# TEACHERS' SESSIONS END

## Reception to Former Chancellor Canfield the Principal Event of the Day.

## MANY PUT IN THE DAY SIGHTSEEING

### Superintendent Fowler Keeps Open House During Part of the Day and Routine Occupies the Remainder.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

LINCOLN, Jan. 1.—(Special.)—With the address of Dr. James H. Canfield of Columbia university, formerly chancellor of the Nebraska state university, at St. Paul's church tonight, the thirty-eighth annual state teachers' meeting came to an end. It was considered by all to have been one of the best, the most harmonious and the most enjoyable in the history of the association. The enrolment last night was 1,677 and late today was 1,880, but those who will enroll this evening in order to hear Chancellor Canfield and those who will enroll even after the session is over in order to get their names on the record, it is believed will be of sufficient number to make the attendance reach that of last year, 1,880.

The meeting was remarkable, if for no other reason, because of the absence of anything like strife and conflict insofar as the election of officers was concerned. The matter of cutting down expenses was accomplished with little trouble and left no rancor so far as heard from. The last day was noticeable for the particularly strong programs arranged and the receptions, one held in the office of the state superintendent and the other in honor of Chancellor Canfield. This last was given by the teachers of the public schools and the university faculty from 4:30 to 6:30 o'clock in Memorial hall and hundreds took advantage of the occasion to pay their respects to a former Nebraskan.

**Superintendent Fowler Receives.**

The "at home" given by Superintendent Fowler attracted a crowd from early in the morning until late in the afternoon. Mr. Fowler was assisted in receiving by Mrs. Fowler and these: Mr. and Mrs. J. L. McBrien, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Harnly, Miss Jennie B. Adams, Miss Edna D. Bullock and Miss Daisy L. Lutz.

The rooms of the superintendent were tastefully decorated with cut flowers and American flags. Punch was served by Miss Adams.

Down the hall from the superintendent's office the office of Adjutant General Culver was a favorite visiting place for the teachers. One of the interesting war relics that attracted much attention was a flag that at one time waved over the American schools in the Philippines. This, with other flags, had been sent to the islands by the Grand Army of the Republic and had been presented by Captain Culver to the natives, who requested it. Upon the return of Captain Culver to the United States the natives re-presented the flag to him. In it had been worked by the women of the islands the name of the province in which the schools were located and the date of the presentation, December 25, 1900. Nearly all of the other offices in the state house were closed.

The asylum, the penitentiary and the state farm were objects of as much interest as the state house and many teachers visited each of these. At the penitentiary the prisoners again gave an entertainment in the afternoon and evening. Governor Mickey was present at the afternoon entertainment and took dinner at the prison.

**Routine of Convention.**

Notwithstanding the record of the university foot ball team during the last season and the further fact that this is the home of the team William E. Schell of York took the affirmative in a debate on the subject that "The Evils of Intercollegiate Athletics Outweighs the Benefits." J. I. Wyer of the University of Nebraska took the negative. Mr. Schell was not summarily dealt with, probably because this was New Year's day. During the argument these took a hand: C. R. Marshield of Grand Island, Willis H. Kerr of Bellevue college, M. P. Dowling of Creighton, L. A. Hoopes of Union college, George B. Randals of Bellevue college, Charles Fordyce of Wesleyan. All this was given for the edification of the college section.

H. K. Wolfe of Lincoln discussed for the benefit of the high school section, "Normal Work in the High School," and this was discussed by G. A. Gregory of Crete, C. F. Beck of Peru and G. W. A. Lucky of Lincoln. A. H. Staley of Friend talked of "The Promotions in the High School." J. W. Searson of Wahoo and E. L. Rouse of Plattsmouth discussed the address.

In the grammar school section D. D. Martindale of Center delivered an address on "Co-operation of City and Rural Teachers in Association Work," and his address was discussed by Eugene Howe of Exeter and E. B. Sherman of Schuyler. C. W. McMichel of Arapahoe took for his subject, "The Completion of Common Branches Before Entering High School," and Marion Livingston of Lexington and L. E. Mumford of Beatrice discussed the paper, "A Course of Study for the Seventh and Eighth Grades" kept S. A. Reasoner of Shelton busy, and "Dynamics of Personality in Teachers" did the same for W. L. Stephens.

