

CHANGE BAD FOR SCHOOLS

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THREE-YEAR CONTRACTS ADVISABLE

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(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, April 10.—(Special.)—Superintendent Fowler declares that he is in favor of longer terms for district school superintendents throughout the state. He says:

"The election of a superintendent for a term of three years tends to make the profession of teaching more desirable, because less precarious, and therefore retains in the profession the services of the most competent persons, and in my opinion the legislature very wisely left the matter to the sound discretion of the board. It may be urged that in some instances the authority to employ a superintendent for two or three years may be used to forestall the action of the newly elected members or to defeat the will of the people, but since only one-third of the members go out at a time, the danger is not very great when compared with the advantages. Every property to employ a superintendent is liable to abuse. Official integrity of public officers is properly presumed. A desire on their part for the prosperity of the schools whose affairs they manage and a proper regard for the rights and opinions of the incoming members of the board can in most cases be relied upon with confidence."

Death of Old Residents.

John D. Macfarland, for many years one of the leading business men of this city, died this morning at his home in Los Angeles, Cal. The only information regarding the end came in a telegram to a relative, which said that he had died after a week's illness and that the funeral would be Monday.

Mr. Macfarland leaves a widow and five children, only three of whom, Miss Jessie and Ruth and Jack C., are deceased. Frank P. Macfarland, a son by a deceased wife, is a resident of Philadelphia, and another daughter is Mrs. Ralph Douglas of St. Joseph.

Mrs. Macfarland was formerly Miss Nannie Cobb, daughter of Judge Amasa Cobb, who is now a resident of and practicing law in Los Angeles.

Mr. Macfarland was very widely known in Nebraska, of which he had been an active and influential citizen for thirty-five years. He was born in Frank county, Pennsylvania, October 22, 1846. At the age of 17 he enlisted in Company D of the Twenty-second Pennsylvania cavalry and served until the end of the war. In 1867 he came to Nebraska, locating at Brownville, where he was employed in the United States land office. In 1870 he went to Beatrice, where in 1871 he became land commissioner of the Burlington land department. In 1879 he was made land commissioner of the road, a position he held until he resigned, November 1, 1900, to become president of the First National bank, to succeed John R. Clark, deceased. He was at the head of the bank until July 1, 1892, when he resigned and left for Europe. After his return he became receiver of the Capital National bank, a position that he did not long retain. He went again to Europe on a trip and since then has devoted his attention to private affairs.

He married Miss Nannie Cobb in Lincoln October 22, 1878. They lived for a number of years in the splendid mansion at Fourteenth and Q streets. About a year and a half ago they removed to California, where Mr. Macfarland had considerable property interests.

Death Due to Own Carelessness. HUMBOLDT, Neb., April 9.—(Special.)—Coroner Wells came up from the county seat last night and, after inspecting the jury, held an inquest over the body of David Corbush, the colored boy killed in a freight car in the Humboldt yards yesterday. The jury found that the deceased came to his death as the result of his own carelessness and exonerated the railroad company and the men from all blame. The body was shipped to St. Joseph to the boy's mother this afternoon.

Alliance Lighting Plant Sold. ALLIANCE, Neb., April 10.—(Special.)—The property in this city of the Alliance Electric Light and Power company was sold at public sale Monday to R. M. Hampton, cashier of the First National bank, by W. D. Rumer, receiver, for \$1,000, Hampton assuming all liabilities of the firm. This transfer means an up-to-date lighting system for this city.

Mayor and Firemen Still at Odds. BEATRICE, Neb., April 9.—(Special.)—The question of a new fire chief for this city has not yet been settled. Mayor Norcross refuses to confirm J. T. Walker on account of his physical condition, and the firemen refuse to elect him. The fire department met last night in regular session, but no action was taken in the matter.

Columbus May Get Free Mail Delivery. COLUMBUS, Neb., April 10.—(Special.)—The receipts of the Columbus postoffice for the year ending April 1 passed the \$10,000 mark entitling the city upon petition to a free letter carrier service provided the houses are numbered and the sidewalks pass the required inspection.

