

DEFECTS IN CITY CHARTER

Mayor Brown Delivers Address to the Commercial Club.

DEGREE OF HONOR IN COURT

Mrs. Mary Laiky Seeks to Oust Mrs. Mayme Cleaver from the Office of Grand Chief of Honor.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

LINCOLN, Feb. 12.—(Special.)—In an address before the business men of the Commercial club today, Mayor Brown pointed out a number of defects in the charter now pending before the legislature. He criticized the provisions which...

Consolidation of Schools.

Deputy State Superintendent Perdue is now looking after the matter of promoting the consolidation of districts and recently he made a trip to Hartline, in Jefferson county, where there is a project on foot to consolidate five districts. There was a large attendance at the meeting and it is practically certain that the plan will go through. About all that is necessary, according to Prof. Perdue, is to explain the scheme to school patrons and taxpayers, and it is at once adopted.

By consolidating from three to five districts, the taxable property of the enlarged subdivision is of course increased in proportion to the number of districts thrown together, all of the school money for the various small ones going into the one large district. This makes it possible to erect and equip a good building in the village selected for the seat of the school, and to hire a sufficient number of competent teachers to properly instruct the pupils.

Then comes the matter of transportation. The school is located five or six miles distant from the homes of many of the pupils, manifestly making it impossible for them to walk there and back each day. The district attends to that and covered wagons with stoves are supplied, drivers hired to bring in the pupils. In some districts two wagons do the work, while in others three are used. Reliable men are placed in charge of those and are compelled to give bond. The drivers generally live at the outskirts of the district and are not compelled to start at an extremely early hour in order to reach school in time. The distance driven is not generally more than seven miles to the trip.

Under the plan outlined it has been found that in sections where under the old system only the commonest branches could be taught for but a few months in the year, an up-to-date high school building can be given at the same or less cost per capita. Consolidation is being urged by the state educational department and is being adopted with the most beneficial results in all parts of the state.

Base Ball Magistrate Gather.

The annual spring meeting of the club owners of the Western Base Ball league for the purpose of a playing season of 1920 was held in Lincoln, tomorrow afternoon, continuing throughout Monday. Already the magistrates are gathering for the pow-wow, which is to be pitched at the Lindell hotel.

One Year for Hart.

Frank Hart received a sentence of a year in the penitentiary for the crime of guilty to the charge of burglary before Judge W. E. Stewart Saturday morning. Hart declared that he was led into the crime by the two women who were with him in the store where he is accused of shoplifting. The women were not prosecuted.

Fraternity Order in Court.

Mayme Cleaver, present grand chief of the Degree of Honor, who is the defendant in the district court in a suit of counter brought by Mary Laiky, former head of the fraternal order, declared today that she voluntarily surrendered of said office estops her from maintaining an action.

The defendant says that the plaintiff did not consent to protect her election to the position of grand chief of honor and did not appeal to the grand lodge when the result of the election was announced.

The suit is the outgrowth of a lively and somewhat bitter contest for grand chief of the feminine auxiliary to the United Workmen at the biennial session of the grand lodge of the Degree of Honor in this city last October. There were three candidates, but the real struggle was between Mrs. Mayme Cleaver, of Neligh, and Mrs. Mary Laiky of Imperial, then at the head of the order. Two hundred and eighty-five votes were cast, and of these Mrs. Cleaver received 143, Mrs. Laiky 137, and Miss McGowan, 5 votes. Mrs. Laiky had had three terms of office as chief of the order, having been elected first in 1912.

At this time Mrs. Cleaver was pitted against her. When Mrs. Cleaver was successful in being elected, Mrs. Laiky brought suit in the district court to compel the defendant to surrender the office and turn it over to her on the ground that her election was void. It was charged that Dr. J. C. Moshari had been allowed to vote when he did not have a right to cast a ballot, under the provisions of the constitution. Mrs. Laiky contended that if the vote of Moshari had not been counted, as it should not have been, the race would have been different.

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News from Peru Normal.

PERU, Feb. 12.—(Special.)—The Normal School caule, under the direction of Prof. C. F. Beck, gave a program in honor of Abraham Lincoln at convocation this morning. The program consisted of appropriate songs, orations on Lincoln and drill exercises by the cadet company.