Agnes Alexander of Grand Island again sang for the primary section at its meeting this morning. Pearl Minick of Peru talked on "The Rendition and Discussion of Songs for Young Children." M. Adelaide Holton of Minneapolis addressed the section on "Reading." R. E. Stewart of the Omaha School for the Deaf told of "The Primary Teaching in the School." Ina M. Orcutt of Beatrice and Mary Farquhar of Red Cloud discussed "Civics for the Primary Room." Mrs. Sarah Brindley of Columbus gave "Illustrated Science Lessons," and Grace Greves of Fremont told of "The Trees of Nebraska and Their Poems."

The science teachers carried out this program: "The Teaching of Botany," Emil A. Bosstrom, Lincoln; discussion opened by John Fossler, Hartington. "The Teaching of Physiology in the Public Schools," Miss Eugene Marchin, Omaha; discussion opened by H. L. Hussong, Oakdale. "Laboratory Methods in Physiology," R. S. Little, University of Nebraska. "The Making of a Planet," E. H. Barbour, University of Nebraska.

**Reception to Canfield.**

At 4:30 the faculty of the university and teachers of the Lincoln public schools tendered a reception to former Chancellor Canfield of the university, at which Mr. Canfield spoke as follows:

Every age has a peculiar character or quality of its own. Every century seems destined to be remembered because of some unique form of life or movement. In the development of nations we hear of the age of chivalry, the feudal age, the period of reformation, the period of constitutional government, the golden age, the age of steam and the like. The present century, although still in the beginning, seems destined to be known as the age of organization. Its peculiar feature, thus far at least, is that of aggregation. Everything is "writ large." Everything is in mass form. Competition, which was so long deemed essential to development, has largely, if not entirely, given way to co-operation. The standard phrase is that of "community of interest." Combination, association, organization—these form the social and administrative trinity of today.

Some find reason for fear in these conditions. The vastness of all undertakings made possible by a large and general manifestation of this temper, the tremendous power which seems to pass to the unquestioned control of a comparatively few men, the fabulous money returns accompanying these enterprises and the increased attention and respect shown to mere wealth—all these and more affright some timid souls. That there is some ground for this fear goes without saying. All natural forces have in them elements of danger as well as elements of service. Electricity set free is frightfully destructive, steam uncontrolled leaves destruction and death in its path, dynamite in the hands of the ignorant or careless is a constant source of both anxiety and disaster. But no sane man proposes for a moment to deprive the world of the inestimable benefits of these great natural forces when properly applied. Human selfishness and shortsightedness are sure to use harmfully any great movement of the human race—but the race moves on, always.

**Where Real Danger Exists.**

There is a real danger, however, in all this, and that is that the largeness of it all, the noisy clamor of the swift revolving wheels, the light reflected from a thousand facets of human purpose and human endeavor where once there were but few, and those rather dull—that all these may blind us and confuse us and set our judgment so awry that we center all our attention and interest and hopes upon a few figures, made unduly prominent because they happen to be in the focus just now and are therefore thrown out upon the canvas far larger than life; and that we forget the rank and file, that powerful aggregation of individual life which lies along the great average lines of daily existence. There is danger that we fail to see that this period of organization demands more imperatively than ever before the development of individual character, individual purpose and individual strength; not only demand it, but must have it. Indeed, already possesses it or the great undertakings of the day would already have failed. In the minor affairs of life it is quite possible that a single mind may be dominant and all others subservient; but any undertaking of magnitude must rest back upon the sure and broad foundation of close association in large equality. Consciously or unconsciously the trend of our daily life is admitting the first proposition; that only by intelligent association, co-operation may we hope for success. This is true because only intelligent co-operation sets free and quickens all intellectual powers, gives new breadth and stronger color to all spiritual life. Exclusion and seclusion are not only unworthy of the age, but make this age impossible. A striking proof of this is found in the tremendous rapidity with which four-corners are becoming villages and villages are becoming towns and towns are becoming cities and each of a dozen or our cities are rapidly taking on metropolitan life. The old gregarious instinct in man, refined by the passing centuries and itself largely both the cause and effect of modern civilization, is surely in full play. It is safe that it shall have this freedom of action because as never before we have mastered both time and space and it is now possible for large aggregations of people to exist under sanitary and economic conditions which are upbuilding and perpetuating rather than destructive. Men are not coming together in this century in this way to take each other by the throat. They are assembling because consciously or unconsciously they seek the benefit to be derived from such association.