Peters Appeals to Supreme Court. PLATTSBOUTH, Neb., April 10.—(Special.)—The case of the State ex rel and George Peters against Sheriff J. D. McBride has been appealed to the supreme court. At the March term of district court Judge

Paul Jensen refused to grant a writ of habeas corpus and Peters is detained in the Cass county jail, pending the payment of the balance of the judgment of \$1,800 secured by Miss Killiam in 1897 for the support of her child.

DIES BY HER OWN HAND

ST. PAUL, Neb., April 10.—(Special.)—Mrs. A. D. Baird, living seven miles east of here, committed suicide Tuesday by shooting herself through the head with a rifle. Dependency on account of ill health is thought to be the cause of the act. She was 35 years of age and leaves a husband and seven children.

Penny in Slot Telephones for York. YORK, Neb., April 10.—(Special.)—There has been recently granted two telephone companies franchise permitting operations in York, at last night's meeting of the city council Messrs. Owen and Clark of this city introduced an ordinance granting them a franchise to put 1,000 telephones in the city of York. These instruments will be operated in a different manner from the Nebraska Telephone company. Customers are to pay as they use the telephone by dropping a penny in a slot. The York County Farmers' Telephone company has put in its poles and is stretching its wire, and York will soon be connected with another large local telephone company.

Would Enjoin City's Action. BEATRICE, Neb., April 10.—(Special Telegram.)—A peculiar case was filed in district court here today, which is John M. Hurst against Mayor Dodds, city clerk, and the city council of Wyomere. The motion is to enjoin the defendants from publishing an ordinance passed by the council of that town yesterday which transfers certain property from the second ward in said city to the first ward in order that the requisite number of freeholders' names may be obtained on a petition for a saloon license. The suit is the outgrowth of a fight over the license question that has been in Wyomere the last few days.

Alleged Fence Breakers Bound Over. WEST POINT, Neb., April 10.—(Special.)—The two farmers, George Hoy and A. N. Hank, who are accused of breaking fences and opening an old black road for passageway, were arraigned in Judge Crellin's court yesterday on charge of venue. The trial developed an offense beyond the jurisdiction of a justice of the peace and the defendants were examined for probable cause. After a lengthy hearing the defendants were bound over to the district court for trial. They gave bonds for their appearance.

Faithful Lunatic Gives Himself Up. FAIRBURY, Neb., April 10.—(Special.)—County Attorney Denney was visited today by a man who alleged to have escaped some time ago from the hospital for insane at Lincoln. He said he had been living at Nelson, Neb., but preferred the asylum as a residence. A telephone message from the hospital verified his statements as to the escape from that institution and he will be sent to his former ward. He said his name was Saylor.

G. A. R. Campfire at Plattsmouth. PLATTSBOUTH, Neb., April 10.—(Special.)—McCook post, No. 45, Grand Army of the Republic, of this city held a campfire here last evening in commemoration of the surrender of General Lee at Appomattox. Hon. S. M. Chapman, post commander, presided. Colonel T. J. Majors of Peru, H. C. Russell of Schuyler, Adjutant General E. M. Kinser and John Butler of Omaha were among the speakers.

Sappy County Mortgage Record. PAPILLION, Neb., April 10.—(Special.)—The following is the record of mortgages filed and recorded in Sappy county during the month of March: Farm mortgages filed, \$66,165.15; farm mortgages released, \$64,285.87; town mortgages filed, \$985; town mortgages released, \$2,000; chattel mortgages filed, \$10,449.24; chattel mortgages released, \$5,352.92.

Celebrate Appomattox Surrender. OSCEOLA, Neb., April 10.—(Special.)—J. F. Reynolds post No. 56 Grand Army of the Republic, celebrated the anniversary of the surrender at Appomattox last evening at the Grand Army of the Republic hall. There was a large number of old soldiers present, including some of their families and friends.

