

People and Things of Public Interest

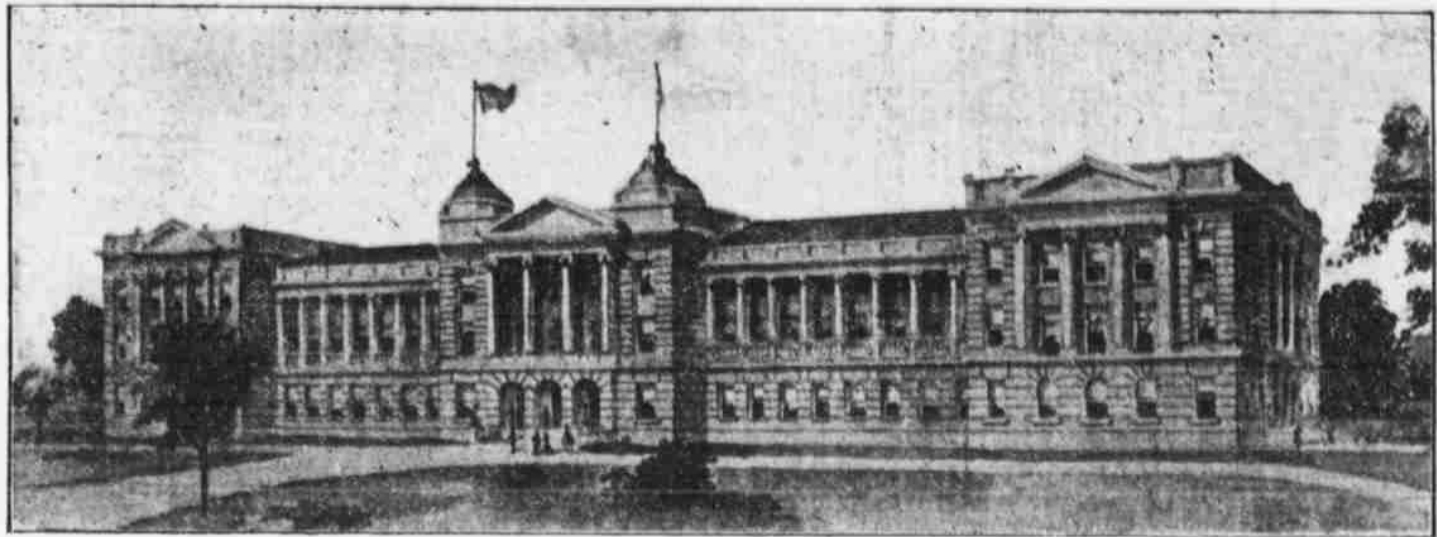


THE prospective state normal school at Kearney looks as good as the picture published this week promises the citizens of the Midway City will have no reason to complain of the action of the legislature that chose its location. This is the latest proposed addition to the educational institutions of the state, and is part of the very liberal policy the people of Nebraska have always maintained toward the cause of free popular education. It is not for nothing that Nebraska has risen to the proud position at the head of all the states in the point of general education, having the lowest percentage of illiterates among her population of any state or territory; this distinction has been won by liberality and persistency in the maintenance of public schools, and the apparent determination is to keep the place. The normal school of Kearney will give to the boys and girls of the western and northern sections of the state a place where they may obtain technical instructions and theoretical practice in the art of teaching and fit themselves for the profession if they desire at the state's expense. The building shown in the illustration is only the beginning, the plan contemplating the ultimate erection of a quadrangle of the same general design. Plans have been adopted, and the work of construction will soon commence.