**Equality for All Essential.**

As to equality, there is no other form of common life which does not waste intellectual power and individual effort in fruitless struggle or in bitter strife. Equality in choice of way, equality in right of way after the way has been chosen; equality of opportunity—this, the only equality which any self-respecting American will ask, must be secured for all, must be granted to all.

All artificial distinctions must be laid aside. There is no room with us in this day and age for differentiation of rank and station. The only distinction which we may honestly undertake to establish between individuals or which we may safely permit is that which arises from conduct. All else is accidental and evanescent. The rewards and the distinctions of this life must in their distribution follow closely the old formula: For each according to his ability and to each according to his deserts.

Creed, with its sure companion, short-sighted selfishness; fear ever walking hand in hand with undue compliance or abject servility; trickery, chicanery, fraud and the whole brood of dishonest practices; force, always and everywhere stirring to strife—these have never founded nor reared nor saved a state; because these strive for mastery in the hands of the few and against the many.

We need to have our attention constantly recalled to the place and value of the individual and to give this full recognition, because we need the individual so much and because he so much needs the stimulus which comes from recognition and appreciation. Desire has always been the mainspring of human progress. But desire unsatisfied, desire which is constantly robbed of opportunity, weakens and dies. The only economic efficiency that the world has ever known has always followed intelligent effort prompted by enlarged desire and resulting in at least reasonable satisfaction. We cannot expect those whom we apparently regard as playing an unimportant part in the great drama of the age to play their part very well. Only as we appreciate and openly recognize the importance of all, each in his place, and the hope and opportunity of all for larger life, can the general result be entirely satisfactory. Wholesomeness and strength always lie with the whole people and not with any segment of society. We shall always have leaders, but a leader to be successful must have an intelligent following.

**Individuality in Demand.**

As a matter of fact, there was never such a demand for individuality as at this moment, in the midst of the greatest demand for organization. The success of each of the great movements of the day, in whatever field, is to be determined by the intelligence and the faithfulness of the many rather than by the brilliancy of the few. In the day of small things responsibility was far less evenly distributed than now, oversight was more constant and more easily effective, and the dominance of a single mind far more universal than today. Illustrations may be multiplied on every hand which prove with incontestable force the truth of this statement.

The development of this individual power begins with the child in the hands of the teacher. You are to give him or help him secure for himself the power to act and the tendency to act. That which makes him differ from every other individual is to be developed or is to find the beginnings of its development while he is under your care. Of mind and spirit, of temper, of judgment, of will power, he is to lay the foundations under your guidance. His stay with you will be all to short, the five years' schooling of the average child in this country is a very narrow portal through which to enter upon the life beyond—but all the more necessary therefore is it that your work is done wisely and well. Against the cramp of uniformity, against machine work of any kind, against methods and formulae for universal application, you are to set your faces like flint. His own sacred individual self is that which you are to promote and strengthen, is that to which you are to give breadth of horizon and newness and largeness of life.

**Mickey Sends Sympathy.**

Governor Mickey this morning expressed the sympathy of the people of Nebraska for those afflicted by the recent theater fire there in this telegram:

LINCOLN, Neb., Jan. 1.—To Hon. Carter Harrison, Mayor of Chicago, Chicago, Ill.: The people of Nebraska are inexpressibly shocked on account of the terrible calamity which has befallen your city. I extend to you and to all the bereaved and suffering ones the heartfelt sympathy of the citizens of this state.
JOHN H. MICKEY, Governor.

**Pioneer of Lincoln Dies.**

Jacob Schmidt, a pioneer citizen of Lincoln, died at his home in this city early this morning, aged 75 years, of paralysis of the heart. Deceased came to the United States from Germany in 1848. He came to Lincoln in 1866 and since then this has been his home. He was a widower, his wife having died over two years ago. Six children, all grown, survive him. They are Mrs. M. L. Mann, Mrs. L. Lemma and Mrs. Peter Grass of this city; Mrs. Soph a Foster, Durango, Colo.; Louis Schmidt of Lincoln and W. E. A. Smith of Seward. Every one of the children will be here to attend the funeral, which will be on Sunday at 2 p. m.

