

NO TAX FOR HIGH SCHOOLS

Supreme Court Holds Every District in County Must Participate in Election.

ROATCH MAKES A CALL ON GOVERNOR

Invited, in Common with Other Members of Omaha Police Board, to Offer Suggestions on Successor to Wright.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

LINCOLN, May 23.—A decision of much importance to Omaha and other cities wherein high schools are located was handed down by the supreme court last Wednesday in the case of the State ex rel Davis against the County Commissioners of Cass County. Davis brought suit to compel the county commissioners to levy a tax on the county districts with which to pay the tuition of the high schools.

Since the law became operative, in 1901, eight counties in the state have attempted to adopt its provisions. According to a review received by the state superintendent, no one county has carried the proposition with all districts participating in the voting. In Omaha about 100 students of the high school will be affected and about 500 in other parts of the state.

The bill passed by the late legislature authorizing the state treasurer to pay out of the permanent school fund money that had been paid into the fund through the erroneous collection of taxes paid to county treasurers will likely fail of its purpose. The indications are now that the state treasurer will refuse to pay the warrants authorized by the late legislature.

It is not believed that the scheme would ever be effective, however, under the provisions of the old statute, if the interpretation of the supreme court, requiring that the law be passed upon by all the districts in the county, is to stand. It is the most difficult matter imaginable to secure a concerted action on such a proposition at any time when the youth in all the districts to submit the question to the electors in the school meetings.

DESHLER BOOM DEVELOPING

Establishment of Big Broom Factory Leads to the Starting of Other Enterprises.

DESHLER, Neb., May 23.—(Special.)—The Deshler broom factory, lately incorporated for \$100,000, and the building of the largest broom factory in the United States here, bids fair to make Deshler one of the liveliest towns in southern Nebraska. A brick yard is now in operation, affording employment for laborers while the factory is being built, and after that the broom factory expects to employ 300 to 500 men. This will afford good opportunity for all kinds of business at Deshler not yet represented.

SWITCHMAN IS CUT IN TWO

Engine Passes Over Frank Stanley, Completely Severing His Body—Verdict is Accidental Death.

HASTINGS, Neb., May 23.—(Special.)—Switchman Frank Stanley was run over by a steam engine at the B. & M. yards here at 11:30 last night and instantly killed. The engine and eleven cars passed over the body in a line extending from the right shoulder toward the left hip, completely severing it. He was 39 years of age, married and lived with his parents, the only surviving son of five children. The coroner's inquest returned a verdict of accidental death.

High School Commencement

TECUMSEH, Neb., May 23.—(Special.)—The seventeenth annual commencement of the Tecumseh high school was held in the opera house this evening. The seating capacity of the hall was taxed to its utmost with the crowd. The room and the platform were nicely decorated. A splendid program was carried out, interspersed with music by the orchestra, and so on.

Low Lands Are Well Soaked

FREMONT, Neb., May 23.—(Special.)—The Platte river is very high and the bottom lands well soaked. In the south part of the city many cellars have from six inches to two feet of water in them, which has risen from the surface, but came up from below. Until the river goes down it will be impossible to pump them out and keep them dry. Water is also above its usual height in all the wells on the bottom lands of the Platte valley.

Organized Labor at Beatrice

BEATRICE, Neb., May 23.—(Special.)—Beatrice Federal Union No. 10,822 held an open meeting last night, which was attended by many laboring men of the city and others interested in their welfare. Dr. W. M. Browder addressed the meeting on the question of organized labor.

Lead is High in Richardson

HUMBOLDT, Neb., May 23.—(Special.)—Richardson county land still commands a good figure, as was shown this week by the transfer of Wade Whitney's 200-acre farm, several miles southeast of this city, to Walter Dowell, who paid \$12,000.

Sunday Schools Held Convention

CLAY CENTER, Neb., May 23.—(Special.)—The Sunday schools of all the nationalities in this county are holding their annual convention at this place. The opening meeting was held yesterday, with a good number of delegates present.

DAMAGE BY HAIL AND WIND

Big Feeding Barn is Wrecked Near North Loup.

MANY CATTLE AND HORSES KILLED

Hailstones Eleven Inches Round Break Windows in Clay and Nuckolls Counties—Heavy Rains Delay Planting.

NORTH LOUP, Neb., May 23.—(Special.)—Particulars of the tornado that passed near here have just been obtained. The first damage reported was at the farm of Joseph Trump, fifteen miles west on Davis creek, where the cloud struck a barn wrecking it badly.

