

TEACHERS COME IN FORCE

Largest Attendance on Opening Day in History of Association.

ENDORSE FOWLER'S NORMAL SCHOOL PLAN

D. E. Thompson Announces that He Will Leave for His Post in Brazil January 24—Judges Talk of New Laws.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, Dec. 31.—(Special.)—From the highways and the byways and from all over the state were gathered teachers this afternoon to begin the thirty-seventh annual meeting of the State Teachers' association.

In addition to the lecture musical selections were rendered by Willard Kimball, Wilbur Star and Mrs. Will Owen Jones. Dr. Fletcher Wharton conducted the devotional exercises.

Down to Practical Work.

The work of the afternoon session was as follows: Teachers of mathematics were assembled in room 308 mechanics art hall at the university, where papers were scheduled from M. R. Snodgrass of Wayne, E. E. Beckwith of Neligh and R. E. Morris of University Place.

Teachers of science met at room 206 university hall to hear a lecture from Prof. Wilbur S. Jackman of the University of Chicago, to witness laboratory demonstrations by A. T. Bell of Wesleyan university and a lantern lecture on the geography of Nebraska by G. E. Condra of Nebraska university.

Teachers of German are in session at room 110 university hall, with papers scheduled from Alice Landis of Omaha, May Chamberlain of the University of Nebraska and Sue Pillsbury of the Lincoln High school.

Teachers of Latin met at room 106, university hall, where papers were announced from Mary Scherer of Lexington, Grace Bridge of Lincoln High school, Esther A. Clark of the Peru normal, W. N. Filson of Hastings college and Prof. G. E. Barber of the University of Nebraska.

Teachers of history met in room 100, library building, where papers were presented from Olivia Pundt of the Lincoln High school and Ellen Rooney of the Omaha High school on Greek and Latin literature.

The child study section assembled in Union hall, where discussions of topics had been assigned to Mrs. Jeannette Marfelding of Lincoln, W. A. Clark of Peru, A. H. Staley of Friend, H. K. Wolfe of Lincoln, W. H. Rhodes of Minden, Frank W. Smith of the State university and C. W. Taylor of Geneva.

Teachers of physical science met in the physics lecture room of Nebraska hall papers were listed from Prof. Moore of the State university, Percy Jurivance of Lincoln, Prof. Jackman of Chicago, J. E. Almy of the State university and others, with demonstrations and exhibits of apparatus.

Teachers of literature met at room 210, library building, to hear discussions by Prof. Sherman of the State university, Bertha Bloomingdale of Grand Island, Bertha Truman of Blair, F. M. Gregg of Wayne, Sadie B. Smith of Holdrege, Gertrude Gardner of Fairbury, Harriet Towner of Lincoln, Cora Gorbey of McCook, Sarah L. Dakin of Lincoln and R. M. Campbell of Humphrey.

Those interested chiefly in kindergarten, primary and child study work met in the new university chapel, with a promised program, comprising discussions by Clark Weaver of Lincoln, Miss Kolla of Grand Island, W. H. Clemons of Fremont and T. L. Bolton of the university.

Teachers Act on Normals.

The committee on normal schools last night adopted these resolutions: Resolved, That we favor two state normal schools for Nebraska, located on each side of the sixth principal meridian.

Resolved, That we favor the establishment of junior normals at Iron three to five points in the state where public school buildings may be secured for the purpose without expense to the state.

The first resolution means that the state teachers favor the removal of the Normal school from Peru. It means also that either Omaha or Lincoln are favored for the school to be established in the eastern part of the state. Much speculation is being indulged in, providing the legislature acts on the suggestion of the teachers, as to which of the two cities will try for the school. Practically all of the recommendations of State Superintendent Fowler were accepted by the teachers' committee and ratified by the educational committee in a meeting held this morning.

The attendance at this morning's meeting had reached over the 1,200 mark and Treasurer Caviness said it would reach 2,000 before the close of the session. Superintendent Pearce of the Omaha schools said the program this year was the best that had ever been presented to the teachers of the association. Late this afternoon each of the various sessions of the association elected officers.