When Mr. Schmidt arrived here what is now Lincoln was then known as Lancaster and had not advanced beyond the dignity of a village. He spent many years as a stone contractor, engaging in the business until about eighteen years ago, when he retired from active life. He owned a couple of good houses on N street and from the income he and his wife lived comfortably during their declining years.

In his capacity of a builder he erected the first state penitentiary and was employed on the first state capitol. He was one of the charter members of the Lancaster County Pioneers' association. He has been one of the leading Odd Fellows of the city, and has held all the important offices in the gift of the local order. His fealty to Odd Fellowship dates back for nearly half a century.

**C. H. Mann Kills Himself.**

C. H. Mann, at one time a prominent factor in the financial affairs of Lincoln, but in recent months slightly demented because of business reverses, late this afternoon took his own life by cutting a gash in his neck with a razor. The body was found about 6 o'clock, lying on the floor of a workshop in the rear of his residence, 711 J street, by Walter Mann, a son and a neighbor. The razor was clutched tightly in the right hand, which was covered with blood. No inquest will be held.

The dead man was only recently released from the asylum, where he had been placed last January, his mind having become affected through financial reverses. The first his family and friends knew of his mental disability was when he suddenly began to buy nearly everything he saw at most exorbitant prices. At that time he was engaged in the oil business, but had been losing heavily in money invested in real estate. A guardian was placed in charge of his affairs and he was sent to the asylum.

Early this afternoon he went to town to buy medicine for his wife, returned about 4 o'clock, passed through the house and was not seen again alive. A failure to return to supper occasioned a search for him.

Mr. Mann was about 45 years old and leaves a wife and a son and daughter.

John D. Rockefeller has extended the time in which friends of the University of Nebraska may take advantage of his offer to donate $67,000 for the construction of a $150,000 building for the university. Today was the original time limit, but on account of local opposition to the gift the university has thus far been unable to raise the $33,000 conditioned in Mr. Rockefeller's offer. The extension of time is indefinite, and the university authorities are hopeful of being able to meet the requirements.

# COURTS GIRL UNDER DURESS

### Courts Appealed to to Release Her from Attention of Persistent Suitor.

HASTINGS, Neb., Jan. 1.—(Special.)—When County Judge Dungan issued a writ of habeas corpus yesterday afternoon at the request of Mrs. G. M. Wilcox of this city and empowered the deputy sheriff to bring back to the complaining woman 16-year-old Lillian Lee, whom is was alleged was being detained against her will at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fuller, who live six miles northeast of Hastings, a phase of the life of Charles E. Richards was suddenly revealed. Richards is an unmarried man, a school teacher and preacher. Miss Lee, who, since the separation of her parents in Michigan ten years ago, has been a ward of Mrs. Wilcox, was invited to visit for a time at the Fuller farm, where she met Richards, who boarded there. Though the teacher-preacher is 40 years old be was much enamored of the comely girl and she alleges constantly bothered her with fond attentions, though she says she gave him no encouragement and promptly refused his offer of marriage. It was not until she was ready to return to Hastings, however, she alleged, that she learned that she was a captive. Richards having succeeded in securing the connivance of the Fullers in detaining her while he pressed his suit. After a few days she seized an opportunity to apprise her foster mother of the state of affairs, which resulted in her being brought back to the city last night by the deputy sheriff. Miss Lee wept for joy on regaining her liberty, verbally berating Richards, but not blaming the Fullers, as they treated her kindly, she says, and meant no harm. Nothing will be done with Richards.

# FOUND DEAD BESIDE TRACK

### Nothing, However, to Indicate Trains Had Anything to Do with Man's Death.

PLATTSMOUTH, Neb., Jan. 1.—(Special.)—Coroner Henry Boeck of this city received word late yesterday afternoon informing him that a dead man had been found near the Burlington depot at Cedar Creek. An inquest was held last evening, from which the following facts were learned: His name was Frank Holmes, a Swede, about 35 years of age, who had been working in the stone quarries of Newell & Atwood for a short time. He had not been seen since last Tuesday, at which time he was drinking very hard, and was under the influence of liquor. The body was found near the railroad track, in a small ditch, with his face down, in which position it is supposed he was smothered by the sand and was frozen to death. A jug partially filled with liquor was near him. He had previously told the men working in the quarry with him that he had a brother living in Minneapolis, Minn., and that he was wealthy, and also had $4,000 of his money. He also claimed to have relatives in Omaha. The body was shipped to Dr. Carr in Lincoln this afternoon, and will be turned over to a medical college.