The storm first struck the hills where few people live, until it came out into the valley of the North Loup river about four miles northwest of town where it struck the barn of Harry Hughes. This was a large feeding barn with sheds attached. It was completely demolished and carried away together with farming machinery. Thirteen head of cattle and horses were killed outright and several others suffered broken legs and other injuries which made it necessary to kill them. Mr. Hughes was building an addition to his house on a brick foundation and had it raised and siding on. The storm removed part of the brick and left the house uninjured. No other damage has been reported.

At Albion All Goes Well

ALBION, Neb., May 23.—(Special.)—The weather is now all that could be asked. We are visited almost daily with a refreshing shower and vegetation is advancing rapidly. Corn is a little backward, but small grain and pastures never were better at this time of year. Except to the west, the frost seems to have done no injury. The prospect for a large apple crop is good.

Farm House Destroyed at Randolph

RANDOLPH, Neb., May 23.—(Special Telegram.)—A disastrous cyclone visited this section at 10 o'clock last night and its path is strewn with the wreckage of farm buildings for three miles. The loss will figure near \$70,000.

Delays Planting of Corn

TABLE ROCK, Neb., May 23.—(Special.)—The Nemaha is again out of its banks in places, some five inches of rain having fallen within the last forty-eight hours. Corn planting has been greatly delayed, and the farmers will not be able to get into their fields until next week and many fields are as yet unplanted.

John Van Vlack Lost Three Valuable Horses

TABLE ROCK, Neb., May 23.—(Special.)—The ranchman of E. W. Leley, G. W. Cottrill, W. B. Pitman and Henry Helms also suffered much damage. Hundreds of people from Randolph viewed the wreckage this morning.

TECUMSEH, Neb., May 23.—(Special.)

The Nemaha river is again in its banks here as well as Yankee creek. The river reached a point about three inches within the highest mark last spring. The rural mail carriers report many small bridges and culverts washed out. Considerable damage is done to the crops.

HUMBOLDT, Neb., May 23.—(Special.)

Another downpour of rain took place last evening at about 7 o'clock and continued for about an hour. The ground was so thoroughly soaked that it would hold no more and all streams are swollen considerably. Both the Nemaha and Long Branch are running bankful and completely good for another shower, which if it comes, will likely cause an overflow.

LEWISTON, Neb., May 23.—(Special.)

John Bowen, who was killed by lightning Tuesday night, as already reported, will be buried here tomorrow. At the time he was killed he was standing outside the store with several others under the awning. He was leaning against the post of the awning and watching the progress of the storm. The corner of the building was struck and he fell backward through the large window glass, dead. The others were for a time unconscious, but soon recovered.

York's Big Tornado

YORK, Neb., May 23.—(Special.)—Complete reports of the windstorm of Thursday evening give additional particulars of the damage done. Fortunately the path of the storm was very narrow and only about four miles long. L. S. Wheeler's large barn south of York, one of the finest in the county, was blown off its foundation and completely demolished, entailing a loss of over \$2,000. It was insured for \$1,000. Nearly all of the fence on the west side and some small buildings on the fair grounds were demolished. The large two-story house of Charles Decker, situated on the north side of the town, was nearly moved off the foundation. The storm was the most severe that ever visited York.

OSMOND, Neb., May 23.—(Special Telegram.)

This place was visited by a terrific rain and windstorm last night. Large barns on the farm, west of town, were leveled to the ground.

HARVARD, Neb., May 23.—(Special.)

There was another heavy rain last evening, accompanied by considerable wind and light hail. Corn planting will again be delayed for some days.

Cars Jump Track at Fremont

FREMONT, Neb., May 23.—(Special.)—Two freight cars, one loaded with pianos and the other with trunks and grips, jumped the track near the east end of the Union Pacific yards about midnight and delayed traffic for some time. The cars were in a train which was slowly pulling in from the east, and it is supposed that a brake rod or something under one car broke and dropping onto the ties threw the car from the track. The pianos are a total loss and the goods in the other car badly smashed. No one was hurt and the aid of a wrecking crew the track was cleared in a few hours.

Creamery Convention at McCook

MCCOOK, Neb., May 23.—(Special.)—The station operators and the representatives of the Beatrice Creamery company will hold a convention in this city next Tuesday, May 25. This will be a meeting of the McCook district operators, embracing all the creameries in the district.

May Festival at Beatrice

BEATRICE, Neb., May 23.—(Special.)—The annual May festival of the Beatrice public schools was held in the Paddock open house Thursday and Friday evenings of this week, at which time interesting programs of a musical and literary character were rendered. The first night's program was given by the pupils of the high school and the second night by the scholars of the Central school. In all about 300 scholars took part. The music was in charge of Prof. M. S. Calvin and large crowds attended both entertainments.

