

BOOK READERS INCREASING

Library Report Shows 12,000 More Volumes Taken Out This Year.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS GOOD PATRONS

Many New Books and Periodicals Are Added During the Year, Including Some in Foreign Languages.

Miss Edith Tobitt, librarian, presented her annual report for 1909 at the January meeting of the library board.

All books represent the stock of the public library naturally most attention was given to this department.

The use of books for home circulation increased 12,000 volumes over 1908. This is probably due to the great increase in the number of books.

The question is frequently asked if it is yet time to observe the benefit of the great attention given to work among the children in libraries.

The summer vacation club for boys and girls had a membership of seventy. Almost all of the members read the required number of books.

Books were issued to the public schools, the parochial schools, the school for the deaf and many private schools.

The high school students have represented the largest percentage of reference room visitors. Outside of the regular reading, they have had assistance in the making of class programs.

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which we had in the library. These books were also used in the selection of pictures from which stereopticon slides were made for the use of the class previously mentioned.

The literature and the art departments of the Women's club, the Mu Sigma club, the Dundee Woman's club and the missionary societies have all been frequent users of the reference department.

The directories and telephone books of all cities are in constant use by business men, also such reference handbooks as the Railroad Manual, Moody's Corporations and various state gazetteers.

The reading room has added during 1909 a number of newspapers in foreign languages, also periodicals in foreign languages which were circulated after one month.

The librarian further recommends that all possible efforts be put forth toward the establishment of distributing stations outside of the library.

Missouri Pacific Under Mortgage

Instrument Filed in Douglas County for \$175,000,000—Omaha Belt Line Taken Over.

A mortgage for \$175,000,000 was filed by the Missouri Pacific Railway company in the office of the register of deeds Saturday evening.

The mortgage is given to the Guarantee Trust company of New York and is to secure the payment of the "first and refunding mortgage fifty-year gold bonds" issued for \$175,000,000.

The document is a bound book printed in the style of a lawyer's brief and contains over 100 pages.

The Omaha Belt Railway company has been transferred to the Missouri Pacific Railway company in a deed recorded in the office of the register of deeds last night.

The consideration in this transaction is \$100 and other valuable consideration.

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LIFE OF DR. JOHN B. LEARNED

Massachusetts Papers Give Extended Notice to Effect of Well Known Omaha Attorney.

Springfield, Mass., papers devote considerable space to the notice of the death of Dr. John B. Learned of Florence, Mass., father of Myron Learned of Omaha.

Dr. Learned was born in Dana on February 19, 1838. He was descended from William Learned, who came to this country in 1630.

The doctor was a member of the Hampshire Medical association and was at one time president. He was also a member of the national association of osteopaths.

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Some Things You Want to Know

The English Elections—How the Newspapers Fight.

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could not possibly be postponed for more than two days; that the whole country was in financial ruin and wreck; that the radical leaders were all anarchists with designs on the life and property of all the rich; and that another liberal victory would be a license to the mob to plunder and sack.

At the very last of the campaign, just as the polls were opened, "The Times," the most staid, dignified and solemn of all journals, compressed its views into this sentence: "The liberals apparently rely upon the bigoted fiction, at which educated Germany is laughing, on pension lies, on impudent appeals to every form of ignorance, and on the invective of the gutter."

Probably one-half of the space devoted to politics in the newspapers was given over to our old friends, "P. B. Publico," and "Vaseline." Sometimes these communications were interesting but usually they were merely long-winded expostions of personal views, or labored and extended explanations of trivial incidents.

The organs on neither side made any use of the news article bearing on controverted policies. Although both parties maintained effective literary bureaus and sent out great quantities of exceedingly attractive campaign documents and arguments, the newspapers made no use of this material except when they reproduced some pictorial poster, or when they quoted from such documents for the purpose of inviting the public to purchase them in pamphlet form.

The interview, the great American channel of distributing political news and views, is not used at all. The public man make all their announcements and arguments in their speeches; and if occasion demands an immediate statement it is made in the form of a letter to some political friend, and the letter is then made public through the press.

One difficulty about the interview in England is that the ordinary newspaper reporters are not given that confidence which is reposed in them by American political leaders. This is not because the British reporters are untrustworthy, for the opposite is the case.

The Tory papers made the most of Lloyd-George's escape in policeman's clothing from the mob in Birmingham, where he was to address a pro-Boer meeting, and continually reprinted it. They repeated over and over, after many denials, what was known as the "Lord Savile charge," or the "Lord Savile lie," according to your politics, that Mr. Lloyd-George had cheered at the execution of the Boer leader, while in his seat in the commons.

The liberal newspapers, supporting the government, poked fun at the noble lords in a fashion which would have done credit to America's liveliest journals. They said that certain speeches reeked of the stables and that certain particular peers, naming names, ought to learn how to be gentlemen first and noblemen later.

Compared with American newspapers the British journals in political activity are directed with less skill, are more partisan, more given over to abuse and unsupported denunciation of the other side.

Charges of corruption do not appear in the British press as freely as they do in the American papers at election times. There are two reasons—corruption is not nearly so prevalent on account of the stringent laws, and things which are considered corrupt in the United States are here condoned or looked upon as a social right.

