

### BID HIGH FOR THE SCHOOL

Keen Competition for Location of the New Normal Institution.

### FIFTEEN PLACES IN THE COMPETITION

Hastings Tops Them All So Far as Financial Considerations Go, but Others Make Some Flattering Tenders.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, July 28.—(Special.)—This afternoon the State Board of Education opened the bids for the new state normal. There were fifteen towns in the race and the bids ranged from \$100,000 to \$450,000. The people of Alamosa voted the highest offer of \$450,000 made by the people of Hastings, where enthusiasm runs rampant in favor of the new normal school. Central City leads the race north of the Platte river with an offer of a site and \$25,000 in cash, guaranteed by the three banks of that city. The result of the bidding has been to show the hands of the various competing towns, but the probable action of the board is left in the dark, although there is a disposition to believe that there will be some trouble ahead for the towns south of the Platte because of the evident disposition to regard the new institution as a North Platte plant. Kearney offered a building worth \$30,000 and a site, but no cash, while Aurora, just south of Central City, made an offer of \$50,000 cash with a site.

One very noticeable thing manifest about the contest this afternoon was the fact that the towns were all represented, not only by their representative citizens but by their most wealthy men. Many of the members of the delegations from the various towns which crowded the office of the superintendent were solid, substantial bankers who guaranteed the fulfillment of the promises made by the delegations.

The towns from which bids received were Alamosa, Alliance, Ord, Long Pine, Fairfield, Lexington, Kearney, St. Paul, Central City, Hastings, Holdrege, Aurora, North Platte, Gothenburg and Broken Bow.

### Hastings Has Three Offers.

The city of Hastings presented three separate propositions. By the first proposition the city offers to contribute free and clear of all liens and incumbrances \$10,000 in property and money, consisting of twenty-two acres of land valued at \$3,000; a large three-story convent building valued at \$90,000; free connection with the city water system and free water for one year, the service, including the extension of the mains, estimated at a cost to the city of \$4,000; free extension of the city sewer to the building, estimated at a cost of \$2,000; free electric wiring in the building and connection with the city plant, and free light for one year, all estimated at a cost to the city of \$2,000; and \$25,000 as a cash bonus. The building offered is about a mile from the city and is described as being well arranged for school purposes, having been built for use as a convent. Thomas B. Kimball, the architect who drew the plans for the Burlington depot in Omaha, and John Latenser, another Omaha architect, have both estimated the building to be worth \$90,000.

By the second proposition the city of Hastings offers \$10,000 in property and money, as follows: Twenty acres of land in the city park, valued at \$15,000; extension of the city water main to the building and free water for one year, the service being estimated at a cost to the city of \$4,000; extension of city sewer to the building and connection with the estimated cost to the city of \$2,000; in the new building and free light for one year, at an estimated cost to the city of \$2,000; and a cash donation of \$50,000.

By the third proposition Hastings offers \$10,000 in property and money, as follows: Twenty-three acres of land in Prospect park, valued at \$17,500; extension of the water system and free water for one year, at an estimated cost to the city of \$4,135; sewer connection and extension to the building, at an estimated cost to the city of \$5,000; free electric wiring to the new building and free light for one year, at an estimated cost to the city of \$2,480; and a cash contribution of \$50,000.

Central City's Offer. Representative Thompson presented Central City's claims. The cash offer of \$25,000 is absolutely guaranteed by the three banks of the city, and in addition there are a lot of subscriptions in addition to the amount named in the bid which may be realized on. The offer includes only the gift-edged subscriptions. In addition to this amount the people will give a twenty-acre site worth \$2,000 and free water and light for a year, a total amount sufficient to bring the bonus offered up to \$40,000, practically representing to the state that amount of cash without any decrease on account of depreciation of real estate.

### Other Offers for School.

Alliance offered twenty acres of land for a site and \$1,500 a month for the support of the school until the next legislature can make provision for it, the amount not to exceed \$10,000. Alamosa offered a site comprising twenty-three acres close to the village and presented a petition from a large number of North Platte people praying for the location of the school at that place. Long Pine, through its Commercial club, tendered the state a tract of forty acres of land said to be worth \$75 an acre, with free water for five years. The offer was signed by Luke M. Hayes and others.