ST. PAUL GRADUATES TWENTY

High School Commencement Held in Opera House—Rev. J. P. Yost Presents Diplomats.

ST. PAUL, Neb., May 23.—(Special.)—The commencement exercises of the largest class ever graduated from the St. Paul high school were held in the opera house last night. There were twenty graduates, and their orations were interspersed with singing, making an interesting program, which detained the large audience until nearly midnight.

ALBION, Neb., May 23.—(Special.)

The opera house was filled to overflowing last night, the occasion being the graduating exercises of the eighth grade of the public school. The exercises were of the highest type, and did credit to all connected with the program. The graduating exercises proper will occur next Monday evening.

GENEVA, Neb., May 23.—(Special.)

Last night graduation exercises were held in the Methodist church. The program included four musical numbers and a commencement oration on "Santals" by Dr. H. O. Rowlands. The diplomas were presented by the president of the Board of Education, G. R. Green. The graduates number fourteen: Leonard P. Ewins, Vivian Jobe, Frank Phillipps, Anna Wilson and Melville V. The house was finely decorated. The class motto was, "In the bright lexicon of youth there is no such word as fail."

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The eleventh annual commencement of the Table Rock high schools was held last night at the opera house. The following are the graduates: Leona Fulton, Charles Glenn, Francis Ewins, Vivian Jobe, Frank Phillipps, Anna Wilson and Melville V. The house was finely decorated. The class motto was, "In the bright lexicon of youth there is no such word as fail."

Hope for Coal, Oil or Gas

LOUISVILLE, Neb., May 23.—(Special Telegram.)—The prospects of finding coal, oil and natural gas are much stronger now than at any time. The reason for this is the unmistakable evidences of these products found within the last few days. Frank H. Dunlop and Mr. Grove were here today looking over the ground and expect to begin work in a few days, probably on the farm of J. K. Lee, which lies just outside of the city limits. The citizens of this place and farmers in this vicinity are intensely interested in the matter as a result of the tests made recently.

Four Graduates at Kimball

KIMBALL, Neb., May 23.—(Special.)—The eighth annual commencement of the Kimball school was held in the courthouse last night. There were four graduates: Jessie Barfoot, W. T. Young, J. M. Biggs and G. F. Nugent. They all delivered nice orations and Rev. R. H. Link presented the diplomas. Prof. Stearns has closed his third year as principal of our schools, giving entire satisfaction.

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Struck by an Engine

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Local Record.

OFFICE OF THE WEATHER BUREAU, OMAHA, May 23.—Official record of temperature and precipitation compared with the corresponding day of the last five years:

Table with 4 columns: Year (1902, 1901, 1900, 1899, 1898), Maximum temperature, Minimum temperature, Mean temperature, Precipitation.

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

Table with 2 columns: Date (May 23, 22, 21, 20, 19), Normal temperature, Excess for the day, Total excess since March 1, Normal precipitation, Deficiency for the day, Total deficiency since March 1, Deficiency since March 1, Deficiency for cor. period, 1901, Deficiency for cor. period, 1900, T indicates trace of precipitation.

Local Forecast Official.

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BROKER'S OFFICE IS RAIDED. Sullivan of Chicago is Charged with Swindling His Patrons. OFFICE IN OMAHA IS CLOSED. Less Than Two Hundred Dollars, However, Said to Be Due Customers of the Concern in this City.

FAMILY OF TWIN IS ILL. Two Physicians and Trained Nurses in Attendance for Several Weeks. NEW YORK, May 23.—Two physicians and trained nurses have been for several weeks in constant attendance on Mark Twain, (Samuel L. Clemens), his wife and two daughters, Clara and Jean, at the home of the family at Riverside.

CHICAGO, May 23.—The office of George T. Sullivan, 30 La Salle street, was raided by the police today and fifty men who were speculating were placed under arrest. Sullivan is charged with operating a bucket shop and keeping a gaming house.

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GOES TO LAW FOR GIRL WIFE. W. H. Harrison Objects to Being Deprived of Her Company to Gratify Her Father's Wishes. TECUMSEH, Neb., May 23.—(Special.)—W. H. Harrison, the young man of this city who has a wife but who is unable, so far, to retain possession of her, employed legal aid today to prevent her going to her father's house or to know the reason why Harrison was married last December to Miss Bartels, who at that time was living with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. Bartels in Plymouth, this state.

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