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ribs. Several ugly gashes were made before the groans of the man attracted attention and he was disarmed, all the time making an effort to cut himself. For was taken to the hospital at the fort, where his injuries were attended to and later he l

was after he had attempted to take his own life and then ran amuck, shooting at everyone he caught sight of. He was only kept in the asylum a short time, when he

Plead Guilty to Burglary.

PLATTSMOUTH, Neb., May 26 .- (Special.)-Frank Smith and Frank Labori were arraigned before Judge Paul Jessen in district court, charged with robbing the store of Hare & Tool in Murdock. The prisoners pleaded guilty and were sentenced to one year at hard labor in the penitentiary. After hearing the evidence in the case of the remonstrators as to whether or not Otto Becker, C. W. Spence, D. Johnson and others should be granted a license to sell liquor in Louisville, Judge Jessen decided that they had complled with the law in asking for the licenses and that the licenses should be granted.

McKillup Picked for Victim. NORFOLK, Neb., May 35 -- (Special .- It is pretty well decided among the democrais of the Third congressional district of Nebruska that P. E. McKillup, a banker at Humphrey, will be the nominee of the fusion parties to run against J. J. Mc-Carthy during the coming campaign. This, at least, was the statement made by Judge Edgar Howard when he came to Norfolk to confer with the committee and the other men bers seem to be about settled as to;

FALLS CITY, May 3.—High school commencement exercises were held at the Gehing Thursday evening.

DEATRICE, May 2a.—The Beatrice High school will hold a field meet at the Driving park here Friday afternoon. A large number of prises are offsred the winners in each event by the merchants.

PAWNEE, May 26.—The grocery store of Devor & Tennant has again changed hands. W. B. Scott of this city now becomes proprietor. The store had been under the old management only a few months.

HARTINTON, May 26.—Miss Josephine Abbott, principal of the Hartington high school, and Mrs. S. J. Athen, assistant principal, who were recently re-elected for the coming year, have resigned to accept other positions.

GENEVA. May 26.—One of the many hotable improvements in the city is a scavenger wagon, which takes all the trash to one common dumping ground. This, along with the park and sidewalk work. makes a great change.

PAPILLION, May 26.—At a meeting of he School board last night T. A. Sutcher of the Ashland schools was elected prin-tipal of the Papillon school, Prof. Graham laving accepted the superintendency of the chools at Havelock, Neb. the state, was injured by an infuriated built bis morning. The built hooked him in the

the graduates, interspersed with songs and

was taken to the county jail, in which place he will be confined until taken to the insane asylum.

Fox has been in the asylum several times before. The first time he was sent there

NORFOLK, May 28.—The frog leg in-dustry promises to beat out the ceef trust in Norfolk. Rudolph Resenke, a lad of 16 years, is earning no less than 33 a day killing frogs and selling them. He gets upwards of twenty-five dozen a day from the lake banks.

the lake banks.

HARVARD, May 26,—Among the many improvements that are being made in the city is that or eldewalks and crossings, for which the most substantial material possible is being used. The city council has made a contract for twenty-six cement crossings to be located in different parts of the city.

BEATRICE, May 25.—A comparison of the city.

BEATRICE, May 25.—A comparison of the assessors schedules in this city with those of last year show a general increase in valuations. On business blocks the increased valuation seems to be lairly proportioned, and while all such blocks will family was out in the evening, and when pay a higher tax for this year, the increase seems to be about evenly distributed.

May 25.—A comparison of beautiful the board payers in the seems of the lock of the home of Dr. J. W. Bullard, attempted the home of Dr. J. W. Bullard, attempted

preciated.

SILVER CREEK, May 26.—While descending from a windmill tower at his home yesterday, J. E. Howland of this place fell about thirty feet, fracturing a wrist in two places and receiving a severe bruise on one side. He was rendered unconacious for a time, but it is not thought he was injured internally.

NORFOLK, May 26.—The First Congregational church at Plainview was dedicated with much ceremony. Many men of local prominence were present, including W. M. Robertson, George D. Perkins of Sioux City, D. C. O'Conner, ex-Senator William V. Allen and others. Rev. J. J. Parker is pastor of the church.