Fairfield, through C. W. Lewis, offered about thirty acres of land near the city, worth \$100 an acre, the old Christian college building, and \$10,000 in cash.

Central City offers one of four sites and \$22,500 in cash. The land is worth \$75 an acre. The claim is made that the city is near the center of population for the holding. Lexington is modest and restricts its offer to twenty acres of land, worth \$100 an acre. Ord, the home town of the state treasurer, who has been making a plucky fight for the school, filed three bids. Each included a different site, of varying values. The cash bids which accompanied the sites were \$30,000, \$21,500 and \$22,500. In addition water for free protection was offered.

Kearney offered what is known as the Green terrace, an expensive stone structure erected during the boom days. The building is right in the heart of the city and is located on the artificial lake. The structure, together with the public services promised, are valued at a total of \$91,000.

Gothenburg is Plucky. The town of Gothenburg, the neighbor of Lexington, the county seat of Dawson county, gave an exhibition of enterprise

which would be creditable to a town of twice its size, located in the fertile eastern section of the state. When the members of the delegation came in last night they bore with them the offer of a site and \$10,000 in cash. They had taken the notion to do some booming yesterday and the offer was the result. This morning at 11 o'clock the delegation received a telegram from its constituency authorizing them to raise the bid to \$15,000. The site offered is on the edge of an upland lake and is considered very fine.

St. Paul was represented by a delegation of prominent men who made an offer of a site close to the center of the city and \$10,000. The claim is made that the territory around the town will build up the school in great shape.

Aurora tendered a certificate of deposit for \$30,000 and the choice of any one of seven sites of twenty acres each. The total value of the bid is said to be about \$40,000. The sites offered are well drained and in some cases well wooded.

Holdrege offered twenty acres worth \$200 an acre and \$25,000 in cash for the school. Senator Dean headed the delegation. North Platte came in with the novel proposition to give a site and \$10,000 to the board to be used in the operation of the school. The intention was to allow the board to spend the money before the legislature can assemble two years hence to make a formal appropriation. The inability to expend the amount paid in as a bonus accounted for this offer. It also offered a straight \$10,000 cash bonus and as an alternative the sum of \$20,000 in bonds.

### Board to Begin Tour Tomorrow.

The members of the state board will begin Wednesday morning to make their tour of the competing towns. Fairfield will be the first town visited. Thursday the board will go to Hastings, where it will meet with the warmest reception imaginable according to the reports, and on Friday Holdrege will be visited. Then the board may defer for some time the visit to the remaining towns.

### Fowler is Much Pleased.

"The result of this afternoon's work," said Superintendent Fowler this afternoon, after the bids for the location of the new normal school had been opened, "have been very gratifying to me. They demonstrate that there has been a great awakening of interest in the reports, and on Friday Holdrege will be visited. Then the board may defer for some time the visit to the remaining towns.

### Governor Expresses His Satisfaction.

"The result of the bidding for the new normal school," said Governor Mielec this afternoon, "demonstrates that a healthy public sentiment exists in the west as well as in the east. A state where such rivalry for the location of an educational institution is possible must be congratulated."

### Section Director Loveland, Official Reporter, Does Not Take Much Stock in the Stories that the Hot Winds are Killing Corn.

He said today, after issuing his weekly bulletin:

### Corn in Good Shape.

"I have not received reports of hot winds from any of the government agents in this state, and if there had been any they would have been reported. Personally I take little stock in such reports. Rain is needed by corn in the southeastern part of the state, but the situation is not critical by any means. The weather of late in this part has been very favorable to corn, and the crop was backward because of the continued rains early in the year which prevented planting, making a period of warmth necessary to the maturing of the same. The crop has been making fine progress and in my judgment will do well now not more than the average in maturity, in spite of its backwardness in the year."

### LARGE CROWD AT REUNION

Veterans in Camp at Fairbury Are Having an Enjoyable Time.

