Nebraska

MODERN DANCE CONDEMNED

Wisconsin University Man Declares Himself to Teachers.

MEMORIAL FOR LATE J. M. PILE

Teachers from All Over the State Holding Sessions at Beatrice, Norfolk and McCook, with Attendance Heavy.

NORFOLK, Neb., April 2.—(Special Telegram.)—Declaiming the modern waltz and two-step to be the most heinous form of dancing ever introduced, Dr. M. V. O'Shea of Wisconsin university today told North Nebraska teachers the ball room is no place for young men or young women under 21. He would restore the old dames. Young people, he said, develope too fast.

A memorial service commemorating the late J. M. Pile, president of the Wayne Normal college, was held today.

Former Governor Hanley of Indiana spoke tonight.

Several superintendents declared playing marbles for keeps is gambling and the lid should be put on it.

The following officers were elected: President, J. A. Doremus of Madison; vice president, A. E. Fisher of Neligh; secretary, Miss Longeor of Creighton; treasurer, W. E. Miller of Hartington.

Teachers Make New Record.

BEATRICE, Neb., April 2.—(Special.)—The sixteenth annual session of the Southeastern Nebraska Educational association convened here yesterday morning in the Christian church, with an enrollment of 450, the largest in the history of the association.

The morning session was opened with an address by Dean C. A. Fulmer of Wesleyan university, formerly superintendent of schools of Beatrice, who spoke on "The Consideration of the Health of Public School Pupils." His remarks were of unusual interest to those in attendance. "The Rural School Problem" was discussed by Deputy State Superintendent Perdue of Lincoln, while Prof. J. W. Crabtree of the Peru Normal on "The Larger Meaning of Discipline."

The speakers at the afternoon session were Superintendent George Crocker of Pawnee City, Miss Mary Tremain of Lincoln, Prof. J. W. Searson of Peru, Principal E. K. Hurst of Falls City, Superintendent George Martin of Nebraska City and Prof. E. L. Rouse of Peru.

Last evening Edward Vance Cooke, the reader and impersonator, appeared before an audience that packed the church. Last evening the enrollment reached the 500 mark.

The session closed tonight with an address by Dr. Willet of Chicago. Today's sessions were well attended, the principal speakers being Superintendent W. L. Stephens of Lincoln, Chancellor Davidson of University Place, Dr. G. E. Condra of the Nebraska university, Superintendent Cauiness of Fairoury.

The following officers were elected: President, B. E. Dill of Wilber; vice president, T. M. Avery of Pawnee City; secretary, Miss Harriet Loune of Lincoln; treasurer, Superintendent W. A. Posey of Hebron; executive committee, Superintendent E. J. Bodwell of Beatrice, Superintendent George Martin of Nebraska City, including the officers.

The enrollment reached 550.

Many Teachers at McCook.

M'COOK, Neb., April 2.—(Special Telegram.)—The Southwestern Nebraska Teachers' association had an enrollment of 525 on the closing day. The McCook High School Glee club furnished the music for last evening's session.

Dr. Loveland of Omaha gave a splendid lecture on "Foggism." Superintendents Johnson, Holliday and Hussong discussed High school topics and Deputy State Superintendent Frank S. Perdue spoke upon normal training in the High school this forenoon. The lecture, "Teaching as a Profession," by Dr. Turner, president of Hastings college, called out a great crowd this afternoon.

The Peru Normal Glee club gave a musical at the night session.

Superintendent Littel of Culbertson presented a strong paper on "Industrial Work for the Country School." Mary Stenteville discussed "The Relations of the County School to the High School." Edith Woodburn pointed out the weakness in arithmetic teaching and Dr. Fordyce lectured upon the "Organization of the Nervous System as Related to the Development of the Mind."

A committee of principals and superintendents was appointed to decide upon having a declamatory contest at the next meeting. Industrial training in the city schools was ably presented by Superintendent Taylor of McCook.

Following are the officers: C. W. Taylor, president; C. L. Littel, vice president; Edith Woodburn, secretary; E. M. Hussong, treasurer; P. P. Bentley and W. T. Davis, executive committee.

STOREY IS GIVEN A LIFE TERM

Pleads Guilty to Murder in Second Degree.

VALENTINE, Neb., April 2.—Judge Westover held a special session of court here last night and Sam Storey pleaded guilty to murder in the second degree and was sentenced to the penitentiary for life, one day of each year to be spent in solitary confinement.

Anton Maule appeared and pleaded guilty to horse stealing and was sent up for two years. The sheriff left this morning for Lincoln, taking Storey down to the penitentiary.

Held for Bootlegging.

BEATRICE, Neb., April 2.—(Special Telegram.)—Albert Loepor, the Elm township farmer who was arrested recently on the charge of selling liquor without a license, was given his preliminary hearing today and bound over to the district court. His bond was fixed at $1,000, which he furnished.