Rain at Papillion. PAPILLION, Neb., April 10.—(Special.)—A welcome rain began to fall in this vicinity this morning and continued until nearly noon. The moisture was badly needed for farm and garden truck, as the ground was getting hard and dry.

Beatrice Gets Light Rain. BEATRICE, Neb., April 10.—(Special.)—A drizzling rain set in here today and prospects are favorable for a good soaking. As wheat is nearing maturity badly, a good rain would be of great benefit to the crop in this section.

Elks Entertain at Beatrice. BEATRICE, Neb., April 10.—(Special.)—The Elks gave a ball-dress party at their club room in this city last night, which was largely attended.

Rainfall at Geneva. GENEVA, Neb., April 10.—(Special.)—A much needed rain fell this morning. Wheat and gardens were greatly in need of moisture.

Hardware Dealers Elect Officers. ST. LOUIS, April 10.—The Heavy Hardware Dealers' National Union has closed its session by electing J. A. Brown of St. Paul president and W. C. Gross of Chicago secretary-treasurer. Robert E. Bier of St. Louis was made chairman of the executive committee. Henry Zeifield, E. B. Bonwell and P. Van Camp are the new vice presidents.

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Bennett's Dry Goods Dept. Main Floor. A Great Lace Exposition and a Lucky Circumstance. We have just been so fortunate as to secure a manufacturer's entire clean up in laces and embroideries. Men's 5,000 yards fine embroideries on sale Friday \$c to 75c values, at 1c per yard.

Bennett's Art and Picture Dept. There's mental uplift in a walk through it. We are never done hanging new gems of the easel. Bring your pictures to our Art Department for framing. Our work is first-class; our prices the lowest.

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Bennett's Good Clothing Spring Styles for Boys. LADIES are requested to examine our new and genuine Peter Thompson sailor suits for boys. Ages 3 to 10. Every detail absolutely correct. Fine selections of serges, flannels, worsteds—some the latest New York styles at popular prices—

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FRIDAY SPECIAL—35c boys' club string ties. \$3.95, \$4.95, \$5.95. Boys' knee suits ages 9 years to 16 years. With or without vest, single and double-breasted, same well cut materials and stylish tailoring.

Bennett's Cigar Dept. Here in our smokers' corner reliable, soothingly smokeable goods at cat prices enhance the luxury of smoking. Irish Girl—10c Cigar—7c. Fifty for—\$3.50.

Meat Department. FRIDAY SPECIALS. No. 1 Sugar Cured Hams—11c per pound. No. 1 Sugar Cured Bacon—12c per pound.

Bennett's Candy Dept. Our Candy Department is the rendezvous for old and young. If you have a sweet tooth—nearly everybody has—give it indulgence. Visit our Candy Department, make your choice of these candy charms.

MANY ATTEND PRESBYTERY. Meeting at Kearney the Most Interesting Held in Years.

TELEPHONE MEN CONVENE. Representatives of Middle West Independent Exchanges Inspect Exhibits in Chicago.

SANTOS-DUMONT IN NEW YORK. Visits United States to Arrange for Aerial Exhibition Trips.

EXAMINE CANDIDATES FOR ORDINATION. Woman's Foreign Missionary Society Has a Prosperous Year with Increased Collections for the Cause.

TWO DAYS OF FAIR WEATHER. Rising Temperature, Accompanied by Variable Winds for Friday.

RELATED OVER AMERICA AND AMERICANS. French Aeronaut Says Aerial Navigation May Be Established in Ten Years and Leads Work of This Country.

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SCROFULA. I bequeath to my children Scrofula with all its attendant horrors, humiliation and suffering. This is a strange legacy to leave to posterity; a heavy burden to place upon the shoulders of the young.

CONDITION OF THE WEATHER. Omaha, clear 56 58 49. Valentine, clear 48 52 39. North Platte, clear 48 52 39.

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