BEATRICE, May 26.—The Odeli Inde-

BEATRICE, May 26.—The Odeli Independent Telephone company filed articles of incorporation with the county clerk yesterday. The capital stock of the company is placed at \$10,000 and the incorporators are John E. Murphy, Thomas W. Stanoschek, Frank J. Truzaw, J. B. Renard, Arthur Williamson and James Colgrove.

wiener, May 26.—At a regular meeting of Wiener lodge 114, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. Wednesday night the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Andrew R. Oleson, worshipfur master; Oscar R. Thompson, senior warden; Fred Balster, junior warden; Rudolph Wittie, treasurer; Sylvanus Lant, secretary.

dery.

GENEVA. May 26.—Commencement excroises of the high school were held last
night in the Methodist Episcopal church.
The commencement oration was delivered
by Rev. Thomas E. Green, taking as his
subject "The Key to the Twentieth Century," a masterpiece, and thought by many
to be the best lecture in our course for
the season.

Fort Crook Man Makes Desperate

Effort at Suicide.

PAPILLION, Neb., May 26—(Special Telegram.)—Frank Fox of Fort Crook made a deliberate attempt to commit suicide this neity folded them up and laid them saids.

Taking a raser he then attempted to cut the blade glanced on his court his proper house. He escaped without further injury.

SIANTON, May 26—There were two business changes here this week. The Union bakery was sold by Howard Wanien to Jury. ALBION, May 26.—The high school graduation of Fremont.

EDGAR, May 26.—The Edgar High school and the same number of young men and the same number of young men and the same number of young men and such that the constitution of the school. The address considered one of the school. The address was delivered by Judge Charles Sloan of Geneva.

the graduates, interspersed with songs and instrumental music.

COLUMBUS, May 26.—Sheriff Carrig took Carl Smith to Lincoln this morning to enter upon a three years sentence for norse stealing. Smith was convicted at this term of court of stealing a team and buggy belonging to J. F. Seims, a farmer who lives in Grand Prairie township

OrtD, May 26.—The graduating exercises of the Ord High school were conducted that sevening in the Mathediat church as COLUMBUS, May 26.—The thisteenth and COLUMBUS, May 26.—The bisteenth and COLUMBUS, May 26.—The thisteenth and COLUMBUS, May 26.—The Bugga Sealoon case, in which he was an applicant for license and which has been dragging along before the city council, was settled by the withdrawal of the application. While the majority of the people here as sufficient number for all practical purposes, hence the fight against increasing the number.

poses, hence the fight against increasing the number.

COLUMBUS, May 26.—The thirtcenth annual meeting of the Building and Loan associations is being held here. Their meetings are held at Firemans hall. E. E. Bryson of Omaha, secretary and treasurer of the state league, and C. F. Bentley of Grand Island, president, are here, and about fifteen associations from different parts of the state are taking a part in the meeting.

HARTINGTON, May 26.—Rev. F. M. Druliner, pastor the Methodist Episcopal church, preached the baccalaureate sermon to the graduating class Sunday evening. Thursday evening the school gives "Miss Wiggs Cabbage Patch." Friday evening Dr. Ross of the Nebraska University will deliver the annual address to the class, after which the diplomas will be presented by the president of the board.

PAWNEE, May 26.—Last evening Miss

reased valuation seems pay a higher tax for this year, the increase seems to be about evenly distributed.

SHELTON, May 26.—Commencement exercises of the Shelton High school took place in the opera house last evening and were largely attended. The class was composed of six girls and one boy. Prof. Newton Wykoff Preston of the Fremont Normal school gave a lecture on the theme of 'Hidden Treasures,' which was highly appreciated.

It SILVER CREEK, May 26.—While descending from a windmill tower at his scending from North Bend, Fremont, No. 1, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, adjourned here this morning. Delegation, No. 1, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, adjourned here this morning. Delegation, No. 1, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, adjourned here this morning to the follows and the follows at the follows and the follows and the follows at the follows and

COLUMBUS, May 26.—Joe Stovicek, night engineer at the pumping station here, was found lying beside the railroad tracks yesterday morning with a gash in his head and unconscious. He was taken home and revived. He says he was riding on his wheel along the cinder path of the railroad when someone, whom he does not know, struck him a savage blow with a club. What the motive was is not known, as they made no attempt to rob him.

