APPORTION SCHOOL MONEY

Freedmen's Aid Society Has Some Difficulty in Apportioning the Funds.

ANXIOUS ABOUT REVENUE LAW DECISION

Supreme Court, Owing to Importance of Case, Likely to Take as Much Time as Possible to Look Into Question.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

LINCOLN, Nov. 10.—(Special.)—The Freedmen's Aid and Southern Educational society today spent a busy time apportioning out money for the various schools under its jurisdiction. This occasioned much wrangling and lots of talk, with the result that only a few of the schools got as much money as they had asked for.

The visitors were welcomed this morning by Governor Mickey, who also lead in the devotional exercises. This afternoon those attending the meetings were invited out to Wesleyan university by Chancellor Huntington. They went in a special car and returned in time to resume the discussion of the appropriations.

The sums for the different institutions were set apart as follows:

Gammon Theological seminary, Atlanta, Ga., $12,000; Bennett college, Greensboro, N. C., $2,600; Claflin university, Orangeburg, S. C., $7,500; Clark university, Atlanta, Ga., $7,500; New Orleans university, New Orleans, La., $5,000; Flint Medical college, New Orleans, La., $1,000; Sarah Goodrich Nurse Training School and Hospital, New Orleans, La., $700; George R. Smith college, Sedalia, Mo., $2,700; Morgan college, Baltimore, Md., $5,900; Philander Smith college, Little Rock, Ark., $3,000; Rust university, Holly Springs, Miss., $5,400; Walden university, Nashville, Tenn., $7,000; Meharry Medical college, Nashville, Tenn., $1,000; Wiley university, Marshall, Tex., $3,200.

The sum of $13,300 was appropriated for academies, making a total for colored people of $77,900. For the white schools $16,300 was granted, with legal services, insurance, taxes, printing, salaries, etc., a grand total of $13,021.

Anxious About Revenue Law.

It is with considerable anxiety that the people in this part of the state are awaiting the decision of the supreme court commissioners regarding the constitutionality of the revenue law enacted by the late legislature. Owing to the importance of the matter, it is more than likely that the commissioners will take the full time allowed, and not make a report until the next sitting of the court. If this is done, of course another day would have to be set for the discussion before the supreme court in order to give the attorneys in the case an opportunity to prepare their briefs.

While there are many who fear the outcome of the suit, believing that it will be the wind-up of the new law, over which so many weary nights and days were spent, Governor Mickey is one of the optimistic kind.

"It would be little short of the wonderful if a law like that was enacted without there being some flaws in it that would require the courts to straighten out. But even if some of the sections are found to be unconstitutional, that may not affect the entire law, and in my opinion the law in the main will be found all right. And even if the entire law is knocked out, we still have the old law to fall back on, and the next law makers will know how to avoid the mistakes made in this one."

The governor refused to state whether he would call an extra session of the legislature to frame a new law if this one was knocked out. "I will await the decision of the court," he said, "before worrying about the extra session."

Widow Sues for Property.

In Judge Frost's court this morning a little, old, faded German woman sat on the witness stand all day, telling in a tearful voice of how she came into her sitting room last March and saw her husband sitting on the floor dying and of the trouble the two had gone through because of the interference of her son-in-law. She was Mrs. Henry Buettggenbach and she is trying to save of her husband's estate sufficient to keep her the remainder of her days. Those who are opposing her are her ten children, to whom the husband and father gave all his money at is death, cutting off the widow and one daughter with a dollar each. The estate is valued at about $5,000.

The woman told how forty-six years ago she and her husband settled near Lincoln on the unbroken prairie and that while her husband drove the first plow in this part of the country she planted corn. Soon her husband tired of turning over the new soil, she said, and she began to do all the work and he began to make frequent trips to places where liquor could be secured and that during all the forty-six years both had kept well to their work. In the meantime she found time to rear eleven children, all of whom are married now. Some time ago one daughter and her husband, Henry Gerbig, moved to the farm, paying rent therefor and allowing the old folks to live with them. Then was when the real trouble began. In every way, the woman said, her daughter and son-in-law humiliated her, not allowing her to even talk to her husband and influencing him to the extent that his affections for her grew cold. This finally resulted in the aged couple separating to the extent that the wife occupied one end of the house and the husband the other, both meeting, however, at the table, but never except when one of their relatives were present to see that little was said by either. Then the husband sued for divorce, but the application was refused.