Court Closes Two Saloons.

SUTTON, Neb., April 2.—(Special.)—The two saloons that have been convicted of selling liquor to minors operated for a week without a license. A mandamus proceeding was brought this week before Judge Hurd of the district court in chambers. The court ordered the mayor and council to close them up by Friday of this week.

The city authorities have obeyed the court and the saloons are closed. They were operated by Swearingen & Delehanty and by Tolles & Co.

ROBERTS WINS IN ORATORY

Annual Prohibition Oratorical Contest at Central City College.

CENTRAL CITY, Neb., April 2.—(Special.)—The annual prohibition contest of Nebraska Central college to select a representative from that institution to participate in the state contest, which will be held at Crete this year, was held at the Friends' church in this city Wednesday evening. The participants and their subjects were: Charles Mesner, "The Golden Age;" John Shreeder, "Prohibition and Patriotism;" Aldis Tucker, "A Plea for Prohibition;" Murry Townsend, "Energy, Faith and Time;" Clyde Roberts, "Manhood, the Test of Human Action." Two sets of judges decided the contest, one set marking on thought and composition and the other on delivery. The average of the judges gave first place to Clyde Roberts and second to Murry Townsend. Mr. Roberts will therefore represent the college in the intercollegiate state contest at Crete April 19. He has represented the college in the state contest before, as he won the local contest two years ago.

Nebraska News Notes.

GENEVA—Helen Edgecombe and Fred Dara went to Kearney yesterday to take part in the contest this evening.

BEATRICE—R. K. Piatt will soon begin the manufacture of cotton gloves at Adams. A building is now being erected for the factory.

BEATRICE—Allen W. Sypherd and Miss Anna M. Quick, both of Phillipsburg, Kan., were married here yesterday by County Judge Spafford.

GENEVA—Last night Company G had a public drill. Mr. Frisbie, assistant principal of the high school, captured the prize for the best drilled member.

ARLINGTON—Fred Echtenkamp is shipping hundreds of bushels of seed oats, wheat and corn to all points of the country. The demand for seed is great this spring.

ARLINGTON—The Arlington nursery is busy making spring deliveries, fifty men being employed in the work. The business this year far exceeds that of previous years.

ARLINGTON—A fine rain fell Thursday night, which will be of immense value to the winter wheat. The ground was loose and the dry weather was drying up the roots.

BEATRICE—The advanced pupils in voice of Prof. Thomas Stubbs gave a recital in the Presbyterian church last evening to a packed house. It was one of the musical events of the season.

CENTRAL CITY—Raymond, the 14-year-old son of Charles Sayers, fell from a hay stack and dislocated his ankle. Dr. Hoagland was called to reduce the fracture and the injured lad is getting along nicely.

PLATTSMOUTH—Rev. M. Z. Higbee, pastor of the North Presbyterian church in Omaha, preached a sermon in this city Friday evening. Evangelist Chester Birch is expected to return here Saturday and resume the services.

BEATRICE—The list of deputy assessors for Beatrice is now complete. The seven men appointed by County Assessor Hemphill are William Knouse, J. R. Craig, Amos Quein, Daniel Penrod, O. M. Enlow, W. J. Todd and John E. T. Dickenson.

PLATTSMOUTH—W. G. Erhart died at his home west of this city after a short illness. He was born in Plattsmouth on December 5, 1861. He owned 400 acres of land in this county and 320 acres in South Dakota. Mr. Erhart is survived by a wife and eight children.

KEARNEY—Work on the double tracking of the Union Pacific from Watson's ranch to North Platte will start soon. On Thursday a carload of Italian laborers were shipped in from Omaha. About three acres of land is filled up with steel rails, piled five feet high, near Watson's ranch.

ARLINGTON—Mrs. Thomas Schwegler, an old resident of this city, died this morning of dropsy. Deceased was born in Germany and came to this country when young. She resided upon the farm until a few years ago, when the family moved to this city. Funeral arrangements have not been made.

BEATRICE—H. V. Riesen returned home last evening from Lincoln, where he attended a meeting of the secretaries of the Nebraska Speed association. At this meeting details of the program for the racing season of 1909, which were left open at the meeting held some time ago at Omaha, were arranged.

GENEVA—The funeral of Robert Case, who died March 30, was held yesterday afternoon from the Congregational church. The services were conducted by Rev. Thomas Griffiths, assisted by Rev. Mr. Shepherd of the Methodist church. The Odd Fellows had charge of the ceremonies and attended in a body. Mr. Case was a member of the Odd Fellows and also a Mason.

KEARNEY—The afternoon session of the Central Nebraska Teachers' association Wednesday was well attended, the opera house being taxed to the limit. The principal speaker was Prof. R. Heber Hilbrook, Ph. D., of Pittsburg, Pa. The speaker took for his subject "The Discovery of the Laws of Mental Growth." His address dealt with the technicalities of the psychology of teaching.

