

NEWS OF COUNCIL BLUFFS.

MANY OFFICES LOPPED OFF

New Law Does Away with a Small Army of Road Supervisors.

ONLY ONE IN FUTURE FOR EACH TOWNSHIP

Takes an Interesting Feature Out of the Annual Fall Elections, but Saves County Auditor Much Trouble.

In the country precincts this year the time honored election of road supervisors will be a thing of the past. At the recent session of the state legislature the office of road supervisor was abolished and this will remove from the county a number of its interesting features and incidentally it will relieve the county of more or less expense and the county auditor of considerable trouble.

Heretofore each year every township has annually elected its road supervisor and this position was much sought after the election was naturally one of the features locally of the fall general election. The legislature, however, in its wisdom, did away with the numerous road supervisors and in place provided that one road superintendent or contractor for each township shall be appointed by the board of township trustees at the annual meeting in April. This act of the legislature therefore takes the selection out of the hands of the voters and places it in the hands of the members of the local boards of trustees of the several townships. In Ottawanna county there are 143 road districts divided among the twenty-eight townships and therefore instead of the voters balloting next November on 143 road supervisors the trustees of the different townships at their annual meeting in April, 1903, will appoint twenty-eight road superintendents, or one for each township.

The election of a district road supervisor has heretofore entailed much expense and trouble on the county authorities. Separate ballot boxes had to be provided in each precinct as the voters were permitted to cast a ballot for the supervisor in their district. In some of the townships there were as many as twelve different road districts and this entailed the supplying of an equal number of separate ballot boxes in that township in addition to the general election ballot box. The names of the candidates for the position of road supervisor were not printed on the regular ballot and consequently in each road district the voter had to place the name of the man he favored on the ballot slip in either pencil or ink.

The contests for this office were mostly personal affairs and outside of party politics and consequently they formed one of the most interesting features of the election each fall.

The consolidation of all the road districts in each township into one district identical with the township, is a duty that will devolve upon the board of county supervisors at its meeting next April. Until that is accomplished the present incumbents of the position will hold on to their respective offices.

The law also provides that commencing next April the township trustees will be required to fix a levy for township road purposes to be assessed during the ensuing year and the expenditures must then be within the proceeds of such levy.

ALL READY FOR STATE WARDS

Temporary Structures at the Deaf and Dumb School Completed by Contractors.

The temporary buildings erected at the Iowa School for the Deaf and Dumb which visited the institute last summer, are completed and everything is in readiness for the reception of the pupils Wednesday, when the new school year will begin. The new building, which is the name of the high, will be used for a schoolhouse. It is a frame structure, plainly but substantially built. This building contains twenty school-rooms, varying in size from 18x20 to 30x20 feet. The rooms are well lighted and ventilated. Superintendent Rotherth will have his office in this building.

For the time being the pupils will have to do without a gymnasium, as it was found necessary to transform that building into a chapel. In this building also will be Superintendent Rotherth's living apartments, which will comprise a suite of six rooms. The bakery on the first floor has been converted into a private office for the superintendent, and the supply room will serve as the clerk's office.

The school dining room, which was badly burned, has been repaired and the power room, which was back of this dining hall, has been converted into a dining room for the employes. A portion of the former laundry building has been utilized for a power room. The male employes will occupy the room next the engine room.

The new teachers' quarters will be on the second floor of the dining hall. At the east end of this building are Superintendent Rotherth's dining room and the teachers' dining hall.

The industrial school which is located in the old warehouse, which has been thoroughly renovated, and the former icehouse will for the present do service as a warehouse. The industrial school building has been converted into dormitories for the boys pupils, while the old, commodious brick school building has been made up of two dormitories for the girls. A new telephone system has been installed to take the place of that destroyed by the fire.

Superintendent Rotherth expects that when the school reopens Wednesday there will be no falling off in the attendance and he is assured that the enrollment will be up to the 300-mark.

The ruins of the burned buildings are still in evidence, the walls having been left to rot and the foundations. It is not thought that any attempt will be made this winter to remove them.

Gravel roofing, A. H. Read, 541 Broadway.

Four Season for Fruit.

