

KEEPING POLITICS DARK

Populists Object to Telling Registrars Their Party Affiliation.

DE FRANCE ASKS COURT TO ENJOIN BOARD

Action was Commenced Last Spring and is Revived at Opening of the Campaign for State Officers.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, June 4.—(Special.)—Can the registrars of election compel a man presenting himself for enrollment to submit to being questioned as to his party affiliation? The populists say no, and Charles G. DeFrance, their state chairman, was in Judge Frost's court this afternoon insisting that the court ought to permanently enjoin the registration officers from propounding that question. The action was originally begun last spring, when Mr. DeFrance was a candidate for the council in the Sixth ward and wanted the registrars out there enjoined from asking that question.

Ben Williams, colored, locally known as "Five Spot," was temporarily transformed into a moving target this morning at about 1 o'clock in the kitchen of the Lindell hotel and in the alley immediately adjoining. Robert Williams, a colored helper in the culinary department, was the unsuccessful marksman. He fired two bullets at "Five Spot," but merely inflicted a flesh wound on the third and fourth fingers of the left hand of the victim. He missed but on the second shot and "Five Spot" plunged into the alley and succeeded in eluding further shooting.

City Librarian's Report.

The annual report of Jane H. Abbott, city librarian, submitted to the board at last evening's meeting, contains some interesting facts. It contains the following: Number of book added during the year, 1,347; of these 1,137 were purchased, 153 were bound periodicals, being those subscribed for the library; 77 were magazines and unbound volumes donated to the library. Of the books purchased the volumes in the different classes number as follows:

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The library has been open for the circulation of books 304 days; 1,973 persons, an average of 16 per month, have been registered as patrons; 28 cards have been canceled, making total registration of patrons 6,645. Teachers' cards have been issued to twenty-six teachers.

Governor's Daughter Welts.

The marriage of Miss Emilie Maclet Savage, daughter of Governor and Mrs. E. P. Savage, to Mr. Adrian Royal Harvey of Omaha was celebrated at the executive mansion at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon. Reverend C. E. Bentley read the service in the presence of a small company of relatives. Mr. and Mrs. Harvey have gone to Oklahoma to visit Mr. Harvey's parents. Governor Savage returned this afternoon from Custer county, where, it is reported, he made an unsuccessful effort to control or influence the action of the republican county convention, which was held yesterday. The governor was asked to address the convention and for his remarks he was given a vote of thanks and, in addition, the convention endorsed his administration so far as it affected the finances of the state. It is what the action was not out of the county delegation. The governor made the trip to Broken Bow especially to attend the convention. Mr. Currie, one of his leading adversaries, presided over its deliberations.

Parents Save Girl's Life.

FREMONT, Neb., June 4.—(Special.)—Grace Allen, 12-year-old daughter of Thomas Allen, living on East Eighth street, undertook to take a drink of cornucopia substitute this evening, but was prevented from doing so. The girl went down cellar and bringing up the bottle containing the poison poured out a part of it into a glass and was just in the act of raising it to her lips when she was prevented from doing so by her parents. It is not thought that she contemplated suicide as she is a bright, active girl and her family relations are pleasant but that she intended to drink a little of it in a spirit of bravado to see what effect it would have.

Crop Prospects.

TRENTON, Neb., June 4.—(Special.)—Crop prospects at present are the best they have been for several years. Alfalfa is very heavy and the first crop is being cut. Small grain of all kinds is in prime condition and with no unforeseen danger the yield will be one of the heaviest ever marketed. A large acreage of corn is in and coming up nicely. The small amount of corn is doing well. No damage has yet been reported by insects.

Sunday School Convention.

HUMBOLDT, Neb., June 4.—(Special.)—The seventh annual session of the Richardson county Sunday school association opened at Dawson Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock with a praise service and will continue until Thursday morning. The weather is clear and a large number of delegates are present from different parts of the county. An interesting program has been prepared and is being carried out.

Passenger Train Jumps Tracks.

FREMONT, Neb., June 4.—(Special.)—Train No. 19 on the Elkhorn, the Missouri Valley and Lincoln passenger ran off the track at Arlington this morning. The cause is supposed to have been some defect in the rails. Fortunately the train was not moving fast and after bumping the ties for a short distance it came to a stop. The passengers were not hurt and the damage to track and cars was light.

Not a Boy in the Class.

BANCROFT, Neb., June 4.—(Special.)—The commencement exercises of the Bancroft High school were held in the city hall last evening. W. S. Collett addressed the class and presented the diplomas. The following were graduated: Winifred C. Park, Bessie M. Valder, Hattie L. Harvey, Margaret E. Burke, Laura D. Perdee and Mary L. McDermott.