FAIRBURY, Neb., July 28.—(Special.)—The first campfire of the reunion of Camp C. B. Slocum was held last evening, W. C. Crane presiding. The principal address was made by J. H. Burger of Omaha and H. F. Hole of Fairbury, and both were excellent. S. McIntosh of Omaha contributed to the pleasure of the meeting with his rendition of old camp songs. This morning the veterans' concert band opened headquarters on the grounds and Commander D. Second regiment, Nebraska National Guard, went into camp for the week.

The number attending the second day of the reunion at Camp C. B. Slocum is estimated at 3,000 and all the camping facilities have been in operation since the day. This morning the veterans were heartily welcomed to the city by Acting Mayor N. Down, and Captain G. G. Morrison responded to the welcome. T. R. Armstrong read an original poem which was greatly appreciated. Hon. W. L. Stark delivered an address to the veterans and Major E. W. McIntosh of Omaha entertained the audience with stories of his personal experience of the war, interspersed with camp songs. The musical part of the program was filled out by a male quartette and Pettit's band.

### Rock County Convention Called.

BARRETT, Neb., July 28.—(Special.)—The republican county central committee met here today and fixed the date for holding the county convention and primaries. The county convention is set for October 3, and the primaries for September 25. The committee selected the delegates to the state and judicial conventions. The committee also adopted rules for the control of the primaries and prepared for submission to the voters a resolution whereby it will be decided at the primaries whether the present primary system shall be continued or not. Nominations are made in this county by popular vote at the primaries and a good deal of dissatisfaction with the system obtains on account of the packing of the votes in the towns and the lack of attendance in the country precincts, and also on account of the fact that where there are several candidates but a fraction of the vote is able to make the nominations.

### Held for Horsestealing.

WEST POINT, Neb., July 28.—(Special.)—John Olebusch, a farm hand living near here, was arrested by Sheriff Klocke and brought to this city on a charge of horse stealing. The complaint was sworn to by Fritz Eisinger of Pender, who claims that by sharp practice on the part of Olebusch in making a pretended trade he was defrauded out of a valuable mare. Preliminary hearing was had before County Judge Klocke, who found probable cause for holding the prisoner, who was bound over to the district court under \$400 bonds.

### Prayers for Late Pope.

PLATTSBOUTH, Neb., July 28.—(Special.)—In union with their brethren throughout the world, the Catholics of this city assembled at their place of worship this morning to offer up their prayers for the repose of the soul of Pope Leo XIII.

### TREE GROWING IN SAND HILLS

Government Expert Gives Result of Experiments on Dismal River.

### PINES ARE MAKING RAPID PROGRESS

Interesting Papers Read Before Nebraska Horticultural Society in Session at Fremont.

FREMONT, Neb., July 28.—(Special.)—The annual summer session of the Nebraska State Horticultural society opened at district court room this morning with a good attendance of those interested in trees, fruits and flowers. The president of the society, G. S. Christy of Johnson, called the meeting to order and prayer was offered by Rev. John Doane of the Congregational church. Hon. Charles Wolf welcomed the visitors to the city and Rev. C. S. Harrison of York responded on behalf of the society. Charles A. Scott of Halsey, Neb., assistant forest expert of the National Bureau of Forestry, read a very interesting paper on the work done on the Dismal River Forest reserve, in which a good many facts were generally known to the public at large were brought out. The work of the government growing trees in that sandhill country, he said, had proved that with little care the various varieties of pines would withstand the effect of the dry winds and hot sun. The growth of most of the trees had been very satisfactory. The Jack pine, the variety native to the northwestern part of the state, seemed to be the most successful grower. The 15-year-old government timber reserve in Holt county, he said, was in good shape and the pines growing very rapidly. The method of planting the seeds of the pines and cedars was explained and a number of plants, the seed of which had been planted this spring, were shown.

President Clemmons of the Fremont Normal school also addressed the society.

This afternoon, after music by Prof. Swithhart's orchestra, J. W. Stevens of North Bend read a paper on the small fruits. William Davies discussed the cultivation of strawberries and especially the renovation or renewal of old beds. Charles H. Green of Fremont gave an interesting talk on horticulture and E. F. Stephens of Crete closed the afternoon session with an essay on "Orchard Interests of the Platte Valley," in which he gave many figures, showing the rapid and permanent growth of the orchard business and its value to the state at large and the Platte valley in particular.