The Gerbigs removed from the farm, the aged couple paying them $1,000 to get them to do so, said the woman. Later, she said, her husband said he had done something at the request of the relatives that he should not have done, but that he would fix it all right. The two lived happily together until last spring. Then one day the husband asked for a sheet of writing paper. The wife did not get it for him and the next day he asked again, and there was none in the house. The day after when the woman returned to the house from the yard she found her husband sitting on the floor with his face in his hands, leaning against a trunk. He was dead. When the will was found the wife discovered that she had been left $1 for all her years of patience and toil. She claims that the son-in-law and daughter influenced the old man to cut her off.

Talks on Irrigation.

George H. Maxwell, executive chairman of the National Irrigation association, addressed the students of the State university this morning and the commercial club members this afternoon on irrigation. It is the idea of Mr. Maxwell to effect a local organization for irrigation purposes in every town of consequence in the state to work with the national association for the promotion of irrigation. It is desired to have the state headquarters at Omaha.

Convict Wants Pardon.

Governor Mickey yesterday afternoon made a trip to the penitentiary to see Convict Buchanan, who because he has consumption, is trying to secure a pardon in order to die outside of prison walls. The governor is sure that Buchanan has consumption but he has not yet decided what to do in the case. This morning he sent for the young man's father to come in from Orchard for a conference.

In the meantime O'Brien, who after serving four months of his term for hog stealing in Sarpy county and who was recently taken to the Douglas county jail pending a rehearing, doesn't want to come back to prison and his friends are at work in his behalf. Sheriff Power was down the other day and told the governor that O'Brien was suffering with rheumatism and would not make a desirable inmate of the penitentiary. The governor, however, refused to interfere with the court's decree at this time and the sheriff was told to bring on the prisoner and he would serve the state while the governor made a personal investigation.

Nothing to Do with Guessing.

The Hastings people who wanted to start a guessing contest with prizes to the best guessers, will not do so by permission of the State Banking board, because the board decided this afternoon that it had no jurisdiction in the matter. The scheme was to organize a company with a capital stock of $50,000 and the people were to pay so much a guess at the number of people who attended the St. Louis fair on the first day. A capital prize of $10,000 headed the list and besides there were these prizes: one $1,000; fifty $100 each; one hundred $20 each; 200 $10 each and 700 $5 each. Three monthly prizes of $500 each were to be given. The board acted upon the advice of Attorney General Prout who said it had no jurisdiction in the matter.

The Board of Educational Lands and Funds this afternoon accepted the appraisement of the Howard county lands, passed on some bills and transacted regular routine business.

Boys Fall to Return Home.

YORK, Neb., Nov. 10.—(Special.)—The Lincoln police captured the two runaway boys from York, Lester Wiley and Donald McDonald who were kept over night and owing to their youth were placed in care of the police matron. Each on being searched had a revolver in his possession and when questioned as to who they were and where they came from, neither would tell. When information was received by the police from York about two runaways, the boys weakened and seemed very penitent, promising if furnished tickets they would return home where they wanted to go. They were put on the first train to York, and nothing more has been heard from them. Somewhere between here and Lincoln, they left the train. They are the sons of respectable well to do parents who are anxious to learn their whereabouts.

Independent Telephone Conference.

FREMONT, Neb., Nov. 10.—(Special.)—About twenty-five representatives of independent telephone companies in eastern and southeastern Nebraska met here this afternoon for the purpose of perfecting plans for better service and more perfect co-operation among the different independent companies. Over forty towns can be reached by the lines of these companies. At present there is no fixed schedule of toll rates. All the companies report an increasing demand for connections with outside towns and their local business in a satisfactory condition. The eastern part of the state is now so well covered by the independent companies that with a satisfactory arrangement for interchange of business they will very soon prove a strong competitor with the Bell company.

District Court in Butler.