Miss Laura Gregg, of woman suffrage fame, has taken a dig at the Normal school down at Peru. She endorses State Superintendent Fowler's recommendation about the establishment of normal schools. She does it in a letter written to the superintendent.

Pardons a Boy.

Joseph Martin, sent to the penitentiary from Lancaster county for one year for getting too familiar with a wagon and team around some brass and other stuff belonging to someone else, was released from the state prison by Governor Savage this morning. He had served about half of the time for which he was sentenced, and as the police and others told the governor that the boy had been sufficiently punished the governor made the New Year's present.

Thompson Leaves in January.

D. E. Thompson expects to leave for his post in Brazil January 24, so Mr. Thompson has informed the committee that waited upon him in regard to the reception and banquet that the Commercial club intends to give in honor of the new consul. The banquet will be given on the evening of January 22 and will probably be followed by a ball in the capitol building.

Morey Stays with Blind.

Governor-elect Mickey announced this afternoon that he would retain J. T. Morey at the head of the institution for the blind at Nebraska City. Mr. Morey was retained, because of his faithful conduct of affairs as former head of the institution, over many applicants for the place. Tonight Governor Mickey left for Osceola to spend New Year's with his family.

Judges Recommend Changes.

A subcommittee of the State Bar association met here yesterday to discuss needed legislation and make some recommendations to the coming legislature. Among the questions discussed were changes in the divorce laws, a return to the district attorney system and an amendment to the reform school law. Those present were: Judge C. B. Letton, Fairbury; Judge H. M. Grimes, North Platte; Judge L. P. Barber, Omaha; Judge E. P. Holme, Lincoln, and Judge B. F. Good of Wahoo.

County Officers Raise Funds.

A report is current here today that a move is on foot for the county officers of the state to collect a large sum of money to be used in securing legislation favorable to the present officeholders. It is said notices have been sent out over the state requesting each officer to send to Fred Eisasser, treasurer of Douglas county, 1 per cent of his salary for a year, to be used for legislative purposes.

Strong Man Insane.

Henry Guntrum, for many years considered the strongest man in Lincoln, was today admitted to the asylum for the insane. His case is one of acute paresis. For the last year he has been acting strangely and his family, fearing that he would become violent at any time, had him taken before the county commissioners, who adjudged him insane. Physically he is a giant and formerly ran a transfer wagon.

Appeals from Damage Award.

The case of Margaret Clasen against Augusta Pruhs has been taken to the supreme court from Lancaster county. Augusta sued Clasen for \$2,000 in a damage suit for \$10,000. The former appealed. Several years ago Augusta was residing with her parents in Germany. When Mrs. Clasen, who is Augusta's aunt, went there on a visit she brought the child to Hallem to reside with her. Augusta made her home at Pruhs' house for about three years, when she returned to Germany. Her parents then removed here and the suit was brought because Augusta claimed that her aunt had abused and mistreated her and had actually whipped her with a switch. The supreme court is asked to decide whether or not the switching was necessary.

Sign Contract with Illinois.

The negotiations that have been carried on for some time between the Nebraska and Illinois football teams had resulted in the signing of a contract for a game in Lincoln next Thanksgiving. The contract specifies that Nebraska guarantee the Illinois team \$1,500. Chairman Weyer of the Nebraska Athletic board also made the announcement that the Cornhuskers would resume relations with the University of Iowa, after a break of three years. The Nebraska management has also offered to play the Haskell Indians in Lincoln November 7 on the same financial basis as prevailed in last year's Nebraska-Haskell game. The Indians constitute a good drawing card and the financial returns from their games with Nebraska are generally highly satisfactory to the Cornhusker management.

The Chief of Posters.

Old sores, ulcers, piles, fistula and like stubborn maladies soon yield to Bucklen's Arnica Salve or no pay. 25c. For sale by Kuhn & Co.

FORECAST OF THE WEATHER

Fair Thursday and Friday is the Prediction of the Weather Bureau.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—Forecast:

For Nebraska, South Dakota and Kansas—Fair Thursday and Friday.