### Wheat Yield Poor.

The attendance at the meeting is not large, but the sessions thus far have been interesting and the papers evince careful preparation. On tables inside the bar and on the walls is a fine exhibit of apples, several varieties of which are fully ripe, also cherries, peaches and grapes. One variety of peaches are nearly ripe. A firm from Crete, Neb., exhibits a number of branches from blackberry bushes which are heavily loaded with luscious berries and attract much attention.

### Convict is in Bad Luck

Serves Out Sentence and Sheriff Meets Him at Door with Another Warrant.

LINCOLN, Neb., July 28.—(Special.)—Erich Engel had just completed a three-year sentence in the state penitentiary last Saturday when he was confronted by Sheriff Lincoln of this county, armed with a warrant for his arrest on a charge of burglary of the jewelry store of R. S. Thornton of Cozad, on September 27, 1900.

In July of the same year he had with other companions committed a burglary in the same town in the store of J. B. Higgins, who postoffice and also Thornton's store. He was caught in December of that year and pleaded guilty to the July robbery, for which he was sentenced to three years by Judge Sullivan. In the second burglary Mr. Thornton was a loser to the amount of over \$1,000, consequently he was not forgetful of the time when Engel would be set at liberty. For that reason he made complaint before Judge Turton, who issued a warrant ahead of the date of his release. The sheriff was on hand and met him near in the warden's office just as he had donned a new suit and was preparing to leave.

### Woman Brutally Assaulted.

BEATRICE, Neb., July 28.—(Special.)—Mrs. Harry Giles was brutally assaulted by her husband at Wayne Sunday evening. It is alleged that Giles is a member of a gang of thieves who have infested the southern part of the state the past year. The family recently located in Wayne, and Giles, who has been away for some time, called at his home and made a demand for money from his wife. She refused him and he instantly whipped out a revolver and beat her over the head with the butt of the weapon, inflicting several ugly scalp wounds. After assaulting Mrs. Giles he demolished part of the furniture and stood the neighbors off at the point of a gun until he succeeded in making his escape with a fellow who had a buggy in waiting near the house. The officers were notified and followed the men down as far as the Kansas line, where the trail was lost. The authorities believe the men have gone to Girard, Kan., near where the military type press is their headquarters. An attempt will be made to locate Giles and bring him back to Wayne to answer the charge of his brutal assault upon his wife.

### Harvesting Almost Completed.

PAPILLION, Neb., July 28.—(Special.)—Harvesting is nearly completed throughout Sarpy county and threshing has begun. Small grain has yielded better than was generally anticipated. In some sections oats are very light on account of an unusual amount of rust, but as a whole they will show good yield. Wheat will average close to twenty bushels per acre, while barley and rye are averaging well. On account of too much rain early in the season the potato crop will be short. Corn is showing up fine. It was thought, owing to the continued spell of hot weather, that the corn crop would be very short also, but after making a canvass of many parts of the county it is found to be holding its own exceedingly well. A good percentage will be laid in as it was reported on account of the land being under water last spring, but barring early frosts, the farmers of Sarpy county will not have any cause to complain of the shortness of the corn crop this fall.

### Store at Lewiston Robbed.

BEATRICE, Neb., July 28.—(Special.)—Thieves raided the merchandise store of White Bros at Lewiston, last night, but all they got for their trouble was several pairs of shoes. The bloodhounds from this city were sent to Lewiston to trace the burglars, but the animals failed to locate them.

### Accidentally Shoots Himself.

RETCUMBER, Neb., July 28.—(Special.)—While playing with a twenty-gauge rifle at one of the livery stables here, evening John Curtis, an 18-year-old lad, shot himself in the foot. The bullet went

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entirely through, inflicting a painful though probably not serious wound.