Almost simultaneously two aged and remarkable women in Knox county, Nebraska, were remembered by their younger sisters on the occasion of their anniversaries in March. The first was a Sunday afternoon tea at Creighton to Mrs. Rozina Young Bruce, March 20, in honor of her 95th birthday. The second was a 5 o'clock tea by the women friends of Mrs. Sarah McCulla of Niobrara in honor of her 86th anniversary. Mrs. Bruce is affectionately styled "the mother of Creighton," she and her husband founding the flourishing little city in 1871 and christening it in honor of the late Edward Creighton of Omaha. This aged woman was born in Farmington, Mass., March 20, 1809. Mrs. Bruce feels quite joyful in speaking of her advanced years that she has outlived some of the great people of her own period and notably Gladstone. She thinks that part of her long life is due to the absence of "borrowing trouble," and believes in seeking, and thereby finding, happiness and enjoyment out of life, "accepting as a gift to get what we can out of it, and knowing it to be a gift, we should appreciate it as such."

Mrs. McCulla has had a remarkable career, and a successful one. She has been twice married, her first husband being Thomas Mercer, who died in the native home at Preston, England. Born March 25, 1818, she lived under the reign of four sovereigns—George III, George IV, William IV and Victoria—and lived to see the fifth crowned, the present king. She witnessed the festivities of Queen Victoria when her first-born was a babe in arms. She entertained some of the visiting delegates who took part in the Preston guild over fifty years ago, a festivity occurring but once in twenty-five years. Her husband and five children dying in the native city, she and her remaining child came to America, where she married John McCulla at Buffalo, N. Y. Losing her second husband by cholera, she removed to Muscatine, Ia., upon a farm left by him, where she and three children remained for twenty years. It was here that she and her eldest son made a hard struggle and by energy and economy made a success, and educated the two younger children, Thomas McCulla, editor of the Cherokee (Ia.) Times, and Mrs. E. A. Houston of Niobrara, who was for several years before her marriage the principal of the Niobrara schools, and with whom this aged woman has made her home for the last sixteen years.

The sixtieth wedding anniversary of Elder and Mrs. William McCulloch of Red Oak, Ia., occurred Monday, April 4. The old people held a reception at home from 2 o'clock until 4 p. m. Some hundred or more of their friends responded to the invitation and a general good time was enjoyed, the venerable couple seeming to enjoy the congratulations of their friends as heartily as in their younger days. Their entire family of three children and their companions were all present, namely, William H. McCulloch and wife of Newburg, Ia.; W. L. Street and wife and two daughters and granddaughter, Plattsmouth, Neb.; M. P. McCulloch and family, Stennett, Ia. The aged couple have surpassed all their kindred in the length of married life, although there have been eight golden weddings celebrated, including their own, in their respective families. Elder William McCulloch and wife were married in Ashfield, Mass., April 4, 1844, and lived in Massachusetts until 1857. During this time their three children were born. February, 1857, they removed to Bureau county, Illinois, where they began life anew, laboring for a home for themselves and family. Not satisfied with a life devoted to selfish interests alone, about this time Mr. McCulloch began to prepare himself for the ministry. In 1860 he was ordained to the



NEW NEBRASKA NORMAL SCHOOL TO BE ERECTED AT KEARNEY.

ministry of the Adventist church in Amboy, Ill., and shortly after was elected president of the Adventist conference of northern Illinois, which position he filled for eight years, during the time traveling as an evangelist. In 1874 they moved to Red Oak, Ia., where they have since resided. For many years he has held positions of trust with the church of his choice. He was the originator of the movement that established the denominational college at Mendota, Ill., and he still takes a great interest in its prosperity. In all his labors his wife has been an invaluable helper, with whose assistance he has accumulated a competence for their declining years. Three children, eight grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren, are the result of this long and happy union of this aged couple, whose ages are now 81 and 80, respectively.

Rev. S. D. Dutcher, who has accepted a call to the pastorate of the First Christian church in this city, will arrive about May 1. He comes from the First Christian church at Oklahoma City, Okla., a church having the largest membership of any church of any denomination in the territory. Under Rev. Dutcher's leadership a church building has just been completed there, costing \$30,000. He is reputed to be an earnest and scholarly man, a pulpit orator of more than ordinary ability, fine personal presence, and good social qualities, and, being 45 years of age, is just in the prime of life. He has successfully held pastorates in Illinois and Missouri. The First Christian church in this city has felt since extending Rev. Dutcher a call some two months ago, that no more reliable man for the place could be found in the brotherhood and are gratified over his acceptance. He is a man of considerable means and has a family of wife, two boys and two girls, grown up, who will accompany him to this city.