DAVID CITY, Neb., Nov. 10.—(Special.)—The regular November term of the district court for Butler county convened here today, Judge Good of Wahoo presiding. The docket is very light, containing only fifty-five civil and two criminal cases. Equity cases will be tried this week. The jury is summoned to appear next Tuesday. The case that will cause the most interest among the legal profession is the State against William E. Monk, charged with deserting his wife and three small children. The attorneys for the defendant contend that the law under which Monk is being prosecuted, which was passed by the last legislature is unconstitutional.

Connolly Wants Contract.

SPRINGFIELD, Neb., Nov. 10.—(Special Telegram.)—The village trustees have succeeded in breaking into the district court on account of letting the contract for the construction of the waterworks system to W. H. Davidson at a price of $280 above the bid of James F. Connolly. Through his attorney, Mr. Connolly has served a writ of mandamus upon the individual members of the board to compel them to award him the contract. He recites a long affidavit setting forth his reasons. The board is cited to appear in district court Nov. 23 and make known its reasons for not letting the contract to Mr. Connolly.

Harvard Boy Goes to West Point.

M'COOK, Neb., Nov. 10.—(Special Telegram.)—Congressman Norris today announced the appointment of Paul M. Fell of Harvard as a cadet to the West Point Military academy. J. W. Eckersley of Juniata is the first alternate and F. L. Sward of Axtell is the second alternate. The above appointments are the result of the recent examination in Hastings.

Elect Two Heavyweights.

PAPILLION, Neb., Nov. 10.—(Special.)—Henry Gottsche, the newly elected county assessor, and Arch Morrison, county treasurer, are both heavyweights, their combined weight being 665 pounds. Republicans say if the other candidates had been equally as large, they would have elected every man on the ticket.

NEBRASKANS GET TOGETHER

Unity of Action Necessary if Good Committee Places Are Secured.

MONDELL GETS THE COVETED COMMITTEE

Representative Burke of South Dakota Interviews Commissioner Jones on Gregory County Indian Lands.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, Nov. 10.—(Special Telegram.)—There is a disposition on the part of the Nebraska delegation, that is the republican members, to meet in friendly consultation and if possible bring about unanimity of action looking to legislation in which the state is interested. Representative Burkett, who is the senior member of the delegation, is naturally expected to call his colleagues together. It developed today that an effort was made several times during the summer to get the members of the lower house from Nebraska together for a conference, particularly with a view of agreeing upon committee assignments. Business, courts and other matters interfered, however, with the meetings and the new members from Nebraska never met as had been planned. Now the new members are at sea. All of them naturally desire advantageous committee assignments, but when two or more are asking for the same place somebody is bound to get left. This is Nebraska's position.

It is anticipated that Speaker Cannon will be very conservative in his committee assignments, looking to his lieutenants to aid him in deciding upon the relative merits of rival candidates for the same place. In order to present a united front the Nebraska members contemplate getting together this week with a view of agreeing upon the committee places Nebraska of right should obtain, in view of the changed conditions over that in the Fifty-seventh congress. Then there were four democrats and two republicans. Now the delegation stands five republicans and one democrat, a percentage of gain which has not been exceeded by any other state.

Mondell to Get Chairmanship.

The appointment of Representative Reeder of Kansas as chairman of the house committee on mileage practically assures the appointment of Congressman Mondell of Wyoming, as chairman of the committee on irrigation. Reeder was the ranking republican member of the latter committee and expected to secure the chairmanship, but having been given one chairmanship he cannot expect another. Mondell being the next ranking member, will now, in all probability, succeed to the chairmanship of irrigation.

Wants More Money for Indians.

Representative Burke called on Indian Commissioner Jones this afternoon and had an extended conference with that official relative to his bill looking to the opening of some 500,000 acres of land in Gregory county, South Dakota. Mr. Burke proposed that the government pay the Indians a lump sum for their lands based upon a valuation of $2.50 per acre. Commissioner Jones does not think this an equitable sum and believes the Indians should receive at least $5 per acre.

Dakota Building Bills.