For Iowa—Fair Thursday; Friday, fair and colder.

For Illinois—Fair and warmer Thursday; Friday, increasing cloudiness, probably rain in south portion, fresh to brisk south winds, becoming variable.

For Missouri—Fair in north; increasing cloudiness in south portion Thursday; Friday, probably rain in east and south portions.

Local Record.

OFFICE OF THE WEATHER BUREAU, OMAHA, Dec. 31.—(Special.)—The temperature and precipitation compared with the corresponding day of the last three years:

Table with 4 columns: Year (1932, 1931, 1930, 1929) and rows for Maximum temperature, Minimum temperature, Mean temperature, and Precipitation.

Record of temperature and precipitation at Omaha for this day and since March 1, 1932.

Table with 2 columns: Date and values for Normal temperature, Excess for the day, Total excess since March 1, Normal precipitation, Deficiency for the day, Total deficiency since March 1, Excess for cor. period, and Excess for cor. period, 1932.

January Averages.

The following data for the month of January, covering a period of thirty-one years, has been compiled from the weather bureau records at Omaha:

Temperature—Mean or normal temperature, 32 degrees. The warmest month was that of 1886, with an average of 38 degrees. The coldest month was that of 1888, with an average of 23 degrees. The highest temperature was 83 degrees on January 20, 1892. The lowest temperature was 22 degrees below zero on January 23, 1892. The date on which first "killing" frost occurred in autumn, October 7. Average date on which last "killing" frost occurred in spring, April 11.

Precipitation (rain or melted snow)—Average for the month, 2.5 inch. Average number of days with .01 of an inch or more, 7. The greatest amount of snowfall recorded in 1891. The least monthly precipitation was .47 inch in 1879 and 1889. The greatest amount of snowfall recorded in any twenty-four consecutive hours was 36.0 of an inch on January 27 and 28, 1891. The greatest amount of snowfall recorded in any twenty-four consecutive hours recorded extending to January 28-29 only was 4 inches on January 12, 1890.

Clouds and Weather—Average number of clear days, 12; partly cloudy days, 9; cloudy days, 10.

Wind—The prevailing winds have been from the northwest. The highest velocity of the wind was 45 miles from the northwest on January 25, 1878. A. WELSH, Local Forecast Official.

NEW YEAR WATCH MEETINGS

Churches Hold Services to Welcome the Coming Year.

SOCIAL AND RELIGIOUS FORMS MIXED

Very Few of the Gatherings Partake Strictly of Devotional Character and All Are Well Attended.

Watch meetings were held at a number of the churches of the city last night and the new year welcomed appropriately. The services were as a rule semi-religious, semi-social.

At Kountze Memorial Lutheran the watch service proper began at 11:30 o'clock and was concluded very early in the following year. At 11 o'clock a reception began in the church parlors under the auspices of the Christian Endeavor society. Those received were not alone members of the church, but any of those interested in the church and its work. Light refreshments were served and music and recitations given.

In the First Methodist church the Epworth league conducted services during an hour, beginning at 9 o'clock, in the class rooms under the church. M. Withers of the Young Men's Christian association was in charge of this meeting. A social hour followed, during which light refreshments were served and the spirit of the new year entered into. At 11 o'clock the watch service, or prayer meeting, began and ended at 12.

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Speeches and Songs.

The service in Calvary Baptist church began at 8:30 o'clock and continued until after midnight. There were several short addresses appropriate to the season given by the pastor, Rev. Thomas Anderson, and other gentlemen of the congregation. During the evening songs were sung and several solos.

The watch services in Seward Street Methodist Episcopal church began at 8 o'clock with preaching by the pastor, Dr. Geyer. The full choir rendered some special holiday music and several papers on appropriate subjects were enjoyed by those present. Messrs. McCulloch and Hall read articles on the subjects, "Seward Street Methodism" and "Family Life in the Church."

Some of the members of Grace Lutheran church enjoyed a go-as-you-please service, under the auspices of the Luther league, at the home of its president, J. F. Smith, at 1222 South Twenty-fifth street. The services were conducted by the league and a cottage prayer meeting was held and refreshments served.

