

DELAY IN MAKING AWARDS

Considerable Time Required to Tabulate the Markings of Judges.

COMMISSIONER LAW IS TO BE TESTED

Oil Inspector's Office Shows Big Gain in Fees and Also in Net Amount Turned into the State Treasury.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

LINCOLN, Dec. 16.—(Special.)—Deputy State Superintendent E. C. Bishop, the manager of the corn and cooking contests, announces this afternoon that the names of the winners in the contests probably cannot be announced until the beginning of next week.

A story was in circulation today that one of the boys whose corn graded close to the top of the list had secured his exhibits from one of his father's fields. Mr. Bishop has heard the story, but he refused to state whether or not the officials of the department, employees said that the demand that the exhibitors bring proof that their exhibits came from the seed sent out to competitors is perfectly natural and does not indicate that any of the contestants is suspected of trying to land a valuable prize through underhanded means.

To Test Commissioner Law.

It is stated that County Commissioner Lee Newton will refuse to surrender his office to Robert Pickel, the republican who was elected at the recent election. Pickel will probably institute proceedings and the question as to whether or not the act of the last legislature extending the term of county commissioner and providing for their election in even numbered years, will be taken to the supreme court.

Will Commute.

Governor Mickey announced yesterday afternoon that he had decided to commute the sentence of Mr. Blair, the York county farmer who is serving a term in the penitentiary. Blair was convicted of a statutory crime against a young girl. The commutation has not yet been made out, but it is probable that Blair will be set free in February.

To Debate with Wisconsin.

The announcement was made at the university yesterday that the debate between the universities of Nebraska and Wisconsin, which was agreed upon several weeks ago, will be held at Madison some time next spring. The return debate will be held in Lincoln the following year, according to the contract between the debating boards of the two schools. The exact date of the debate next spring will be determined soon, as well as the subject for argument.

New Bank at New Town.

The Lashara State bank of the town of Lashara, Saunders county, has received a charter from the State Banking board. The paid up capital stock is \$500. The incorporators are: F. McOliver, J. T. Conrad, A. G. Christensen, John Foster, G. W. Feuerstein and J. W. Feuerstein.

Too Much Law for Jones.

State Senator Jones of Otoe county, the father of the state statute which provides for a bill providing for the protection of squirrels, except from September 1 to December 1. The bill was referred to a committee, of which Senator Wall was a member. It has been some parliamentary friction between Jones and the Sherman county senator and the latter attached an amendment to the bill making it illegal to kill squirrels at any season of the year and in that form the measure went before the senate and was passed.

Big Gain in Oil Inspected by Fees. The annual report of E. A. Church, chief oil inspector, filed with the governor, shows that for the fiscal year ending November 30 he had paid more money into the state treasury than any previous incumbent of the office. During the year the receipts of the department were \$1,115, while the expenditures were \$1,091.93, leaving a net balance of \$23.07 to be covered into the state treasury. This is an average of \$32.27 a month, or nearly \$300 a month more than any other chief inspector has reported.

State Teachers' Meeting.

The coming session of the State Teachers' association will be held at Lincoln, Lincoln December 27, 28 and 29. It is attracting unusual attention. The intense interest evinced even at this early date is due largely to the excellent program that has been prepared by the executive committee. Seldom, if ever, has the program been so well planned and so well provided for the teachers this year.

High School Normal Training.

Today the subcommittee of the Superintendents' and Principals' association met at the office of State Superintendent McBrien and formulated rules and regulations under which high schools to carry on the normal training institutions for teachers. Under this plan every accredited high school meeting with the requirements will be in effect a teachers' training college, whose graduates will be accorded the same treatment of high schools to carry on the normal training in the normal schools under the provisions of the certification law, and the demand for trained teachers created by the new enactment can be more readily supplied. It has been recognized for some time that it would be desirable to allow the larger high schools to carry on the normal training work, since many graduates of these institutions step immediately into the teaching profession. Under the proposed plan when they leave school on graduation they will have had effective training. The body which assembled today is a subcommittee of a committee named by the association recently to report on the problem of normal training in high schools.

SHERIFF GETS SAME MAN TWICE

Robber Suspect is Released and Chased and Rearrested.