# PUTS PRICE ON AFFECTIONS

### Young Man Brings Breach of Promise Suit Against a Columbus Girl.

COLUMBUS, Neb., Jan. 1.—(Special.)—John Klaus, who is employed as foreman at the Burlington roundhouse in this city, has brought suit in the district court and asks damages in the sum of $2,000 from a young woman named Bronislawa Knapik for breach of promise. Klaus alleges in his petition that the fair Bronislawa promised and agreed to marry him, and that November 25 had been set for the wedding day. That relying and depending on said promise he expended his good money to the amount of $53.20 in making preparations for the event. He further charges that after said promise and before the date chosen her father, George Knapik, and her uncle, Andrew Propotski, conspired together and circulated and published statements concerning the plaintiff's character and that the girl refused and still refuses to marry him, though he is willing and ready to perform his part of the agreement. He makes the father and uncle co-defendants to the action. He says he suffered mentally and has been trifled with $2,000 worth. The defendants are well to do and all reside in this county.

**Uses Knife on Antagonist.**

ALLEN, Neb., Jan. 1.—(Special.)—August Boten, living a few miles northwest of Allen, got into a fight with his hired man named Charles Snyder this morning. Boten is a small man and was getting the worst of it, when he pulled a knife and stabbed Snyder several times, making serious wounds, but not considered fatal. Boten has been arrested and the injured man is being cared for in Allen.

# PATTI STAYS IN HER CAR

### Great Singer Spends Part of New Years in This City.

## BARON ARISES EARLY AND TAKES WALK

### Madame Patti Does Not Brave Weather, but Receives Friends in Her Little Home on Wheels.

Madame Adelina Patti, Baroness Cederstrom, with her husband, the baron, spent part of New Year's day in Omaha, but did not leave her car. The reason, however, lay in the very great care she is taking of her health and the variable weather, which seems pregnant with the cold germ. For this reason she declined all entertainment from the time when her car and that of the company were cut off at 10:30 o'clock from the Northwestern train, which brought them from Minneapolis, until Union Pacific No. 5 pulled them out for Salt Lake City. During the day E. Rosewater and members of his family paid their New Year respects to the diva.

Madame Patti seemed in the best of health and spirits and expressed herself well satisfied with the present tour of this country. During the concert at Minneapolis, which last preceded her arrival here, the news of the Chicago disaster was received and caused considerable excitement and horror among the singers as well as the audience, but the concert proceeded without any apparent disturbance. Madame Patti has appeared twenty-two times during the tour and has yet thirty-eight concerts to give. The party arrives in Salt Lake City Sunday night and the concert is given the following evening. From there the itinerary takes the great singer to California and back again to Omaha during the second week in March. Whether she sings here or not has not been arranged.

**Patti's Private Car.**

The personal party of the singer travels in a luxuriant car specially built and bearing the name of the baroness' castle in Wales, Craig-Y-Nos, which means Rock of the Night and is near Ystradginlas, Wales, or sixteen miles from Swansea, the great tin center. Madame Patti has not left this car except to drive to the theaters since she left New York, where she consented to a single drive. The car is as well arranged for a living place as any steamer. With the diva is, of course, Baron Cederstrom, and her maid, Caroline, who has been in her service twenty-eight years. There is also an English companion. A piano bearing Craig-Y-Nos castle in oil is one of the luxuries. The concert company has a second car. Madame Patti bears one recollection of Omaha always in mind and one which is not usually thought of—it is the bluebirds.

New Year's eve, en route from Minneapolis, the baron and Madame Patti had the entire company in their private car for a watch party, and thus did not retire until about 2 a. m. Madame Patti slept until late, but the baron, as is his custom, arose early and took a brisk walk of several miles alone. He admired that part of the city he saw and on his return asked many questions about Omaha in general and the state, its resources and conditions. The baron is a tall, well-built man, has dark blue eyes, light hair and wears a closely trimmed moustache, and speaks very fluently. He is very observing. He appeared to be deeply interested in the affairs of the far east and wanted to know the opinions of others as to the likelihood of war between Russia and Japan.

The private car of the baron and baroness bore striking evidences of a watch party, with its fragments of greens, mistletoe and others scattered about.