The fifth of the preliminary contests in debate which determine who shall represent the Normal on the intercollegiate teams, took place last evening. The question resolved, "The Postmaster General Meyer's plan for the establishment of postal savings banks should be enacted into law," was debated by the following speakers: Affirmative, Maxine Gittner, C. J. Skinner, Clio D. Wender and George Gowing; negative, John Laing, C. F. Schott, Ethel Robinson and J. D. MacMillen.

The German club, at a recent meeting, elected the following officers: President, Augusta Eisenman; vice president, A. T. Holtzen; secretary, L. D. Scherer; treasurer, Amelia Wehr; pianist, Ina Schick.

Omaha Man Wants Divorce.

AUBURN, Neb., Feb. 12.—(Special.)—A petition has been filed by Robert Adler of Omaha for divorce from his wife, Lulu Florence Adler of this city. The petition sets forth that they were married in Kansas City on November 19, 1905, but alleges that since March 4, 1908, the wife has refused to live with him and that he has grounds of desertion is asked for.

GOTCH CANCELS ENGAGEMENT

Champion Wrestler Will Not Meet Frenchman Next Friday.

CHICAGO, Feb. 12.—Frank Gotch, the wrestler, today cancelled his engagement to meet the Frenchman next Friday, giving a previous engagement as the reason.

Shinned from Head to Heel was Ben Poo. Threl, Ala., when dragged over a gravel roadway, but Bucklen's Arnica Salve cured him. 25c. For sale by Boston Drug Co.

BLIND EDUCATOR IS DEAD

Samuel Bacon, Founder of Schools for Sightless, Passes Away.

MARVELOUS STORY OF LIFE

Looking Night When a Boy, He Becomes First Teacher of Blind and Then Expert Farmer and Stock Raiser.

NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., Feb. 12.—(Special.)—Prof. Samuel Bacon, one of the pioneer settlers of this section and one of the best known men in the west, died at his home near this city yesterday afternoon, after an illness of many months. In his death the west loses one of its brightest minds.

Samuel Bacon was born in Courland, Trumbull county, O., March 28, 1823, and was considered a wonder among his schoolmates for his ability to invent all kinds of mechanical contrivances. When but a boy he had an illness that left him hopelessly and totally blind, and that affliction seemed to spur him on to make a mark for himself in this world. He never got his childhood pleasures and could swim as far and run as fast as those with whom he had associated. He had eleven years of sight and four of schooling before he faced the world.

On leaving school he found a neighbor who wanted chow chow and then he did, and his way was to lead him to the school hours per day. It was here that his memory until it became an almost marvelous machine and retained almost everything read to him. At the age of 13 he entered the institution for the blind at Columbus, O., and there learned to read and write for himself. Later he was a student at Kenyon college, Gambier, O., and one Christmas day he was permitted to return to Columbus, forty-six miles away, and he walked the distance in a few hours, even if the weather was bitter cold and the snow was falling. There he became proficient in Latin, Greek, French and German.

Opens School for Blind.

In 1846 he went to Jacksonville, Ill., and opened a school for the blind, having only four pupils. In that year he married Miss Sarah Groves, who died a few years ago. He was the rule that each day he read four hours per day to him, and the rule was never broken. In 1852 he visited friends in Iowa, and established the state school at Iowa City. In 1852 the first convention for the blind ever held in this country was held in New York City, and Mr. Bacon was one of the leading factors.

In 1854 he came to Nebraska City and it was through his efforts that the school for the blind was established and located at this place. He did much work in securing the small appropriation for the erection of the first wing of the building and was active in its construction. He climbed all over the building, carefully examining all of the material that was used, and being put into its place, and rejected much poor material that would go into the building but for his careful inspection. On one occasion, in climbing up a scaffolding, where careless workmen had omitted a necessary piece of timber, Mr. Bacon fell and was badly injured. The new building was occupied January 12, 1856, and at that time there were only three pupils—Marian Maria and Effie and Maggie Campbell of Johnson county, and later eight more were added.

Becomes Expert Farmer.