YORK, May 26.—The largest class in the

know, struck him a savage blow with a club. What the motive was is not known, as they made no attempt to rob him.

YORK, May 26.—The largest class in the history of the York schools, consisting of sixteen young women and eight young men, are members of the graduating class, and the fine graduating entertainment was heid at the York Auditorium. The instrumental and vocat music of the program was highly appreciated, and especially the singing of the High School Ladles' quartet. Dr. F. B. Stein of Lincoln delivered a very able address on the subject. "Opportunities Measure Responsibilities."

NORTH PLATTE, May 26.—This morning just after No. 102 pulled into the depot a stranger was observed acting in a peculiar manner. He went over town and in a short time returned without hat or coat, and his actions plainly indicated that he was insane. Women in the waiting room were alarmed, and he was taken in charge by one of the depot police and lodged in jall. Other than that the name sharkey is tattooed on his arm, no one knows who he is or whence he came. He claims to be waiking around the world.

TABLE ROCK, May 26.—The annual commencement exercises of the Table Rock schools were held last night at the opera house. Notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather a large crowd was present. There were eleven graduates. Chancellor Andrews of Lincoln delivered the address and presented the diplomas to the graduates. The senior class gave an entertainment of a dramatic character at the opera house. The baccalaureate sermon was preached at the Methodist Episcopal church.

HASTINGS, May 26.—The class of on rendered their class night program at the Kerr opera house fast night program at the house was occupied. Two farces were presented and thoroughly enjoyed by the audience. Aside from the farces, readings and a musical program lent variety. The valedictorian, Miss Veva Russell, read an original poem descriptive of school life, its close and the future it lends to man received unusual commendation for her production. The class con

SEARS TALKS TO THE BOARD

Net Exactly Clear Where Judge Stands on Matter of Assessment.

JUST ASCERTAIN VALUE OF PROPERTY

Lincoln Men Are Somewhat Sore at Removal of Republican Headquarters from that City

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN. May 26.-(Special.)-Judge William G. Sars of Tekamah let his light ment for the benefit of the State Board of Equalization this afternoon and left his hearers considerably in doubt as to whether he wanted the assessment railroad property increased or not.

"Under the new revenue law," he said, 'the property of the state will be increased five or ten times, but we ought now to try and find out what other property is to be raised and then increase rail

road property the same per cent." "That's what I think," chimed in Auditor Weston, after which the judge con tinued: "Find the true value and do not pay any attention to any other ratio Because other property is raised five times is no sign the railroad should be so increased." And then Judge Sears put on the soft pedal and said: "Because the railroads have been increased five or ten times more than what they have formerly been assessed is no sign that the other property should be increased at the same per cent.

The judge hastily got off that side of the question and announced that he believed that the railroads of the state had paid their fair share of the state, county and school taxes, and, again putting on the soft pedal, he added, "compared with other property. I said this," he said, 'publicly on the floor of the house, and Kennedy, Nelson and Caldwell and others said the same thing."

The board was assured that the revenue law was not a party measure, but that it had been passed by both democrats and republicans as a business man's proposi tion to head off the growing state debt and he assured the board the people would be satisfied if they "believed" that the railroads were taxed right. "Some people; however," he said, "expect too much Some would put too much value on a corporation because it is a corporation." And taking the value of other property into consideration when assessing railroad property and wound up that part of his talk with the prediction that probably the assessors would bring in the valuation of real estate at about 65 or 70 per cent of its

How to Reach Value.

After talking along these lines for a few moments Judge Sears got onto the stocks and bonds and assured the board that these should be considered in arriving at the value of railroad property and that railroads should be considered as a going proposition, but that the stocks and bonds fluctuated and should only be taken in consideration with the tangible property. Auditor Weston called his attention to the fact that before the Elkhorn had been absorbed by the Northwestern the value stocks and bonds, was about \$19,000 a mile, but since the absorption its value on that basis was almost \$35,000 a mile. The auditor wanted to know whether the road's value had really been increased that

much by the merger Judge Sears thought it had and didn't see how the board could get around the propo-"it cost about \$16,000 a, mile. It was bonded for \$32,000 a mile and paid a dividend on the \$32,000. I don't see why it isn't

The judge wasn't asked to answer any more questions along that line and took occasion during the lull that followed to

thank the board and quit. During his talk Judge Sears was asked about the intention of the legislature in dividing up the main and branch lines of a system, but he could not enlighten the board as to the thoughts of the legislators when they voted on the bill. He advised that an average be struck and left the board to do the best it could about the

Lincoln in Mourning.