TECUMSEH—Mrs. Sophia Laue died suddenly at the home of her son, Henry Laue, eight miles southwest of this city, Tuesday evening. She was aged 70 years. Mrs. Laue was troubled with a weak heart for some time, but on the day of her death had not complained, but had gone about her household duties. At supper time her son came in from his work and found his mother dead on a pallet she had prepared on the kitchen floor.

CENTRAL CITY—Judge Hollenbeck came up from Fremont the fore part of the week to hold an equity session of the court and disposed of several important matters. In the action of Bert Hastings against Michael D. Kellar the demurrer of the defendant to the petition was sustained, the plaintiff being granted leave to file an amended petition. In the suit of Newton J. Hoagland against W. P. Jarman the demurrer of the defendant was sustained and the plaintiff was given leave to plead under the rules.

TECUMSEH—Hugh LaMaster, H. L. Cooper and J. M. Weber of Tecumseh have been called to St. Joseph, Mo., by the death of their uncle, Milton F. LaMaster, which occurred yesterday. Mr. LaMaster, was 81 years old, had been in failing health for some time. For many years he lived in Lincoln, where he had extensive business possessions, and he was a brother of the late Joseph LaMaster of Tecumseh. The body will be taken to the old home town, Lewiston, Ill., for burial, and Hugh T. Lamaster will accompany it.

TECUMSEH—For some time it has been suspicioned that "Johnnie" Wilson has been selling intoxicants at his restaurant, and the mayor caused his place to be searched. A gallon jug, which was about two-thirds full of alcohol and three quart bottles of whisky were found. Wilson was locked up. Wednesday afternoon he was taken before Police Judge J. A. Lawrence, where he pleaded "not guilty" to the charge of the illegal sale of liquors. The case was continued until Monday, April 12, and bond was fixed at $250. This Wilson could not give and he will lie in jail until trial day.

BENKELMAN—The funeral of Elmer E. Rowell, who died Tuesday night at a hospital in St. Joseph, Mo., where he had gone for medical treatment, was held at the Methodist Episcopal church in Benkelman, Thursday afternoon, the casket being followed to the cemetery by a large multitude of relatives and friends. He was 40 years of age and was assessor of Dundy county at the time of his death, and a member of the Ancient Order of United Workmen and Knights of Pythias, which orders conducted the funeral. He is survived by a widow, a son and two daughters, his mother, a brother, and sister.

PLATTSMOUTH—Some one who thoroughly understood his business called at the Perkins hotel about 5 o'clock last evening and registered as "H. Marvin, M. P. Ry." He was dressed as a laboring man and wore a corduroy cap. The stranger was shown to a room on the second floor. About an hour later he was seen by one of the boarders to come down stairs and go out on the street and that was the last seen of him. About 8 o'clock those occupying rooms on the second floor returned from supper to their rooms. The landlady, Mrs. John Cory, discovered that her gold watch and $10 in cash were missing. From the room of her daughter, Miss Florence Cory, was taken a gold watch and about $5 in money. It was one of the smoothest games pulled off in Plattsmouth for many moons.

TECUMSEH—James W. Cook of Cook, a well-known Johnson county citizen, died at the sanitarium in Lincoln last Saturday. He had been in failing health for several years and some three or four weeks ago was taken very sick and was taken to the Lincoln institution for medical and surgical attention. A stomach trouble was the cause of death. James W. Cook was born at Depere, Brown county, Wisconsin, June 27, 1853, making his age 55 years. He had been a resident of the state of Nebraska for fifty-one years, coming to Otoe county in 1858. For forty-four years his home had been in Johnson county, and with the exception of a year or two when he was employed in a store in Tecumseh some thirty years ago, he had lived upon the old Cook farm, one-half mile from Cook, up to some two years ago, when he moved to the town of Cook.

COURT MUST PASS ON THE LEGITIMACY OF INDIAN HEIR

Complicated Question is Put Up to It by Hiram Chase, Indian Lawyer.

A suit to determine the rights of a legitimate heir as arrayed against the claims of polygamous heirs of Indians has been filed in the United States circuit court by the Indian attorney-at-law, Hiram Chase.

The contestants in the case are Simeon Hallowell, the legitimate son of Benjamin Hallowell, an Omaha Indian chief, who brings suit against Sarah Stewart and Gradustawe Blackbird, the latter the polygamous wife of Benjamin Hallowell, and Sarah Stewart, her daughter. The petition alleges that Gradustawe was not the legitimate wife of Benjamin Hallowell and is not his legitimate widow.

