

VALLEY COUNTY MEN CONFERENCE

Senator Fries Has Long Confidential Talk with Treasurer Mortensen. BOTH STILL IN THE RACE FOR GOVERNOR

In Spite of This Fact Senator Fries Says There Will Be No Contest for the Delegation from Valley County.

Since making the announcement of his candidacy Mr. Mortensen has discovered that he is really running for governor. There is no doubt pressure is being brought to induce Mr. Mortensen to reconsider his intention to run, and his friends are watching with interest the result of the efforts being made.

Mr. Mortensen has said emphatically that he would do nothing to secure the nomination and neither will he put any obstacle in the way of his friends if they desire to secure it for him.

Some of the candidates are now waiting the convention to be held the first part of May or the first of June. The middle of May does not suit many of them because they assert that in the north part of the state farmers will not have the corn planted by that time and therefore cannot attend the state convention.

Hyland Pleads Fraud. William H. Hyland, in his answer to the petition filed by R. Corey, who is trying to get possession of the office of county superintendent of Stanton county by mandamus proceedings, takes a few hot pokes at State Superintendent McBrien. The office is now held by Hyland, who was defeated by Corey for re-election. Hyland refused to turn the office over to Corey because he alleged Corey did not have a first-grade certificate on the day of election, as provided by the new certificate law.

Hyland claims that Corey took the examination for a first grade certificate on November 1 and failed. That again, on the next possession of the office of county superintendent of Stanton county by mandamus proceedings, takes a few hot pokes at State Superintendent McBrien. The office is now held by Hyland, who was defeated by Corey for re-election. Hyland refused to turn the office over to Corey because he alleged Corey did not have a first-grade certificate on the day of election, as provided by the new certificate law.

Results of Examinations. In a statement issued this afternoon State Superintendent McBrien tells of the results of the recent examinations for state certificate, and an analysis of the statistics shows that in the extreme western portions of the state the candidates were well qualified as in the thickly settled eastern portions, according to the grade received. In the statement is a list of those who received grades of 90 and 100. The statement is as follows:

From October 1, 1905, to January 1, 1906, there were registered for state certificates for county superintendents. This total includes examinations for retrial of subjects in which they were failures, and would not represent all different persons. Of this number 160 completed the examination and eighty-nine have passed satisfactorily and received their certificates. One hundred and seven of those who failed in the examination have failed in one or more branches, but of this 107 twenty-two

have failed in only one branch. Seven of the number who have passed have attained a standing entitling them to a certificate in one subject, the others having secured seven or eight. A renewal of their certificates without examination if they do not require professional work during the life of the certificate, thus making their county certificates practically permanent certificates. One has attained a standing in the five essentials which entitles him to the "State Honor" on his diploma.

All of those who attained high marks, but found it could be too long. We have had to limit it to those who have 90 or 100. The list follows: George Anderson of Polk county heads the list in the highest grade received in one subject, the highest score being a marking of 100 in arithmetic, the only perfect mark awarded by the committee up to January 1, 1906. Some marks are given following the alphabetic order of the counties from which the candidates are registered: Charles H. Brown of Box Butte county, 99 in agriculture; William C. Laffey of Cass county, 99 in botany; Margaret Waters of Lincoln county, 99 in botany; Edna M. Kearney of Dakota county, 99 in botany; Mary Strickland of Dodge county, 99 in arithmetic; Nellie Whalen of Gage county, 99 in arithmetic; W. M. Wheeler of Lancaster county, 99 in reading; Mary Gagnon of Richardson county, 99 in theory and practice; Margaret E. Johnson of Stanton county, 99 in arithmetic; Charles S. Conroy of Stanton county, 99 in drawing.

Passed with honor: C. H. Youngs of Nuckolls county; Dorothy Wertz, Frank W. Houser and Eva Whitmore, Butler county; Ed. Layne and C. P. Chambers, Cheyenne county; Catherine Pliska of DeWitt county, and F. W. Montgomery, Gosper county.

State Officers Must Pay. At its meeting last night the Lincoln School board decided that state officials residing in Lincoln must pay tuition if their children attend the Lincoln schools. This matter came up some months ago when the board asked an opinion from Attorney General Brown as to the right of the district to enumerate students who were attending the State university and count them in on the school apportionment. The attorney general held the board could not do this. The board proceeded to demand that the state officers must pay tuition for their children. The state retaliated by threatening to try to collect from this school district money alleged to have been collected from the state by Lancaster county. The board then proceeded to demand that the school board stop collecting money and the state stopped talking, and Lincoln came in and got its usual apportionment from the state. Now it is going after the state officers. It was said at the board meeting last night that the opinion of the attorney general is that the board of Lincoln is entitled to at least 1,200 pupils that had heretofore been enumerated.

New Jail is Wanted. Lancaster county commissioners want a new jail. The present jail is not sufficiently large to keep the juvenile court prisoners separate from the older prisoners and a juvenile department is much desired by the commission. They are confident that they will gladly give the \$50,000 or \$60,000 necessary to build the new jail.

State Press Association. The executive committee of the Nebraska Press association has completed the program for the thirty-fourth annual convention which will meet in Lincoln on February 26-28. The Lindell hotel has been selected as headquarters. Monday, February 27, will be devoted wholly to enrollment of members and a social gathering at the Lindell hotel parlors in the evening.

TUESDAY MORNING, 1906. Song, "The Song of the Future," by Prayer, Rev. Samuel Zane Batten, pastor First Baptist church. Roll call. Address of welcome by Mayor Frank W. Brien. Response by the president of the association, John B. Donovan of Madison.