# GIRL DROWNS IN PLATTE RIVER

### Breaks Through Ice and is Swept Away Before Any Assistance Can Be Rendered.

FREMONT, Neb., Jan. 1.—(Special Telegram.)—Corinne Jarmon, the 15-year-old daughter of W. G. Jarmon of this city, was drowned in the Platte river near Hormel's island this afternoon. About 3 o'clock she started from Mr. Estep's house near the river, where she was visiting, to go across to the south side of the island, where a lot of young people were skating. Near the river she met Irving Beisley, a boy about her own age, and Will Neiter, an older man, who wanted to go over to the island, and the three started across, Corinne and young Betsley carrying their skates.

When they were within ten or fifteen feet from the north shore of the island the ice suddenly broke and the three immediately sank. Neiter, who was a few feet from the others, was unable to render them any assistance and pulled himself out onto the thicker ice with difficulty. Betsley grabbed for the thicker ice and got out. The girl dropped out of sight at once without a struggle or cry. The current, which is very strong at this point, swept her away and under the thicker ice below. An effort is being made to recover the body by cutting the ice and stretching nets across the river at some distance below, but there is little hope of success. Miss Jarmon was an only daughter and her parents are prostrated over the terrible affair.

**Postal Wires to Columbus.**

COLUMBUS, Neb., Jan. 1.—(Special.)—Yesterday evening at 5 o'clock Foreman Howard, who has had charge of the construction of the Postal Telegraph-Cable company's new lines connected the cable with a temporary office in the First National bank and called up Omaha. Congratulations were exchanged and it was found that each of the five wires worked perfectly and were in first-class condition. The company will not start business here for probably three weeks yet, and it is expected by that time to have the line working through to Denver. There are eight gangs working on stringing the wires and they can make about twenty miles a day to the gang.

**Good Year for Fairbury.**

FAIRBURY, Neb., Jan. 1.—(Special.)—Fairbury closes its year's work in building construction with an expenditure of $180,850. Of this amount $78,500 was for rebuilding buildings destroyed in the fire of last April. Forty-seven new dwelling houses have been erected at an average cost of $1,400, or a total of $65,350. The new high school building and Methodist church are in course of construction and about $7,000 have been expended on foundations, but the buildings will not be completed until next year and are not included in this estimate.

**Church Burns a Mortgage.**

BEATRICE, Neb., Jan. 1.—(Special.)—The burning of the Baptist church mortgage occurred last night at 12 o'clock, and was witnessed by a large crowd. Previous to the destruction of the mortgage an interesting musical and literary program was rendered. The church is now free from debt and starts in with the new year under the most favorable circumstances.

**Ready to Plead Guilty.**

DAKOTA CITY, Neb., Jan. 1.—(Special.)—An adjourned term of district court for this county will be convened in this place on Monday morning of next week by Judge Guy T. Graves of Pender. A number of equity cases are set for trial at this session. John McCool and Mike Kenney, who are confined in the county jail charged with horse stealing, have signified their willingness to plead guilty to the charge against them and will receive their sentence at this term of court. On the night of December 4 McCool and Kenney stole a team and harness from Christ Giester and a wagon from Robert Lapsley, two farmers residing west of this place. They were spotted at Decatur, where the property was recovered, but the thieves gave the officers the slip, but two days later they were captured at Oakland on top of a boxcar by Sheriffs Sides of this county and Lusk of Burt county, and brought to this place and lodged in jail. The men proved to be former cornhuskers employed by Mr. Giester.

**Carpenters' Union Elects.**

BEATRICE, Neb., Jan. 1.—(Special.)—Local union No. 1,286, Carpenters and Joiners of America, met last night and elected the following officers: C. H. Thompson, president; J. Q. Overman, vice president; A. J. Marsh, recording secretary; B. F. Gurney, financial secretary; A. J. Skinner, treasurer; H. H. Wilson, warden; G. C. Slyhoff, trustee.

**Columbus Celebrates New Year.**

COLUMBUS, Neb., Jan. 1.—(Special.)—The new year was ushered in at midnight here by the blowing of whistles and the ringing of bells. Some of the churches held watch meetings. Business was practically suspended today, the banks, county and city offices being closed. A grand ball will be given tonight by the Orpheus society.