It is now up to the United States court to determine the question of legitimacy of heirship. Indian Agent John M. Commons, who is disposed to recognize the claims of Gradustawe Blackbird and Sarah Stewart as part heir in the disposition of Benjamin Hallowell's estate, is made a party defendant to the suit.

BIG TERM FOR LAW CASES

Federal Court Calendar Shows Twenty-Four of Them on the Docket.

The trial calendar of the United States circuit and district courts for the Omaha division of the Nebraska district for the April term has come from the hands of the printer and is being sent out to the respective attorneys. Motions and demurrers will be heard the first two days of the term. Cases will be assigned for trial on the call of the docket Monday, April 5, at 10 a. m.

The docket shows that in the circuit court twenty-four law cases are noticed for trial and six equity cases. In the district court one equity case, two damage cases and seven cases against the several railroad companies for violation of the twenty-eight-hour and safety appliance acts, two damage cases and one bankruptcy case.

Petit jury trial will begin Monday, April 12, and the grand jury will convene April 20.

ALLIED IMPROVEMENT CLUBS DENOUNCE THE BILLBOARDS

Demand that Council Take Action—Also Ask for Improved Car System.

Thirty-two clubs were represented Thursday night at the regular monthly meeting of the Federated Improvement Clubs of Douglas County, held at Twenty-fourth and Leavenworth streets.

A resolution was adopted condemning the billboard nuisance and a committee, consisting of S. Arion Lewis, Dr. E. Holovtchiner, M. O. Cunningham, George J. Kiefner and Fred Howe, was appointed to appear before the city council with the recommendation that the city ordinances be so amended that the billboards will be entirely eradicated in certain sections of the city or to require them to be placed back from the street line a distance double the height of the billboard.

A resolution was also adopted calling for a three-minute car service on the South Omaha and Sherman avenue line, the Thirteenth and Walnut Hill line and a five-minute service on the Dodge street line between the hours of 6 and 8 a. m. and 5 and 7 p. m. A committee, consisting of F. W. Fitch, Dr. E. Holovtchiner and S. J. Rothwell, was appointed to take up the matter with the officers of the Omaha & Council Bluffs Street Railway company.

The Fifth Ward Improvement club was admitted to membership and its delegates, Cornelius Farrell, John Muir and Joseph P. Redman, were accredited.

Wheat Goes to Highest Point

Sells for $1.17 on the Omaha Market, Which is the Record Thus Far.

Wheat sold for $1.17 on the Omaha market Friday.

This is the highest price reached on wheat in Omaha since the cash market opened. Several carloads of No. 2 hard were sold on the floor of the Grain exchange for $1.17 Friday, while the price earlier in the day indicated that the price would be off at the closing.

In proportion to the prices on other markets, prices considered, the Omaha price paid in Omaha broke the record and was above the prices paid in Chicago and on other markets.

Edward's Illness Denied.

BIARRITZ, April 2.—There is no truth in the report published in Germany that King Edward has suffered a stroke of apoplexy. His majesty, who is in excellent health, left here this morning to witness the Basque fetes at Sare.

Announcements of the Theaters.

For the week commencing tomorrow, the Orpheum will offer a bill headed by Lily Lena, a singing comedienne from the London music halls. She ranks with Vesta Victoria, so that the patrons have a real in store for them. Bick Crolius returns in a little sketch from the life of the race course entitled "Shorty." "Jewell's Mannikins,' are little figures by Mme. Jewell and a corps of assistants. The Chadwick Trio are three clever entertainers and their offering is one which will be greeted with peals of laughter. Ida May Chadwich is the "Sis Hopkins of Vaudeville" and the champion of buck and wing dancers. The prison scene from the famous Gounod opera of Faust will be rendered by the Louise Schmidt Operatic trio. The bill is rounded out in a more than pleasing fashion by the musical act of Mr. and Mrs. Colby.

"The Traitor," which completes the trilogy of Rev. Thomas J. Dixon's stories dealing with the negro question in the south, has been dramatized by Channing Pollock and Mr. Dixon, and is now being offered with great success as a play. It is a sequel to "The Clansman," which has proved so successful. The engagement at the Boyd theater opens on Sunday evening and continues until after Wednesday, with a matinee on Wednesday afternoon.

The Weather

FOR OMAHA, COUNCIL BLUFFS AND VICINITY—Fair Saturday.
FOR NEBRASKA—Fair Saturday.
FOR IOWA—Generally fair Saturday.

Temperature at Omaha yesterday:

Hour.	Deg.
5 a. m.	35
6 a. m.	36
7 a. m.	36
8 a. m.	36
9 a. m.	40
10 a. m.	46
11 a. m.	50
12 m.	53
1 p. m.	55
2 p. m.	56
3 p. m.	56
4 p. m.	57
5 p. m.	56
6 p. m.	55
7 p. m.	52
8 p. m.	50
9 p. m.	47