Congressman Burke today introduced bills providing an appropriation of $175,000 for the purchase of a site and the erection of a federal building in each of these South Dakota cities: Huron, Mitchell and Watertown.

Postal Matters.

These rural carriers were appointed today: Nebraska—Beatrice, regulars, Harry C. Leech, Jesse R. Johnson, jr., and Byron H. Belan; substitutes, Fred L. Leech, Seth W. Johnson and William Bishop. Beemer, regular, William Smith; substitute, John Ernest. Douglas, regular, Thomas J. Edwards; substitute, Albert G. Edwards. Hildreth, regulars, Thomas J. Current and James H. Carpenter; substitutes, J. M. Glenn and Jay G. Carpenter. Peru, regular, John F. Cole; substitute, Dick Cole. Iowa—Elston, regular, Benjamin Getchell; substitute, Samuel Getchell. Hull, regular, Francoise L. Canfield; substitute, Almon E. Canfield. Joice, regular, Thomas Nelson; substitute, Ole Heimdol. Kingsley, regular, J. W. Randall; substitute, W. H. Randall. Lansing, regular, Bertrand B. Dodds; substitute, Donald E. Dodds. West Branch, regular, Marcus Jensen; substitute, Neal Jensen.

Three additional routes will be established December 15 at Knoxville, Marion county, Ia. Routes embrace an area of fifty-three square miles, containing a population of 1,499.

South Dakota postmasters appointed: Canova, Miner county, A. H. Nohlgren, vice Emil C. Goecke, resigned; Luffman, Marshall county, Charles S. Hellier, vice Martin M. Luffman, resigned.

Hitchcock to Enjoy Life.

Representative Hitchcock of the Second Nebraska district proposes to enjoy every hour he has to spend in Washington as one of the nation's law makers. He has had his splendid team of horses sent on from Omaha, together with the family carriage. His coachman is also here. When social functions are at their height G. M. Hitchcock will be found on the top crest and when the Hitchcock carriage is called it will be a real affair and not a hired fiacre which many congressmen and not a few senators are compelled to employ in order to properly perform social obligations devolving upon them.

Congressman McCarthy of the Third district filed a petition today, signed by 125 families asking for the establishment of a rural free delivery route out of Lindsay, Platte county.

Representative Mondell today presented President Roosevelt with a Wyoming-made goat hair saddle cinch, made by C. W. Gettys of Newcastle, for the horse Wyoming presented to the president last spring by the people of Douglas, Wyo. The president accepted the gift with expressions of appreciation.

George M. Hawn of Iowa has been appointed clerk in the United States land office at Boise, Ida.

FATALLY SHOT BY HOLDUP MAN

Webster County Farmer Loses Money and Probably His Life Near His Own Home.

RED CLOUD, Neb., Nov. 10.—(Special Telegram.)—John Anshutz, a man of about 55 years of age, living twelve miles southwest of this city, was held up last night on his way home from Lebanon, Kan., and probably fatally shot. He had been to town and had received his pension. He had some transactions at the bank and had a check cashed. The man stopped him about one mile from his home and asked him several questions and then pulled a gun, telling him to give over his money. Anshutz gave him a pocketbook containing $25. The man asked the amount in the pocketbook and then replied that he got more than that at the bank. Anshutz started to make a move as though to whip the horses, when the man shot him through the bowels. He then fled. Anshutz did not lose consciousness, but drove to a neighbor's, who took him home and summoned medical aid. Four doctors in attendance give no hopes for his recovery. The pocketbook was found today on the road leading to Lebanon, which is a strong point that the work was done by a local party who knew his business affairs.

Sarpy County Must Pay.

PLATTSMOUTH, Neb., Nov. 10.—(Special.)—Lee Herdman, clerk of the supreme court, has another guess or two coming. In the first place, he informed County Attorney Root here that the supreme court had affirmed the decision of the lower court in the case of Cass county against Sarpy county, in which the plaintiff sought to compel the defendant to pay for one-half the expense of repairing the foot and wagon bridge which spans the Platte river at Louisville, but now he declares that "Former judgment vacated; judgment of the district court reversed," which means that Sarpy county will have to foot the bill for half the expenses of keeping the bridge in repairs.