The fruit season now drawing to a close has been a poor one for Council Bluffs and vicinity and the product has been below the average. Council Bluffs has thousands of acres of vineyards in its immediate vicinity but the grape crop this season has been poor, in fact it has not been much more than half a crop. Many of the grape growers insist that the crop of 1902 is the shortest for many years. They lay the blame to the incessant rains during the early part of the summer. The

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NOMINATION PAPERS ARE DEFECTIVE

Slight Error in Filing Papers for Henderson's Successor—Peculiar Law-suit for Mileage and Fees.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) DES MOINES, Sept. 28.—(Special.)—Des Moines people are delighted with the discovery that five months ago the United States government secured from the Des Moines Water company a definite contract for furnishing water to the proposed army post. The fact has been kept secret by the government and the water company pending efforts on the part of the water company to secure the loan of \$50,000 from the city. The company has been urged to take part in the proceedings of the gathering here at the residence of Dr. Francis E. Clark, president of the International Society of Christian Endeavor, Rev. H. H. Gregg of St. Louis, who is widely known as a bible student; Rev. Dan P. Bradley of Iowa college, Dean A. M. Haggard of Drake university, Rev. Frank G. Smith of Dubuque and Rev. J. P. Huggert of Iowa City.

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He preferred to sustain the law and have the supreme court pass on it. The defendant, one Lewis Roth, who has resisted efforts to send him to the hospital, has announced that he will appeal to the supreme court.

Christian Endeavor Convention. The state convention of the Christian Endeavor society, which will be held in Cedar Rapids October 10-12, will bring together about 500 members of the organization and all arrangements have been completed by the local society for the entertainment of all delegates who will be in attendance. A male choir of 100 voices and a mixed chorus of 300 voices are rehearsing for the event under the direction of Prof. Lyon and the musical program will be an exceptionally good one. Among the notable characters who will be present to take part in the proceedings of the gathering are: Dr. Francis E. Clark, president of the International Society of Christian Endeavor; Rev. H. H. Gregg of St. Louis, who is widely known as a bible student; Rev. Dan P. Bradley of Iowa college, Dean A. M. Haggard of Drake university, Rev. Frank G. Smith of Dubuque and Rev. J. P. Huggert of Iowa City.

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(From a Staff Correspondent.) WASHINGTON, Sept. 28.—(Special Telegram.)—The annual report of the commissioner of pensions for the fiscal year ending June 30 last, shows the total number of pensioners on the rolls to have been 994,731, drawing \$137,504,268. Of this number there were from Nebraska 17,364 pensioners receiving \$2,312,461; Iowa, 37,365, receiving \$5,404,366; South Dakota, 5,167, drawing \$529,574; and Wyoming 883, receiving \$121,600.

The report shows that the number of names on the pension rolls still is under the million mark, despite a net gain of 5,723 pensioners since 1898. The total enrollment July 1, last, was 999,446, against 997,735 last year. The number of pensioners, soldiers and 266,537 widows and dependents. The aggregate includes 4,686 pensioners outside the United States.

The number of death notices of old soldiers, not now in the service, received by the bureau during the year was 50,128; but only 3,045 of them were pensioners.

The report says that the death rate among the pensioners for the coming year will be about 40,000 and the losses to the rolls from other causes will be about 6,000.

The total amount paid for pensions during the fiscal year was \$137,504,268 and the yearly cost of operating and maintaining the bureau and the agencies outside of the payment of pensions proper, aggregates \$3,590,529. The pension system, says the report, since the beginning of the government has cost \$2,992,509,919, exclusive of the establishment of the soldiers' homes. The pension disbursements by the United States from July 1, 1790 to June 30, 1885, were \$96,445,444.

The following amounts have been paid to soldiers, their widows, minor children and dependent relatives on account of military and naval service during the wars in which the United States has been engaged: Revolutionary War (estimated), \$70,000,000; Indian wars, \$20,000,000; War with Mexico, \$4,025,297; War with Mexico, without regard to disability, \$5,814,207; War with Mexico, without regard to disability, \$21,911,238; War of the rebellion, \$274,875,276; War with Spain, \$3,275,184.