LOUP CITY, Neb., Dec. 16.—(Special Telegram.)—Yesterday about noon, Sheriff Williams received word by telephone to arrest and hold a man supposed to have robbed the postoffice, butcher shop and saloon at Pleasanton Thursday night. Starting south, he met his man coming into town and made the arrest and at once notified the authorities at Pleasanton that he had the man. They waited until he had held a man as not enough proof had been discovered. The sheriff then turned the man loose after first disarming him advised him to hit the trail out of the county. Within half an hour from the time the sheriff let go of his prisoner another message was received to hold him as new evidence had been discovered. At this Sheriff Williams and Deputy Draper drove east, the direction taken by the suspect, and came up with him near Schappus, about six miles east. Upon the appearance of the sheriff and his deputy the fellow made a run for the canons with the officers in hot pursuit. Within a few minutes he was captured and brought back to town where he was placed in the county jail. This morning the sheriff was ordered to hold him awaiting the arrival of the deputy United States marshal, who would be after him at the earliest moment. The man's description tallies correctly with that of the man held. He gives his name as Pat O'Brien, says his parents live in Greeley county, but gives his home as Alliance. He is about 39 or 40 years old, powerful physique, hanging dog look, surly disposition, not inclined to talk about his affairs and by far above the average man in intelligence.

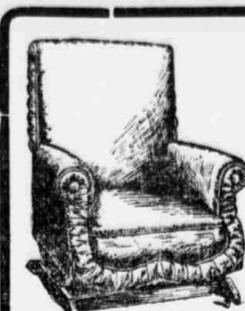
RAILROAD LABORER IS KILLED

Train Passes Over Neck of James Egan at Bancroft.

BANCROFT, Neb., Dec. 16.—(Special.)—James Egan, a laborer in the employ of Barnes Bros., contractors on the Great Northern, met a sudden death here by being run over by train No. 5 on the Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha. It has not been definitely learned whether the unfortunate man was trying to board the train or merely swung on to ride the rails. Egan was stationed at the Winnebago reservation, and here he had been working to take up his abode with his Indian wife. Allie Hart is the eldest daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Hart and from infancy her home was among the Indians. About ten years ago Dr. Hart was stationed at the Winnebago reservation, and here he and Allie grew to womanhood. After her return from school John H. Blackhawk, a member of the Winnebago Indian tribe, tall and stately, with all the characteristics of his race, became deeply infatuated with her and began paying her attention. At first the parents of the girl did not object, but soon they began to mistrust that the spark of love was developing into a flame in the breasts of both. A trip to Ohio was proposed and Miss Allie displayed no objections. Dr. Hart and daughter started for Sioux City to take the train. Stopping at Homer where, Miss Allie said she wished to bid farewell to some lady friends. Her father accorded her this privilege, but instead of saying farewell to friends Miss Allie ordered a rig from the livery barn Allie owned at Homer, and here she and Allie, all having been carefully planned beforehand by the two, they got into the rig, and with horses at breakneck speed drove to South Sioux City, where County Judge Elmers resided. There they arrived about 9 o'clock at night and had the nuptial knot tied. They then went to Sioux City, where they boarded the train for Omaha. Dr. Hart waited in Homer for some time, until finally his suspicions became aroused and inquiry disclosed the true state of affairs. Arming himself with a revolver the irate father started in pursuit of the pair, swearing death to the Indian should he ever lay eyes on him. He followed them to Omaha, but failed to locate them until friends on both sides, fearing bad results should they ever meet, intervened and the matter was amicably adjusted, the doctor returning to his position on the agency and Mr. and Mrs. Blackhawk occupying a farm on the same reservation.

Letter Tells of Young Man's Suicide.

KEARNEY, Neb., Dec. 16.—(Special Telegram.)—J. L. Caplan has received a communication from the commander of the Norfolk navy yards giving an account of the death of Captain's son, Max E. Caplan, who committed suicide a short time ago, and enclosing a letter written by the unfortunate young man to the executive officer of his ship prior to his death. This last message is extremely pathetic and touching, and shows that the first thought of the boy was ever for his parents. He asks the officer to forward to his father and mother all the money due him, and if his effects can be sold to forward also what cash they may bring. In the event they were not sold they also were to be sent home. The letter from the officer states that Max had brooded over his illness for some time.



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Toy Specials

We desire to close out quick last season's games and dolls. These have been arranged on tables. All last season's dolls go at exactly half price. Last season's games that sold up to 30c, on one table, each. Last season's games that sold from 30c to 50c, go at. Last season's games that sold up to 50c and \$1.25, go at. These from Our Kitchen Furnishing Department Make Suitable Gifts

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A very choice assortment of Large Rockers, in oak and mahogany finish, wood and leather seat, leather seat and back—from \$8.50 to \$15.

