

M'GREGG'S SHORTAGE GROWS

Owes School District Almost Double Amount First Supposed.

DUPLICATE CREDIT FOR WARRANTS PAID

Cancelled Warrants Cannot Be Found and McGreevy Says He Does Not Know Where They Are, but He Left Them in Bank.

O'NEILL, Neb., Feb. 13.—(Special.)—The citizens of the O'Neill school district in a meeting today passed a resolution to not accept the proposition offered by the board to collect the amounts found due to the district in any manner found to be available. The special committee appointed to examine the accounts of the school district found the amount due to be \$4,800 instead of \$2,711, as reported by McGreevy. In this connection Secretary G. W. Smith of the school board reported that he found where McGreevy had taken credit twice in several cases for the same warrants. The paid warrants are not to be found to use in making the comparison, but Secretary Smith says that in some cases only the number of the warrant was entered in the register of warrants paid, and in other cases only the name of the person to whom the warrant was made payable. When the committee called on McGreevy at the jail and explained to him the situation he said that he did not know that he owed that amount, but that if he did owe that much he guessed he would have to pay it. No explanation was offered by McGreevy as to where the paid warrants are except that he says he left them in the bank vault and does not now know where they are. After the meeting adjourned there appeared to be some difference of opinion among those present as to just what powers were vested in the school board by the resolution passed.

STATISTICS OF BANK FAILURES

Secretary of Banking Board Compiles Some Figures.

LINCOLN, Feb. 13.—(Special.)—Secretary of the State Banking Board is compiling statistics for his annual report. Among other things he will show the percentage of deposits lost by reason of bank failures. In 1901 the per cent was .008; in 1902 the loss was .006 per cent and in 1903 the per cent was .0004. From January 1 until November 24, at the time the last call was closed, there had not been a single bank failure in the state, the O'Neill bank having failed after the call had been closed. There is still in the hands of the receivers for the defunct banks \$200,000. The nine banks which failed have paid to depositors 64 per cent of the money on deposit, besides the money still in the hands of the receivers. The total deposits for these years was as follows: 1901, \$1,413,434; 1902, \$1,447,819; 1903, \$1,577,882.24; 1904, \$2,058,181. A number of residents of Box Butte county arrived in Lincoln today to argue the Griffin irrigation bill. The meeting will be held Wednesday afternoon, but the westerners concluded to get here on time.

EXPERIMENTS ARE ALMOST FATAL

Escaping Gas from Engine Overcomes Several People.

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RAILS SPREAD ON THE BURLINGTON

Passenger Train Runs Off the Track Near Ravenna.

GRAND ISLAND, Neb., Feb. 13.—Burlington passenger train No. 41 was wrecked half way between Ravenna and St. Michael this morning. It is stated here that the train ran along the ties several feet long. None of the cars tipped over and no one was injured. A crew has been sent to the scene to get the train on the track. The spreading of the rails was the cause.

New Eastern Star Lodges.

PLATTSBORO, Neb., Feb. 13.—(Special.)—The Nebraska Masonic Home chapter of the Eastern Star was organized in this city with a membership of thirty-two by Jesse G. Galloway, grand patron, assisted by the grand secretary, Anna C. Simpson, and members of Vesta chapter No. 6 of Omaha, with the following named officers: W. M., Miss Kittie Cummins; A. M., Mrs. Dr. T. F. Livingston; W. P., J. C. Peterson; conductor, Mrs. C. P. Parmelee; assistant conductor, Mrs. W. L. Pickett; secretary, Mrs. A. C. Helpe; treasurer, Mrs. Olive Dovey; A. H. Miss Edith Pitts; Ruth, Miss Antonia Kessler; Esther, Miss Mae Peterson; Miss Edna Swanson; Elects: Mrs. J. Peppert; Mrs. W. L. Pickett; chaplain, Mrs. V. L. Leonard; marshal, Mrs. W. H. Newell. After organizing members of Vesta chapter exemplified the degree work of the order. Refreshments were served by the Plattsboro women.

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