Around the state house and the Lindell hotel today there is considerable mourning and there is so much "chewing" going on among the politicians that some of them are "after having lint on the lungs" because of the action of the state committee last night in moving the headquarters to Omaha. Some of the interested parties have developed real sore spots about the matter, not so much because they were personally interested, but because it was Lincoln that lost out. But it will only last a few days.

ounty is the banner republican county of the state and was the home of the real party workers, and for that reason should have the headquarters. "Sometimes," he said, "I think we ought to just get up and show them what we can do. It has been rubbed in on us and as soon as I cuss right good I think I will go out and hustle up the boys and show the republicans of Nebrasks that we can carry this old county just as big without the old headquarters as with it, and that is just what we will do. Yes, sir, we are sore, but you bet your neck we will be there with the goods this fall. We will make that committee ashamed of itself for treating us the way it did."

And if the people of Lincoln don't get to fighting among themselves in trying to place the blame for the removal of the headquarters that is what the republicans here will do. They will be reconciled to the loss of the headquarters before the officers have been installed in Omaha, for that is Lincoln's way

H. F. Lehr, the new chairman, is ex pected here tomorrow and the agony will be over, it is supposed, just as soon as possible. The candidates are not expressing much disappointment over the 'emoval of the headquarters from a party standpoint, but, of course, those who are located in Lincoln, from the point of convenience, would have preferred to let well enough

The retiring chairman, H. C. Lindsay, this morning gave Mr. Lehr a clean bill and said if the republicans of the state would stand by the new chairman as they had by him he would have no trouble in conducting a winning campaign. "Mr. Lehr is a clean, able man." continued Mr. Lindsay, "and well versed in political maneuvering. He organized his county and has been the county chairman for a number of years, displaying on all occasions great executive ability. He will make an able chairman As for the factional fight in Omaha so much talked of the state committee reed have nothing to do with that. It is not the committee's business to mix in, and I judge

Cost of Nominations. Norris Brown nominee for attorney ge eral on the republican ticket, is the only nominee so far to file a report of his campaign expenses that did not spend a cent to get the honor. His report filed with the secretary of state reads: "The nomination came entirely without expense, though upon my most urgent invitation.



Lieutenant Governor McGilton spent only adopted a resolution commending Mr. Mc- dry and hard this rain is most desirable \$2.75, and that was for expenses incurred Laughlin for his prompt settlement. for board and lodging at the Lincoln hotel. Though his opposition was less strenu-Brien sent out about 1,000 badges to the few days and turned over to the treasschool children in several of the close urer for collection counties, by which he occasioned a stampede of the fathers and mothers. It cost him a total of \$137.77 to land the place on M. Eaton, with headquarters in the same which, added to his bill for newspapers association with fast women caused his and printing, amounted to \$62.30. For Ad- downfall. dison Wait to find out that it was not his time to be secretary of state it cost him \$101.40, of which amount \$20.20 was spent for headquarters at the Lindeli. His next

inees or candidates have yet filed their expense accounts.

greatest expense was for a stenographer,

which cost him \$25. Congressman Norris

stayed in Washington and his report, filed

his renomination. None of the other nom-

today, said he did not spend a cent to get

David City is to have a chewing gum manufacture of chewing gum bearing the pleasing name of "Happy Jack." Articles of incorporation were filed with the secretary of state today and the company is to stick together until 1924. The incorporators are Edward J. Dworak, George S. Perkins, Gideon W. Gates, W. D. Westover and S. A. Perkins. The capital stock is \$15,000.

Bankers' Union Statement. The Bankers Union of the World has filed with the insurance department a statement in accordance with the decision of the supreme court in this case. The papers have not yet been gone over by Deputy Pierce and it is not yet known whether they will fill the bill.

Pays Clerk's Shortage.