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Leather Couches for gifts. Genuine Leather Couch, quarter sawed oak frame, carved claw feet, with tufted top. \$25.00. A large assortment of other patterns in genuine leather, various styles—prices ranging from \$29, \$35, \$38, \$40, \$43 up to \$75.

Morris Chairs

Golden Oak Morris Chairs, some in plain designs, others carved and more massive, fitted with reversible cushions, all frames hand polished—we give you choice of cushions. Prices ranging from \$10, \$11.50, \$13, \$14, \$15 up to \$24. Mahogany finish Morris Chairs at \$10 to \$20. Genuine Mahogany at \$22.50 to \$75. Weathered Oak Morris Chairs, with reversible cushions, mission style frames, \$13, \$15, \$17, \$19 and \$20.

Mirrors

A large assortment of Fancy Hand, Triple and Shaving Mirrors; Also Magnifying Mirrors for shaving. Hand Mirrors at \$1 to \$8.75. Triple Mirrors. \$3.50 to \$12. Adjustable Mirrors for Shaving. \$8.00. Gold Frame Fancy Mirrors. \$7 to \$38

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Our own importation, at prices at least 25 per cent under regular value. Tabourets from \$11.50 to \$50. Pedestals from \$14.50 to \$65. Also some very pretty pieces in Hand Carved Jap Wood Tables, Chairs and Settees.

FORECAST OF THE WEATHER

Fair in Nebraska Today; Warmer in the East Portion—Fair and Colder Tomorrow.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—Forecast of the weather for Sunday and Monday: For Nebraska—Fair Sunday, warmer in east portion; Monday, fair and colder. For Iowa—Fair and warmer Sunday; Monday, fair and slightly colder in the north and west portions. For South Dakota—Fair Sunday; Monday, fair and colder. For Colorado—Fair Sunday; Monday, fair and colder in east portion. For Wyoming—Fair Sunday; Monday, fair and colder.

Local Record.

OFFICE OF THE WEATHER BUREAU, OMAHA, Dec. 16.—Official record of temperature and precipitation, compared with the corresponding day of the last three years: Maximum temperature. 1905, 1904, 1903, 1902. Minimum temperature. 26, 23, 15, 13. Monthly precipitation. 26, 28, 23. Precipitation. 30, 39, 50, 54. Temperature and precipitation departures from the normal at Omaha since March 1 and comparison with the last two years: Normal temperature. 37. Actual temperature for the day. 48. Total excess since March 1. 11. Normal precipitation. 48. Actual precipitation since March 1. 27.38 inches. Deficiency since March 1. 20.62 inches. Excess for cor. period, 1903. 2.48 inches. Excess for cor. period, 1902. 2.48 inches.

FIRE RECORD.

Blaze at Grand Island.

GRAND ISLAND, Neb., Dec. 16.—(Special.)—A "general" or out of water limits alarm was sounded by the fire whistle this afternoon. Fire from the burning of some rubbish had reached the loose grass in the cemetery and became beyond control, making in the direction of the Union Stock yards and the plant of the American Beet Sugar factory. The cemetery is situated south and west of the sugar factory and due south of the stock yards. Mrs. Cora Halpine had been cleaning up her lot in the southwest section of the burial grounds and was burning the rubbish. The brisk breeze communicated it to the dry grass surrounding her lot and in an incredibly brief time it was racing away and spreading in every direction. Sexton Sproul and his assistant, who were excavating a grave nearby, came to her assistance, but were unable to cope with it. A "phone message from the cemetery led to the sugar factory soon brought Ed Ewel and a squad of six Japanese laborers, who prevented the fire from burning further east, but could not check its spread with the wind until a wide road north of the cemetery was reached. Many tombstones, unfortunately, were dislodged and some wooden enclosures were destroyed and cedar trees killed.

Heavy Loss in Des Moines.

DES MOINES, Ia., Dec. 16.—The Rothwell block, corner of Sixth and Walnut streets, was entirely destroyed by fire at an early hour this morning. The loss to the building and contents will be \$100,000. The losses are as follows: Fleming Bros., building, \$45,000; H. S. Chase & Co., grocery, \$20,000; J. W. Hess, drugs, \$10,000; Logier, florist, \$2,000; Johnson & Miller, clothing, \$5,000; Sick, dissuave, candy, \$2,000; Dr. C. A. Watts' office, \$2,000; Paterson Dental company, \$2,000. Other losses are small but numerous. The origin of the fire was due to combustion in the basement of Hess' drug store. The insurance will be over one-half.

BROOKES—Frenzer, 15th and Dodge.

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