On the Witness Stand

"Tomorrow," said the lawyer, "I will have to begin the cross-examination of the fair plaintiff."

His face showed that he was troubled. "It will have to be carefully planned and executed," he added after a pause.

"What will?" inquired the unsophisticated youth.

"Why, I have arranged to have a clever party sit beside her and abstract her handkerchief just before she takes the stand for cross-examination," explained the lawyer.

"To what purpose?"

"Evidently," said the lawyer, "you are even more inexperienced than I supposed. I can see that she is one of the kind that has no difficulty in crying when she wants to."

"Well?"

"Well, do you not know that all the astuteness of the legal profession is not worth one tear in the eye of a pretty woman in a jury trial?"

"But the handkerchief?"

"No woman can cry effectively on the witness stand without an embroidered handkerchief. Lacking that, it is no more than sniveling, and the woman who snivels is lost. With the handkerchief she can beat me; without it she is at my mercy. As the poet truly says, 'In her handkerchief vines!' The verdict in this case is likely to rest on the temporary possession of a bit of linen and lace. When she finds it gone she will be too rattled to even think clearly."

"I begin to see," remarked the unsophisticated one, "that there is more than law to the law."

"In such a case," was the reply, "the law is the least part of it."—Brooklyn Eagle.

Bath Tubs of Glass

No longer can the cleanly, hygienic porcelain bath tub be reckoned the leader in bath tubs, for this essential household requisite has now a rival—an importation from Germany. This latest development in bath tubs is of glass, thick plate glass and molded in one piece. Of course, in the homes of the very wealthy there are bath tubs of much more costly material than



ELDER WILLIAM McCULLOCH, OF RED OAK, IA.



MRS. WILLIAM McCULLOCH, OF RED OAK, IA.



MRS. SARA McCULLA, NIOBRARA, Neb.—BORN MARCH 25, 1818.



MRS. ROZINA YOUNG BONEBRAKE, CREIGHTON, Neb.—BORN MARCH 20, 1809.

plate glass, but this newest comer is designed for ordinary use, the same as the porcelain type. There are not very many glass tubs obtainable as yet, but those that have arrived are attracting attention, particularly from feminine observers, for the glass looks so bright and clean and fresh. These glass tubs are mounted in the same fashion as those of porcelain.—Brooklyn Eagle.

Perversity of the Baby

A father of much experience says: "Wash a baby clean and dress him up real pretty and he will resist all advances with the most superlative crossness, but let him eat molasses, gingerbread and fool around the coal hod for half an hour and he will nestle his dear little dirty face close up to your clean shirt bosom and be just the loveliest, cunningest little rascal in all the world."—Chicago Post.

Pointed Paragraphs

If a girl doesn't marry her first love it's his fault.

No one appreciates poor health except the doctors.

The good die young, but the bad outlive their usefulness.

It's bad to use religion as a cloak or as a circus tent.

If a man really loves a woman she doesn't have to conceal her age.

Bachelors are singular fellows and all married men lead double lives.

Cloves will remove the odor of highballs, but they refuse to mix with mothballs.

Once in a while a man has so much money that he feels he can really afford to be honest.

A woman is nervous until she gets to the



REV. S. D. DUTCHER, NEW PASTOR FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH, OMAHA.

matrimonial altar—then it's the man's turn. It is no harm for a man to think a woman is older than she says, provided he doesn't think out loud.

A rich man wears old clothes because he can afford to and a poor man wears fine clothes because he can't.

Once there was a man who acquired a lot of money because he never told a lie and was perfectly honest. He got rich posing as a freak in a dime museum.—Chicago News.