J. M. Gilchrist, expert accountant emlate this afternoon, which shows that Edis a defaulter to the amount of \$4,371.86. As years. soon as the report was filed William Mc-Laughlin, treasurer at the time of the defalcation, at once gave to the county heavy shower of rain came up. .40 of an commissioners his check for the amount inch being the amount of water that fell shortage. The commissioners As the top of the ground was becoming

Submitted with this report was a state- ideal growing day. ment of the delinquent personal taxes out-

Mr. Gilchrist stated that his investigation showed that none of the other em- for gardens and crops. ployes of the office had been connected the ticket, and of this amount \$25.50 went with the defalcation and all of the miss. Rain began falling here about 6 o'clock for headquarters at the Lindell hotel. H. ing money had been traced to Waugh. The hotel, evidently had a better room or a the penitentiary having pleaded guilty to water fell. The precipitation was so gentle better location, for his rooms cost \$40.35, the charge of embezalement. He said his

> New Democratic Paper. Lincoln will have a real live democratic ewspaper to keep up excitement during the summer. So many rumors have been printed about this democratic paper proposition that the unterrified are still un believing, but the paper is to be. Just at this time the manager has requested that nothing be made public about the matter, but he gave assurances that a deal had been put through and that within a short time there would be things doing

Outbuildings Blown Over and Houses

Unroofed. ALLEN, Neb., May 26,-Tuesday about clock a small sized tornado struck Allen A severe rain and hallstorm accompanied a terrific wind, which lasted about ten the storm minutes. Small houses, granaries, etc., were blown over. Many houses were unroofed, trees broken off and nearly every house in town had from one to twenty

panes of glass broken. NORTH PLATTE, Neb., May 26 .- (Spe cial.)-A much-needed rain has been falling for the last twenty-four hours, the ground is thoroughly soaked and the most favorable conditions exist for the prosperity of

WISNED, Neb., May 26 .- (Special.)-This ployed to examine the books in the office past twenty-four hours and has put the ground in excellent condition. The crop prespects are good and the fruit prosgar Waugh, a former clerk in the office, pects are the best they have been for

> HARVARD, Neb., May 36 .- (Special.)-Yesterday afternoon about 5 o'clock a

and will be of great value, today being an

ous than the others, the expenses of J. L. side of the city of Lincoln, amounting in fell here during the last ten hours to the McBrien incurred to make him the nom-inee for state superintendent was much linquent personal taxes for Lincoln, Mr. ing. This heavy rain, which has come larger, probably for the reason that Mc Gilchrist said, would be completed in a down steadily, will do an immense amount of good in this county.

GENEVA. Neb., May 26 .- (Special.)-A fine rain fell yesterday afternoon, good STANTON, Neb., May 26,-(Special.)night. During the period 25 inches of

that no damage was done and the most of the water was absorbed by the ground. There was but little wind. During May, up to the present date, 4.10 inches of rain has fallen here and 1.60 inches during April. Crop conditions are good. ALBION, Neb., May 28 .- (Special.)-No

nall has been received over the Union Pacific road since day before yesterday, on account of a washout near Ocones. Some bridges over the county are reported out and farmers have suffered some by reason of high water, but it is generally con-ceded that the rain has done much more

good than harm.
ORD, Neb., May 28.—(Special.)—A two-inch rainfall in the last (wenty-four hours Other towns in the vicinity are reported to be getting a much greater fall. At Greater Center a four-inch fall in two hours have flooded the country. Much damage has been done to the country telephone lines by

BEATRICE, Neb., May 38 .- (Special.)-A heavy rain, accompanied by considerable thunder and lightning, visited this locality last evening. While it was not badly needed it will help wheat, corn and garden truck of all kinds.

BATTLE CREEK, Neb., May M .- (Special.)-The heavy rainstorms of yesterday and last night have raised Battle creek until the northwest part of the town is flooded, water being over the railroad bridge and doing a good deal of damage to vicinity was visited with a fine rain the property along the creek. The basement of the Sanders flour mill is flooded, damaging machinery and grain, including a lot of heavy belting. The water was within an inch of going into the miller's dwelling. P. H. Ingoldsby's house was struck by lightning, but no serious damage was

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