### Chance to Enter West Point.

HASTINGS, Neb., July 28.—(Special.)—There will be a cadet appointed from the Fifth congressional district to the United States Military academy at West Point, who will be admitted into the academy on June 15, 1904. In order that all applicants for this position may have an equal opportunity to obtain the appointment, Congress has now held a competitive examination at Hastings, the latter part of August, which will be conducted by a number of the county superintendents of the district. The mental examination will consist of the following branches: Reading, writing and spelling, arithmetic, algebra, plain geometry, English literature, English composition and English literature, geography, history, physiology and hygiene. In addition to this examination the successful candidate will be required to report at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, for medical examination on May 1, 1904, and if he is then found to possess all the required qualifications will be admitted to the academy. For further information those interested may address Congressman Norris at McCook, Neb.

### Valentine Out for Judge.

WEST POINT, Neb., July 28.—(Special.)—The near approach of the judicial convention for the Eighth district is arousing great interest among the local republicans. Hon. E. K. Valentine of this city is prominently mentioned as a likely candidate and will doubtless receive strong support from the local delegation. The convention will be held in Wakefield and will consist of fifty-seven delegates, of which Cuming county is entitled to twelve.

### Cuming Republicans Encouraged.

WEST POINT, Neb., July 28.—(Special.)—The Cuming county central committee of the republican party is called to meet at Bancroft tomorrow. It is expected that a date will be set for the county convention. Prospects are bright for the election of at least three of the county officers by the republicans. Republican sentiment is growing very strongly in Cuming county, and this being a stronghold of fusion gives the party managers great encouragement.

### Raise Money for Missions.

NORFOLK, Neb., July 28.—(Special.)—A highly successful missionfest, attended by 1,500 persons, members of Christ Lutheran church, raised several hundred dollars for missions. A choir from Stanton and one from St. Paul Lutheran church of Norfolk, were present. Sermons were delivered by Rev. Mr. John of Hazle Mill and Rev. Mr. Merz of Pierce. The feast was held in Pasewalk park, corner Pasewalk avenue and Fifth street.

### Boy Killed by Cars.

PLATTSBOUTH, Neb., July 28.—(Special.)—Ray Lillie, a 17-year-old boy, was crushed to death under the wheels of a Burlington freight train at Pacific Junction this morning. The unfortunate boy attempted to crawl under a car when the train backed down upon him. His lower limbs were horribly mangled and he died soon after the accident. The lad was employed as a call boy by the company.

### Church Choir Goes into Camp.

NORFOLK, Neb., July 28.—(Special.)—Members of the choir of Trinity Episcopal church, under the care of Rev. and Mrs. J. C. S. Wells, left this morning, a score in all, for their annual camping trip to the Yellow Banks, twelve miles west of Norfolk. Here they will enjoy a week's recreation in the military type camp, which on Sunday will hold services, which many Norfolk people will attend.

### Marder Case is Postponed.

AINSWORTH, Neb., July 28.—(Special Telegram.)—The famous Hains-Luce case, which had been carried over from the last term of the district court to this date, was again postponed this afternoon to the October term of the district court on the plea of the state that certain witnesses wanted could not be obtained at this time. The taxpayers of town county are not very much pleased over the state of affairs.

### Change in Asylum Superintendents.

NORFOLK, Neb., July 28.—(Special.)—J. L. Speck is now superintendent of the state property at the Norfolk hospital grounds. A. M. Thomas, former superintendent, has resigned and gone to the western coast. There are no signs yet as to any action upon the new building. The cottage plan, as announced by the state board, is considered very successful by physicians who have studied the matter.

### Hot Weather Helps Corn.

NORFOLK, Neb., July 28.—(Special.)—"We are eating sweet corn out of our own field," said Burr Taft today, who owns one of the most successful farms in Madison county. "This hot weather is just what we need, and I never saw the corn looking better in my life around the country in general. We are all safe. This is a great country, for fair."

### Old Settlers Hold Picnic.

BEATRICE, Neb., July 28.—(Special.)—The old settlers of Harston and vicinity will hold their picnic at Harston August 29. A splendid program is being prepared for the occasion.

### GARD-OSBORNE ASSAULT CASE

Frank Mulick Protests Innocence and is Released on Bonds.

### ONE ESCORT OF GIRLS A MARRIED MAN

John Barrett, Who was Arrested, Not Implicated in Assault and Police Looking for Another Man of Same Name.