On November 12, 1871, Mr. Bacon's services were dispensed with and he was succeeded by Fred J. Parmelee, and since then no blind man has been in charge of that institution, but despite that Mr. Bacon, who moved to his farm south of this city, had taken an active interest in the institution. He was an expert farmer and stock raiser and made a success at it and was said to be one of the best judges of stock in this part of the state. He was kind to all dumb animals and those on his farm seemed to know him as he passed among them and rubbed his hands over them gently, noting how they were doing and being cared for. He was so adept in the matter of weights that he could run a hand over a steer or a horse and tell within ten or twenty pounds of their weight. He was a great lover of a good cigar and enjoyed smoking. To him and his wife were born two children, Mrs. Philip Smith and Charles Bacon of Merna, Neb., both of whom survive him, the former being with her father at the time of his death. A yet no funeral arrangements have been made, but it is thought that he will be buried on Monday.

Nebraska News Notes.

YORK—The anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's birthday was celebrated this evening at the York Opera house.

BEATRICE—A pair of the Fulton blood-hounds was taken to Great Bend, Kan., yesterday, where there was a race Thursday night.

YORK—J. Fountain & Sons have purchased the York Opera house, and the company's business will occupy the same business room.

GRESHAM—Miss Dora Miller and Frank Nelson of this place were married at the residence of the bride's parents, Rev. Mr. Christie officiating.

REPUBLICAN CITY—Appropriate exercises were held in the opera house last night in honor of the 100th anniversary of Abraham Lincoln.

BEATRICE—The funeral services over the remains of Anna, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Peterson, who was found dead at Lovell's barn, in hopes that she had been taken to a barn in the night. The deceased is a year of age, light complexion, curly hair and in other parts of the body were given a reception at the home of the bridegroom's parents' residence last evening. They will make this city their home.

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NEBRASKA CITY—Miss Mary Morton is teaching in the school of Mrs. Effie Campbell, who was called home by reason of the serious illness of her sister.

NEBRASKA CITY—W. W. Tetmeyer has been appointed as bookkeeper of the state for the blind to take the place of C. E. Hamner, who resigned two days in City to accept a position in one of the banks.

MCCOOK JUNCTION—A sad and distressing accident happened at the home of Ed Mathews near here when their little boy fell backward into a tub of boiling hot water and on Thursday died of the effects of burns.

YORK—The Odd Fellows' stinging committee who are looking over various homes proposed for the new Odd Fellows' home were held in the midst of a storm and were obliged to take refuge in the church Sunday at 1:30 p. m. Mrs. O'Brien was a widow and had lived here for many years.

MCCOOK—The Lincoln centenary was observed in McCook today by the McCook high school, in the morning, by appropriate exercises, in the afternoon by the Grand Army of the Republic. A sum of money was raised at the latter session.

BEATRICE—Mrs. Charles Summers living six miles west of Beatrice, died Saturday morning after an illness of a few days and was buried at the Methodist Episcopal church Sunday at 1:30 p. m. Mrs. O'Brien was a widow and had lived here for many years.

BEATRICE—The McCook Commercial club has taken decisive action this week in a protest against the repeal of the present high school law of this state, as it is contained in a bill now before the legislature. This organization also urges upon the legislature the Nebraska law during the last few years. The club is taking an active interest in the matter of the state making simple provision for manual training and agricultural education in high schools.

BLAIR—Miss Charlotte Templeton, secretary of the Nebraska public library commission, will give her lecture on "Library Extension" Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock. The subject is one which is of particular interest to the people of Blair at the present time and the members of the Monday afternoon club, by whose invitation Miss Templeton gives her lecture, have extended an invitation to all of the people of Blair and vicinity who are interested in this subject to be present. The lecture will be free.

BEATRICE—Charles R. Ayres of Marshalltown, Ia., has purchased of James McNally, formerly of this place, but now of Marshall-

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BEATRICE—Thirty-five head of Duroc Jersey hogs from the herd of F. C. Crocker of Beatrice, Neb., were sold at the auction of DeWitt A. Wilson of Lincoln and A. J. Russell of Crab Orchard were sold here yesterday. The prices ranged from \$5 to \$10.

CENTRAL CITY—Yesterday when John Jenkins was working with some machinery in the district court of this county his hand caught in a chain and severely wounded. Two fingers on his left hand were broken and the hand otherwise bruised.

NEBRASKA CITY—Last evening Frank Minion and Miss Rosa Comer, two of the leading young people of Beatrice, were given a reception this afternoon at the home of the bride's parents.

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