Date for G. A. R. Reunion.

CAMBRIDGE, Neb., June 4.—(Special.)—At a meeting of the citizens and old soldiers tonight it was decided to

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SHERIDAN INSTRUCTS FOR WESTON

Cedar County Officially Puts Jenal in Congressional Race in the Third District—Several Uninstructed.

END OF PUBLIC SCHOOL DAYS

Graduating Exercises Forish Principal Topic of Interest in Nebraska.

FREMONT, Neb., June 4.—(Special.)—The graduating exercises of the Fremont High school were held at Love's opera house last evening. The stage was set with palms, roses and poodles, and the class colors, yellow and white, conspicuously displayed. A chorus of forty girls under the direction of Miss Ella Maxwell furnished the music. In the place of the usual essays and orations an address was delivered by Dr. A. E. Winship of Boston. The diplomas were presented by C. C. McNish, the president of the board, and the benediction was pronounced by Rev. John Doane Carle. The Headmaster OSCEOLA, Neb., June 4.—(Special.)—The first Methodist Episcopal church of Osceola was never more beautifully decorated than it was last evening in honor of the graduating class of our high school. The colors are azure and white, and the flowers were La France roses. The program consisted of music by Miss Nellie Pheasant, invocation by Rev. Will J. Scott, the Methodist Episcopal pastor; vocal solo by Emil Oleson of Stromsburg, address by Rev. Luther P. Ludden of Lincoln, vocal solo by Mrs. Dr. L. M. Shaw, presentation of diplomas by Dr. Carle. Headmaster and benediction by Rev. Knox Boude, the pastor of the Presbyterian church.

BEEMER, Neb., June 4.—(Special.)

The sixth annual commencement of the Beemer High school took place at the opera house Monday evening. There were four girls and one boy graduates. The graduates acquitted themselves with honor in their orations. Mr. Earle Briggs, the only boy among them, having the valedictory.

PIERCE, Neb., June 4.—(Special.)

A good-sized audience assembled in the opera house this evening to listen to a program rendered by the graduating class of the high school. The program consisted of vocal and instrumental music, recitations, orations, essays and the class history and oration. All were nicely rendered and enjoyed by the audience. The exercises closed with a song by the class. The graduating exercises will be held Friday night in the opera house.

DRUGGISTS HAVE A GOOD TIME

Mix Pleasure with Business at Their Annual Convention at Columbus.

COLUMBUS, Neb., June 4.—(Special.)—The annual meeting of the State Pharmaceutical association is in session here, with about 300 visiting druggists in attendance. The first session was held yesterday afternoon, when President Stransburg delivered the annual address. In the evening there was a large gathering at Maennerchor hall, many citizens being present to extend a welcome to the visitors. The city band furnished music and Mayor Dickinson delivered the keys of the city to the druggists.

James Reed of Nebraska City Responded to the Mayor and the Welcome on Behalf of the Local Druggists, to which C. L. Stillman gave expression, was responded to by Mayor Gering of Plattsmouth.

Short addresses were made by the few charter members present, they having witnessed the growth of the infant to its maturity, the organization now being 21 years old. The first of a series of contests for the amusement of the visitors was a hat-trimming match, in which four prizes were offered, and the masculine pill-making milliners furnished seven sorals of fun by their ludicrous achievements in hat trimming. Women's and misses' bowling contests, a ball game between the Plattsmouth and Columbus lines and the regular business sessions of the association filled in the morning and afternoon hours and tonight there was a pill-makers' vaudeville entertainment at the North opera house, witnessed by an immense audience.

Y. M. C. A. Building at York.

YORK, Neb., June 4.—(Special.)—Ever since the Young Men's Christian association convention last February, the citizens of York have held the need of the association and a good building providing rooms for religious and social meetings for young men and boys. A committee has been quietly at work for some time, ascertaining the sentiment and probable support of the citizens. At a large meeting held last night it was decided to make a determined effort to secure a building, or build one for Young Men's Christian association work. Committees of solicitation will be at work soon and it is hoped the enterprise will be carried through promptly and successfully.

Holdrege to Celebrate.

HOLDREGE, Neb., June 4.—(Special Telegram.)—The citizens of Holdrege are making extensive preparations to celebrate the Fourth. Besides the usual sports several novelties are promised to make the day attractive.

Clay County Fusion Call.

CLAY CENTER, Neb., June 4.—(Special.)—The populist and democratic county central committees were here yesterday and selected June 19 as the date for holding their county conventions.

No Instructions in Seward.

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