of this city has begun correspondence with representatives of commercial bodies in Boston, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Chicago and St. Louis, with a view to securing one or more delegates from each of such cities to join a delegation in New York for the purpose of visiting the island of Puerto Rico and making a personal inspection of the conditions there and of ascertaining what opportunities there are for American manufacturers. It is proposed to leave here next month or early in February.

FORECAST OF THE WEATHER

Fair and Cold Friday with Variable Winds, Mostly North to East, in Nebraska.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—Forecast for Friday and Saturday:

For Nebraska—Fair and cold Friday; Saturday fair, not so cold; variable winds, mostly north to east.

For Iowa—Fair; continued cold Friday; Saturday fair, not so cold in western and central portions; west to north winds, becoming variable.

For Missouri—Fair, continued cold Friday; Saturday fair; west to north winds, becoming variable.

For South Dakota—Fair, continued cold Friday; Saturday fair in eastern, probably snow in western portion; not so cold; variable winds, mostly northerly.

For Kansas—Generally fair Friday and Saturday; variable winds.

Local Record.

OFFICE OF THE WEATHER BUREAU, OMAHA, Dec. 28.—Omaha record of temperature and precipitation compared with the corresponding day of the last three years:

	1899.	1898.	1897.	1896.
Maximum temperature	18	48	35	56
Minimum temperature	6	28	21	41
Average temperature	12	38	28	48
Precipitation	.00	.00	.01	.00

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

Normal for the day	24
Deficiency for the day	12
Accumulated excess since March 1	283
Normal rainfall for the day	.03 inch
Deficiency for the day	.03 inch
Total rainfall since March 1	25.96 inches
Deficiency since March 1	4.16 inches
Deficiency for cor. period, 1898	3.00 inches
Deficiency for cor. period, 1897	10.33 inches

Report from stations at 8 p. m.

STATIONS AND STATE OF WEATHER.	Temperature at 8 p. m.	Maximum temperature	Precipitation
Omaha, clear	16	18	.00
North Platte, cloudy	16	18	.01
Salt Lake, clear	30	40	.00
Cheyenne, clear	38	48	.00
Rapid City, clear	12	16	T
Huron, clear	4	10	T
Williston, partly cloudy	-4	—	.00
Chicago, clear	12	24	.00
St. Louis, clear	20	24	.00
St. Paul, clear	4	8	.00
Davenport, clear	14	18	.00
Helena, cloudy	10	11	T
Kansas City, cloudy	18	22	.00
Havre, cloudy	14	16	.00
Bismarck, clear	-4	2	.00
Galveston, cloudy	50	56	.01

T indicates trace of precipitation.

LUTIUS A. WELSH,
Local Forecast Official.

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Story Is the Same as From Other Sources

Lots of Money Spent but no Returns Have Been Received.

The people in Omaha willingly add their evidence to that which has already been given in favor of Morrow's Kid-ne-oids, the best remedy that has ever been sold in this city for backache, kidney and urinary disorders, sleeplessness and nervousness. Our druggists report wonderful cures and state that Kid-ne-oids are daily increasing in the opinion of our people. Kid-ne-oids act directly upon the kidneys and nerves and restore them to their natural condition. Good kidneys make good blood, good blood makes strong nerves, Kid-ne-oids make good kidneys and strong nerves.

Mr. R. C. Tunkey, 1802 Miami St., says:—"I have suffered for several years with kidney backache. I had spells of severe backaches, nervousness and could not sleep well at night, and also had urinary disturbances of an annoying nature. I took Morrow's Kid-ne-oids according to directions, and I was greatly relieved of all my former troubles. I intend to continue the use of Kid-ne-oids and have no doubt of a complete cure being effected."

Morrow's Kid-ne-oids are not pills, but Yellow Tablets and sell at fifty cents a box at all drug stores and at Myers-Dillon drug store.

Mailed on receipt of price. Manufactured by John Morrow & Co., Chemists, Springfield, Ohio.

When others can consult

DOCTOR