**Mortgage Record in Gage.**

BEATRICE, Neb., Jan. 1.—(Special.)—Following is the mortgage report for Gage county for the month of December: Number of farm mortgages filed 29, amount $37,321; number of farm mortgages released 36, amount $42,789; number of city mortgages filed 21, amount $31,357; number of city mortgages released 15, amount $9,950.

**Boy Dies of Diphtheria.**

EDGAR, Neb., Jan. 1.—(Special.)—A little son 3 years old of Mr. and Mrs. William Downs died last evening of diphtheria, the only case known to have been in the city this fall.

**Plenty of Water at Beatrice.**

BEATRICE, Neb., Jan. 1.—(Special.)—The total precipitation for the year 1903 for this vicinity, as furnished by Miss Hattie Zimmerman, weather observer, is 28.23 inches.

# MR. CLARK WILL PROSECUTE

### Banker for Brandeis & Sons Decides to Bring Alleged Forger to Account.

N. J. Levin, late advertising solicitor for the Daily News, who got into bad repute, it is alleged, by attempting to cash a forged check in the sum of $300 at the bank of Brandeis & Sons, which bore the alleged signature of Mel Uhl, manager of the News, is to be prosecuted by Frank N. Clark, cashier for the Brandeis bank, to whom Lewis presented the check for payment. He was bound over in police court under bond of $800.

At the time Levin made his unsuccessful attempt to obtain the money on the check he was arrested and held over night at the police station. The next day Mr. Uhl called to see him and finally decided not to prosecute.


**NO MORE DANDRUFF.**

**Newbro's Herpicide Destroys the Pestiferous Cause of Annoying Dandruff.**

Does your head itch? Is your coat or dress full of white flakes after dressing your hair? That's the effect of dandruff. Is your hair thinning? Are you beginning to get bald in spots? Are you already, in fact, rapidly becoming bald? If so, that is the effect of a measly little parasite that burrows in at the root of the hair, and throws up the scalp in dandruff and eats off the hair at the root. Science's latest discovery is a destroyer of that pestiferous germ. That destroyer is contained in no other hair preparation on earth but Newbro's Herpicide. Try it and be convinced. A delightful dressing. Sold by leading druggists. Send 10c in stamps for sample to The Herpicide Co., Detroit, Mich. Sherman & McConnell Drug Co., special agents.

Thousands will read your want ad, word for word, if run this week during the misspelled word contest.


# FORECAST OF THE WEATHER

### Promise of Snow Today in Eastern Nebraska and Iowa, Warmer Sunday.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1.—Forecast:

For Nebraska—Fair in west and snow in east portion Saturday. Sunday, fair and warmer.

For Iowa—Snow Saturday. Sunday, fair.

For Indiana and Illinois—Snow Saturday; colder in extreme south portion. Sunday, fair; fresh northeast to north winds.

For Missouri—Snow Saturday; colder in south portion. Sunday, fair.

For North Dakota—Fair and warmer Saturday. Sunday, fair.

For South Dakota—Snow Saturday. Sunday, fair and warmer.

For Montana and Wyoming—Fair and warmer Saturday. Sunday, fair.

For Colorado—Fair Saturday and Sunday.

For Kansas—Fair in west, snow in east portion Saturday; Sunday, fair.

**Local Record.**

OFFICE OF THE WEATHER BUREAU, OMAHA, Jan. 1.—Official record of temperature and precipitation compared with the corresponding day of the last three years:

| | 1904. | 1903. | 1902. | 1901. |
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| Maximum temperature... | 28 | 42 | 45 | 21 |
| Minimum temperature... | 14 | 28 | 17 | 0 |
| Mean temperature... | 21 | 35 | 36 | 10 |
| Precipitation... | .00 | .00 | .00 | .00 |

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

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| Normal temperature | 19 |
| Excess for the day | 2 |
| Total excess since March 1, 1903 | 60 |
| Normal precipitation | .02 inch |
| Deficiency for the day | .02 inch |
| Precipitation since March 1 | 22.24 inches |
| Excess since March 1, 1903 | 2.60 inches |
| Deficiency for cor. period 1903 | .60 inch |
| Deficiency for cor. period 1902 | 6.13 inches |