Developments yesterday in the case of the assault of Alice Gard and Dora Osborne at Benson Sunday night were the establishment of the innocence of John Barrett, charged with being one of the assailants, the bringing of Frank Mulick from Columbus to Omaha and the fact that Guy Buckles, the escort, is a married man. Mulick was lodged in the county jail and later released on bond signed by his father. As Mulick drew his pay as a Union Pacific brakeman Monday afternoon, after the affair at Benson, and left the city, the police felt sure that he was connected with the crime. Mulick, however, stoutly maintains his innocence. As for leaving the city the day after the crime Mulick said it was a mere coincidence.

"I spoke to the superintendent last Thursday," he said, "about going to Denver, but it was impossible for me to go, so I waited until Monday and then I had to quit in order to get away. I had been planning for some time to go to Denver and the superintendent will bear me out that I asked him Thursday. The first I knew of the affair was when I was arrested at Columbus. I do not know the girls and never saw them. I was at Kroyer park Sunday night and was drinking. After leaving there I went to a saloon in Benson and remained there until after midnight and then went to sleep beside the road north of Benson. The men in the saloon will testify that I was in there when all the trouble was said to have occurred."

### Does Not Know Mulick.

Dora Osborne said last night that she did not know Mulick, but from the description she furnished her brother she said he was certain the man wanted was Mulick. In fact she said she only knew the two Wisemans and as to their identity she was certain. She said, however, when she saw the men who assaulted her she would be able to identify them.

Former Police Judge Combs of Grand Island was here yesterday and he felt certain that Mulick was not guilty. He said that Mulick was engaged to marry a girl at Grand Island and that she had been in Omaha Sunday, and that the two had started to elope to Denver, and were together when Mulick was arrested. This statement Mulick denied, and said it is his brother who is engaged to marry a Grand Island girl.

John Barrett's innocence was established when the two girls saw him. The meeting occurred in the office of the county attorney after Barrett had protested his innocence before Judge King when he was arraigned. Barrett had with him a number of witnesses who said he was with them at Courtland beach. One of them had come to town with him and the two had remained together until after midnight. Barrett was released. The police believe there was a Barrett in the crowd, but that they arrested the wrong man.

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### FIRE RECORD.

Depot at Portal.

PAPILLION, Neb., July 28.—(Special Telegram.)—During a hard electrical storm this afternoon the Missouri Pacific depot at Portal was struck by lightning and burned to the ground. This depot was considered by railroad men to have been the finest local station on the line. It has not been occupied for a year on account of not enough business. It was built during the Portal boom several years ago and was intended as a Union depot of the Missouri Pacific, Union Pacific and Burlington lines.

### Called Up at Midnight.

"Something like a month ago a neighbor of mine came to my house at midnight and called me up and wanted to know if I had a medicine in the stomach and diarrhoea. I sold him a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy which he carried back home and at the same time sent for a doctor. Immediately on his return home he gave a dose of this remedy, and he afterwards told me that the patient was entirely relieved before the doctor got there," says Enoch Burson, O'Lea, Ia.

## MALARIA

### Germ Infected Air.

Malaria is not confined exclusively to the swamps and marshy regions of the country, but wherever there is bad air this insidious foe to health is found. Poisonous vapors and gases from sewers, and the musty air of damp cellars are laden with the germs of this miserable disease, which are breathed into the lungs and taken up by the blood and transmitted to every part of the body. Then you begin to feel out of sorts without ever suspecting the cause. No energy or appetite, dull headaches, sleepy and tired and completely fagged out from the slightest exertion, are some of the deplorable effects of this enfeebling malady. As the disease progresses and the blood becomes more deeply poisoned, boils and abscesses and dark or yellow spots appear upon the skin. When the poison is left to ferment and the microbes and germs to multiply in the blood, Liver and Kidney troubles and other serious complications often arise. As Malaria begins and develops in the blood, the treatment to be effective must begin there too. S. S. S. destroys the germs and poisons and purifies and strengthens the polluted blood, and under its tonic effect the debilitated constitution rapidly recuperates and the system is soon clear of all signs of this depressing disease.

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