See Brilliant Meteors.

PAPILLION, Neb., Nov. 10.—(Special.)—Last night about 7 o'clock, the people of Papillion beheld a brilliant celestial phenomenon. A ball of fire of quite large size appeared high in the sky, northeast of here, remained stationary for about two minutes, then fell, taking a westerly course and leaving a long, fiery train of light and exploding before reaching the ground. This had hardly disappeared when another one of a vivid crimson color, although smaller, sped along in its track, followed very closely by a small one. It was not known at first how to account for the spectacle, but the opinion is that they were meteors.

Battle Creek Business Changes.

BATTLE CREEK, Neb., Nov. 10.—(Special.)—The Battle Creek Republican, after a laborious existence of ten years and twenty-five weeks, has suspended publication. The Republican was established by Lee Pryor, now of Newman Grove, Neb., and was afterwards taken by C. F. Montross, who has since been editor and publisher. L. Flowers has bought the livery stock in the Best barn and rented the barn. The restaurant of which Frank Smolek has been proprietor, has been closed.

Both Want Same Preacher.

YORK, Neb., Nov. 10.—(Special.)—Rev. T. A. Maxwell of Lincoln was here and preached two sermons at the Christian church. He is well known to the members, having engaged in work here when a student several years ago. Rev. Maxwell is so well liked here that the church was unanimous in extending a call. His church at Lincoln refuses to let him go and it is with considerable regret that the church members here are unable to secure him.

FORECAST OF THE WEATHER

Promise of Colder and Partly Cloudy Wednesday; Thursday Fair and Warmer.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 10.—Forecast:

For Nebraska—Colder and partly cloudy Wednesday; Thursday, fair and warmer.

For Iowa—Rain and snow and colder Wednesday; Thursday, fair.

For Illinois—Colder Wednesday, with rain in south and rain and snow in north portion, increasing and high east shifting to northwest winds; Thursday, fair and colder.

For Missouri—Colder Wednesday, rain in south and rain or snow in north portion; Thursday, fair.

For North and South Dakota—Fair Wednesday with colder in east portion; Thursday, fair and warmer.

For Kansas—Colder and partly cloudy Wednesday with rain or snow in extreme east portion; Thursday, fair with warmer in west portion.

For Colorado, Wyoming and Montana—Fair Wednesday; Thursday, fair and warmer.

Local Record.

OFFICE OF THE WEATHER BUREAU, OMAHA, Nov. 10.—Official record of temperature and precipitation compared with the corresponding day of the last three years:

	1903.	1902.	1901.	1900.
Maximum temperature	56	35	60	45
Minimum temperature	35	31	38	34
Mean temperature	46	34	49	40
Precipitation	.00	T	.90	T

Record of temperature and precipitation at Omaha for this day and since March 1, 1903:

Normal temperature	42
Excess for the day	4
Total excess since March 1	130
Normal precipitation	.04 inch
Deficiency for the day	.04 inch
Precipitation since March 1, 1903	31.93 inches
Excess since March 1	3.35 inches
Deficiency for cor. period, 1902	2.62 inches
Deficiency for cor. period, 1901	5.20 inches

Report from Stations at 7 P. M.

CONDITION OF THE WEATHER.	Temperature at 7 p. m.	Maximum temperature	Precipitation
Omaha, cloudy	48	56	.00
Valentine, snowing	32	42	T
North Platte, cloudy	38	50	.00
Cheyenne, clear	22	22	.00
Salt Lake City, clear	26	34	.01
Rapid City, clear	32	38	.00
Huron, cloudy	38	42	.00
Williston, cloudy	28	36	.00
Chicago, clear	48	50	.00
St. Louis, partly cloudy	56	56	.00
St. Paul, cloudy	46	48	.00
Davenport, cloudy	50	52	.00
Kansas City, clear	66	66	.00
Havre, partly cloudy	34	40	.00
Helena, clear	24	30	.02
Bismarck, cloudy	34	40	.00
Galveston, clear	70	76	.00

T indicates trace of precipitation.

L. A. WELSH, Forecaster.