Paper, "Crosses and Crowns," by Fletcher N. Merwin, Beaver City Times-Tribune. Paper, "The Association Twenty-Five Years Ago," by H. M. Wells, Crete Vidette. Paper, "The Association of the Future," by John B. Donovan of Madison. Annual report, "The Song of the Press," by Adam Reed, Hastings Tribune. Paper, "The Association of the Future," by Benjamin Andrews, chancellor University of Nebraska.

WEDNESDAY EVENING. The visiting newspaper men and women will be the guests of the Lincoln fraternity, the address being given by the local committee. WEDNESDAY MORNING, 9:30. The Wednesday morning session will be devoted to a discussion of "The Railroad Question," presented by J. C. Slocum, business manager of the Nebraska State Journal, and "The Metairie," associate editor of the Commerce. After general discussion, the various committees will make reports. WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, 2. Paper, "The Association Twenty-Five Years Ago," by H. M. Wells, Crete Vidette. Paper, "The Association of the Future," by John B. Donovan of Madison. Annual report, "The Song of the Press," by Adam Reed, Hastings Tribune. Paper, "The Association of the Future," by Benjamin Andrews, chancellor University of Nebraska.

delivered to his father at 10 o'clock yesterday. Mr. Terry was on hand with the child, but Johnson failed to make his appearance, sending his sister in his stead. The grandmother, Mrs. Terry, with whom the little girl has been making her home, refused to deliver the child to Johnson's sister, so she was obliged to return to Omaha without the child.

BLAIR BOY BURGLARS PUNISHED

Fled Guilty and Get Light Sentences for First Offense. BLAIR, Neb., Jan. 27.—(Special Telegram.)—Judge Sears closed his year's work in the district court in this county with an adjournment today. Some minor cases were disposed of, and this evening George Harrison and Mike King, who pleaded guilty to the charge of burglary, when on January 8, Mayles' store was robbed of watches, rings and other jewelry, amounting to \$250, were each given a jail sentence of six months and \$100. Ed McManigal, who was arrested last night as a third party in the robbery, denies the charge and will fight it out in court.

Judge Sears, in giving this light sentence, took into consideration the boys' age and that this was their first offense. The stolen goods are still in the custody of Mayor Williams and Night Policeman Flinn, and no disposition has been made of the reward of \$100 offered by Mr. Mayles for the recovery of the goods.

RUN FOR TRAIN PROVES FATAL

Traveling Man Dies in Caboose Between Alnsworth and Long Pine. LONG PINE, Neb., Jan. 27.—(Special Telegram.)—Level Butler, a traveling salesman for the Nebraska Suspenders company, Kearney, died on a freight train between Alnsworth and Long Pine this morning while enroute to this place. He had sold a bill of goods in Alnsworth and ran to the depot to catch his train. He was in a heavy sleep when he fell from the train. He caught the train and, making a pillow out of one of his grips, reclined upon a long seat in the caboose. Upon arriving here the man was asleep, endeavoring to wake him and discovered him to be dead. Deceased lived in Alnsworth, Ill., and leaves a wife and daughter. The body has been ordered kept here until the arrival of some representative of his firm and his wife.

Telephone in New Offices.

BLAIR, Neb., Jan. 27.—(Special Telegram.)—Tonight at 5 o'clock the Nebraska Telephone company cut over all its phone connections in this city and adjoining country lines from the old stand to the new office in the front room of the Pilot building. The company has been working on the new plant for some three months and is spending for improvements some \$12,000. Everything was in shape tonight for a quick transfer, which was made in about twenty minutes, with little inconvenience to subscribers. The whole plant is on the copper circuit and the common battery system with an all night service. J. C. Hitchcock is manager, John Duff wire chief and Misses Myrtle Brown, Blanche Carter, Cora Ketchum and Miss Mullen are operators. The Solicitor Harding of Omaha was present to night and superintended the transfer.

O'Brien Goes to St. Paul.

ASHLAND, Neb., Jan. 27.—(Special Telegram.)—W. T. O'Brien, superintendent of the state fisheries on the Platte below Ashland, left this week for St. Paul to attend the annual convention of the National Game and Fish commission. Upon his return he will begin preparations looking to the planting of 50,000 brook trout in the Platte and streams tributary to the Nebraska river in the northwestern part of the state. During the past few months numerous improvements have been made in the fisheries, including new concrete ponds, walks and fish buildings.

Jahske Acquitted of Murder.

RUSHVILLE, Neb., Jan. 27.—(Special Telegram.)—The Jahske murder trial was concluded Wednesday night when the case was given to the jury, who did not reach a verdict of guilty until 1 o'clock this afternoon. This concludes the most remarkable case ever tried in this county. The case occupied a week before it went to the jury.

Harvesting First-Class Ice.

WEST POINT, Neb., Jan. 27.—(Special Telegram.)—The ice harvest in West Point has commenced, the dealers taking advantage of the last cold snap. The ice is of first-class quality and is being harvested at about 6,000 tons will be harvested at this place.

News of Nebraska.

SEWARD—Grand Jurors of the Republican post will give supper on Saturday evening. SEWARD—The Seward County Teachers' association will meet at the high school at Seward next Saturday. SEWARD—The fire department was called out at the Armstrong property having been set on fire. PLATTSBOUTH—The fifth number of the Plattsburgh University Glee club gave an entertainment at the opera house Friday night that was well patronized and gave a universal satisfaction. SEWARD—A wolf hunt, in which hundreds participated, occurred yesterday. The mild weather is the cause of the hunt. SEWARD—Former Auditor Connell has announced his resignation from his position in the office of the state auditor. WEST POINT—The state registrar of vital statistics reports the following births and deaths for the month of December: Births, 22; deaths, 22. PLATTSBOUTH—Mr. Aesemissen, a member of the new hardware firm of Aesemissen & Loucks, has purchased the east room of the Waterman block, the purchase price being \$5,000. 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