At Grace Baptist church the services began at 9 o'clock and continued until midnight. The pastor, Rev. M. Fellman, and Rev. George Van Winkle of South Omaha preached on the topic of the season. The more serious part of the evening was interrupted at 10 o'clock for an hour, during which those present enjoyed a social time.

St. John's Episcopal church, Twenty-sixth and Franklin streets, was lighted up and the Rev. Rev. C. H. Young, and the members of his congregation gathered to watch out the old year with appropriate observances.

Rev. Mr. Savidge, Rev. Arthur Potter of Pittsburg, Pa., Rev. Mr. Manual of Hastings, and others made addresses at the services held in the People's church last night. The services lasted three hours, beginning at 9 o'clock.

The Salvation Army hall at 1515 Capitol avenue was opened from 8 o'clock until 12 last night. An early service was held, as usual, and at 11 o'clock the special watch service began, being conducted by Brigadier James Toft and the divisional staff.

Explosives One Sensation

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NO CRIMINALS IN HOLT COUNTY

Out of Over Five Hundred Cases on the Docket All Are Civil.

O'NEILL, Neb., Dec. 31.—(Special.)—The adjourned September term of the district court adjourned sine die today. Several cases of considerable importance, as they involved titles to land in this county which in the last few years have become valuable, have been submitted to Judge Harrington and also Judge Westover, who presided during a portion of the term. Numerous decisions have been cited on both sides of the controversies and from recent decisions of the supreme court it will keep the trial judges guessing what to do in the various cases under advisement.

The docket for the September term contained 515 civil and no criminal cases. Most of the civil cases are where the county is enforcing for taxes due on land by non-resident owners, or where parties bought the land at tax sale and brought an action to foreclose the same as they would a mortgage.

The late decision of the supreme court in the case of Logan county against Carnahan is more discussed in western Nebraska than any decision ever handed down by that tribunal and should it stand as the law of the state it will cause more litigation than any decision ever promulgated. This decision undoubtedly involves the property rights of hundreds of citizens of Nebraska.

After the supreme court decided in the case of Grant against Bartholomew that parties owning or buying tax sale certificates either at public or private sale, and also that a county had the right to foreclose on land for delinquent taxes, thousands of cases were immediately brought in nearly every western county of the state. In one county west of Holt 275 cases were brought by the county attorney against the owners of land for delinquent taxes. It appeared that no taxes had been paid for several years, and the balance of the tax-delinquency in the county began to kick, and the county board instructed the county attorney to bring an action against every piece of land where the taxes had been delinquent for more than two years. It was discovered that there were nearly 400 cases. Actions were commenced and in a few cases the taxes were paid up, but in the majority of cases the land was sold for two-thirds of its appraised value, which in nearly all cases was about the amount of taxes and costs, to parties residing in the county and sheriff's deeds issued to them. In many cases these lands so sold have been transferred several times for four and five times what they cost when they were bought from the county, owing to the great increase in the value of land. Thus it will be seen that should the late decision of the court become the law of the state, which is a measure reversed the former decision it will cause no end of litigation.

That portion of the latter decision which seems to be most criticised is where it holds that a county or its agent must buy the land at tax sale before it can commence an action to force the collection of its tax lien.

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MAY ARREST THE WITNESSES

Jury Express Belief that Perjury Was Committed in the Hawn Trial.

YORK, Neb., Dec. 31.—(Special.)—The trial of Allice Hawn, keeper of a resort, and "Brickey" Boslough, a young man about town, who has been living at the Hawn house, charged with taking and keeping \$75 from Louis Price of Havelock, Neb., occupied all of yesterday and part of last night, and the verdict was not rendered by the jury until late at night. The verdict was guilty. The jury was composed of the best business men of York and, although the evidence was not as direct as they might have wished it, it is generally believed that they arrived at a verdict on the ground that on general principles the defendants should be punished. They declared that several witnesses perjured themselves and the opinion is that there may be several arrests of witnesses and other charges brought that will make criminal cases.

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