**Report from Stations at 7 P. M.**

| CONDITION OF THE WEATHER. | Temperature at 7 p. m. | Maximum temperature. | Precipitation. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Omaha, cloudy | 14 | 28 | .00 |
| Valentine, cloudy | 8 | 14 | T |
| North Platte, clear | 16 | 20 | T |
| Cheyenne, clear | 18 | 32 | T |
| Salt Lake, clear | 30 | 34 | .02 |
| Rapid City, snowing | 8 | 16 | .08 |
| Huron, snowing | 6 | 8 | .08 |
| Williston, snowing | 2 | 6 | .10 |
| Chicago, cloudy | 22 | 28 | .00 |
| St. Louis, cloudy | 30 | 32 | .06 |
| St. Paul, cloudy | 0 | 2 | .00 |
| Davenport, partly cloudy | 18 | 22 | .00 |
| Kansas City, sleet | 26 | 36 | .04 |
| Havre, partly cloudy | 2 | 6 | .10 |
| Helena, clear | 14 | 20 | .02 |
| Bismarck, cloudy | —6 | 4 | .04 |
| Galveston, clear | 62 | 66 | .00 |

"T" indicates trace of precipitation.
"—" indicates below zero.
L. A. WELSH, Forecaster.

# THINK WOMAN WAS KILLED

### Brother and Attorney of Mrs. W. J. Christy Suspect Foul Play.

## WILL MAKE THOROUGH INVESTIGATION

### Assert that Marks of Blows Were Found on Woman's Head When She Was Dressed for Burial.

Attorney Fitch and George Goodenough, a brother of Mrs. W. J. Christy, who was found dead in her room at 2020 Burt street the morning of December 18, now allege that the circumstances surrounding her death lead to conclusions other than that of suicide by inhaling chloroform, which was the cause assigned for her death. They suspect foul play.

Mrs. Christy was said to have had serious trouble with her husband prior to coming to Omaha; the home ties had been broken and the family, consisting of herself, husband and two children, scattered. After coming to Omaha Mrs. Christy engaged in the rooming house business at 2020 Burt street, but the venture never paid and Mrs. Christy was said to have committed the act which ended her life in a fit of despondency.

Just a few days before she was found dead she had sent a trusted boarder, Dan McCann, to Council Bluffs to collect $180 due Mrs. Christy from a sale of furniture. McCann got the money and skipped out. This was believed to have hastened the inevitable.

**Suspect Foul Play.**

Messrs. Fitch and Goodenough cite circumstantial evidence in support of their theory that Mrs. Christy met with foul play. They allege that the woman who dressed Mrs. Christy's hair for burial found a mark on her forehead which might have been made by a blunt instrument; also they say that Mrs. Christy wrote a most cheerful letter to her brother just a few hours before she was found dead and they conclude that this letter tends to show the condition of her mind.

Attorney Fitch and Mr. Goodenough have preferred no charges—have no proof, in fact, beyond what is merely circumstantial, on which to base their belief of foul play; but Mr. Goodenough declares he will sift the matter to the bottom.

The coroner and police do not coincide with the suspicions entertained by the attorney and relative of the dead woman, but adhere to the theory of suicide, as the dead woman was found lying across her bed with her face buried in a towel which had but a few hours previously been saturated with chloroform.

# NEWSBOYS PAUSE AND EAT

### One Corners Chicago Paper Market, but He and Others Attend Feast.

Notwithstanding the Chicago fire business, which has started almost every newsboy selling on the road toward affluence, the Omaha members of the paper vending fraternity were not above gorging themselves at the noonday New Year's dinner in the Newsboys' home. The delectable dinner was laid about the table in individual claims which were quickly staked out by eager little boys who sat on their bundles of paper.

Mrs. W. J. Broatch, Miss Cook, Mrs. Grant and Mrs. Pinto, assisted by Mogy Bernstein, waited on the boys. After two tables of newsies had been filled with food for 1904, the bootblacks came in for a turn and the tables were not left alone until nearly 4 o'clock. A theater party is planned for the immediate future at the Boyd's.

The sale of additional papers due to the Chicago fire has been very profitable. Thursday evening the entire crop of Chicago papers was cornered and the price raised from two to five cents. This was due to the operations of Meyer Corn, sometimes referred to among his compatriots as "Bowlegs." This 17-year-old financier met the Chicago trains and took the entire cargo of papers, paying the price with stipulation that there should be no return papers. As a result of this the news stands could get no papers at all from Chicago and Meyer cleaned up $15 for the evening.


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