Actual total disbursement on pensions, \$2,992,509,919. The amounts paid as pensions on account of disabilities and deaths as results of military and naval service during the wars of 1812 and with Mexico, and in time of peace to the beginning of the war with Spain, are included in the payments on account of the war of the rebellion.

Civil War the Big Bill.

It is estimated that \$16,000,000 were paid in pensions for disabilities and deaths due to military and naval service in the wars of 1812, and with Mexico, and during the time of peace prior to the war of the rebellion, making the payments of pensions to soldiers and sailors of the war of the rebellion and of the regular military and naval establishment since the close of the war of the rebellion, and their widows, children and dependent relatives, amount to \$2,785,875,276. This is outside of the cost of maintaining bureau, agencies, and soldiers' homes. The average value of each pension is now a little over \$132. The number of applications for pensions filed was 18,126, rejected 118,464, and granted 117,268.

During 1902 the bureau handled 47,106 more pension applications than it received, showing progress in catching up with the accumulated work. The number of cases now undergoing examination in the bureau and in the process of adjudication, known as the "pending files," follows: Under the general laws, 137,101; under the act of June 27, 1890, 142,570; with Spain 34,433; army nurses 69; service prior to March 4, 1861, 2,342; accrued, 22,812; total, 339,436.

Commissioner Ware recommends that the New England pension agencies of August 1, 1902, Boston and Concord be consolidated and that congress provide for the storage outside of the pension bureau of the great amount of accumulated and combustible records now seldom needed or examined. The report shows that on July 31, 1902, there were 15,809 appeals from the decisions of the commissioner. The summary of rejected cases shows that 23,973 of the rejections were on legal grounds and 95,331 on medical grounds.

FIGHT FOR SPEAKER

(Continued from First Page.) which will be as disastrous as was that upon his predecessor.

It is altogether likely that congress will start an investigation of the strike in the anthracite regions of Pennsylvania at the coming session. Several members of the house who have been in Washington recently have endorsed the suggestion that a commission be created to inquire into the conditions governing the hard coal industry and report its findings to the house and senate at an early date, with a view to a revision of the coal schedule of the tariff laws, or to the enactment of remedial legislation. Tariff experts in Washington say if coal dealers in the east carry out their plans to import coal from Wales they will open practically a new industry. Coal imports have steadily decreased since the enactment of the Dingley tariff bill until now the annual importations do not exceed a few tons of the Canadian product. The statement of the coal operators that the anthracite is on the free list is literally true, but as a matter of fact the coal schedule of the Dingley law was so constructed as to prevent the importation of the anthracite product that is practically prohibitive. It provides that on anthracite containing less than 92 per cent. of carbon a duty of 67 cents per ton shall be levied. Anthracite containing more than 92 per cent. of carbon is free, but no foreign coal contains more than 90 per cent. of carbon and the result is the establishment of such an arbitrary standard of the percentage of carbon contained in anthracite as to keep out all coal that might ever be imported.

RAIN KNOCKS OUT FAIR.

RICHARDSON COUNTY FAIR. The Richardson county fair that was to have been held at Salem last week, has been called off for this year by the management. It rained all week.

RAIN IN BUFFALO COUNTY.

GIBBON, Neb., Sept. 28.—(Special.)—Another heavy rain fell here last night. It was preceded yesterday morning by a heavy northwest wind heavily charged with emoke.

FOLLOW THE MAN FROM LICK'S

He is Telling Right Where to Put Your Finger on Prof. Ferrine's Pet Comet.

SAN JOSE, Cal., Sept. 28.—Prof. W. W. Campbell of Lick observatory sends the following to the Associated Press: "The comet discovered at Lick Observatory on September 1, by Prof. C. D. Perrine, has grown steadily brighter, as predicted, until at the present time it is very visible to the naked eye. For the benefit of those who may care to observe it, I gave its approximate position as follows: September 28, very close to the second magnitude star Alpha Cassiopeae; September 29, about two degrees south of the second magnitude star Beta Cassiopeae. It then enters upon the Milky Way and will, for several days, probably not be so readily detected. On the evening of October 6 it will be about three degrees north of Alpha Cygni. The comet should then be two or three times as bright as it is at the present time. It will continue to move rapidly to the southwest, overtaking the sun early in November."

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