For instance, the press of an American city would ring with charges of corruption if a representative of a certain railroad combine were to run for congress for the express and avowed purpose of representing that railway system. It is done by induction, course, but no one would dare to do it openly.

In England the great business concerns have men in Parliament as a matter of right. English elections are much more free from corruption than American, but the British press cannot successfully claim the same superiority.

Over here a man who reads "The Daily News" is utterly impossible as a social acquaintance, thinks the conservative; while the reader of "The Daily Express" is looked upon by all good liberals as a potential crackman. They take things seriously over here.

BY FREDERICK J. HASKIN. Tomorrow—ARIZONA.

JOHN SMITH CUT IN FIGHT Colored Man Severely Hurt, but Cause of Trouble Does Not Appear.

John Smith, colored, was badly cut last night in a fight at Smith's home, 1609 Burt street.

Officer Egan, patrol conductor, went to the place and found Smith bleeding profusely from seven bad cuts on his shoulders and arms.

The injured man was taken to the police station, where his wounds were dressed by a nurse who visited the Smiths would not allow them to sew up the cuts and he was taken to his home, where a colored surgeon was called.

Smith said a colored man named Ed Morris did the cutting. There were three men in the fight, but Smith declares that Morris was the one who whittled the knife.

Smith is a headcarrier and one of the best men physically among the colored population. When arrested he had a revolver of large caliber with him, but it was not alleged that he made any effort to use it on his assailants.

Smith would not tell what caused the fight, but Harper says it was "nothing but a row."

PIONEERS' MIDWINTER PARTY Washington's Birthday Chosen for Social of Douglas County Association.

At the recent meeting of the general committee having charge of the arrangements for the midwinter social of the Douglas County Association of Nebraska Pioneers, these were named as chairmen of the several subcommittees: Program, A. N. Yost; refreshments, Mrs. R. H. Walker; decorations, Frank Dellone; flowers, Mrs. Hattie Fox; music, Mrs. A. Sorenson; reception, Joseph Redman.

The general committee will meet again Thursday, February 11, at 8 o'clock. The midwinter social will be held in Masonic hall the afternoon of February 22.

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AFFAIRS AT SOUTH OMAHA

Ninety Candidates File for Primary Election.

FEW ARE WITHOUT OPPOSITION

David Morrill Candidate for Member of Board of Fire and Police Commissioners—Fitzgerald Files.

Ninety candidates filed for the offices in the approaching primary election in South Omaha. The filings closed last night at midnight.

A large percentage of the candidates put off filing until the latter part of the evening, and the offices of the clerk and treasurer were busy until 10:30 p. m. After that time the stream of those who were willing to assume the responsibility of public affairs began to lessen.

Among the late surprises was the filing of David Morrill for the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners, and T. G. Ingraham, for councilman in the Sixth ward. Earlier in the day John Keegan filed for the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners.

J. J. Fitzgerald filed for the democratic nomination for the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners in the seventh ward, the present board, Dr. F. W. Faulk, the other member of the board, filed for the city council instead of trying for re-election.

Mayor—P. J. Trahan, Oct. Leptin, (rep.); J. H. Howard, T. J. Murnighan, T. M. Murnighan, W. H. Queney, (dem.); W. J. Johnson, (soc.); John F. Shultz, (rep.); John W. Grille, J. J. Gillin, (dem.); Clerk—John Larsen, George S. Kennedy, (rep.); T. A. Torrey, Frank W. Good, P. J. Barrett, (dem.); City Attorney—H. C. Murphy, (rep.); S. L. Wiers, (dem.); Tax Commissioner—Frank Dvorak, W. F. Burdick, (rep.); J. M. Fitzgerald, C. Christiansen, (dem.); COUNCILMEN.

First Ward—S. W. Larson, George D. Ellis, J. Nagle, G. W. Haynes, (rep.); John S. Walker, (dem.); Second Ward—Thomas Lisee, J. C. Vana, (rep.); J. H. Van Wie, Andrew Hauber, (rep.); J. H. Carver, (soc.); Third Ward—J. C. Bowley, Frank Radin, T. A. Torrey, (rep.); George Hoffman, T. J. Allen, George Wolff, (dem.); Fourth Ward—John C. Riba, (rep.); Fred Hedinger, John Hauberg, W. E. Ravdin, J. H. Devine, John Murphy, Dr. F. W. Faulk, (dem.); Fifth Ward—Joseph Nadolinski, August Miller, (rep.); John Elliott, Frank Alexander, William F. Schmeling, (dem.); C. W. Scherer, (soc.); Sixth Ward—T. G. Ingraham, C. W. Sears, C. W. Pearson, (rep.); Matt Peterson, S. C. Schirley, (dem.); L. Lewis, (soc.); Seventh Ward—Thomas P. Peterson, Anton H. Hagar, (rep.); Michael Burke, Henry R. Hart, R. R. Hartwell, George Krigbaum, Barney Cogan, (dem.); Fire and Police Commissioners—Dana Morrill, C. M. Rich, Frank Barnes, George Stephens, Thomas J. Kelly, John McIntire, John Keegan, (rep.); Charles E. Curtis, Thomas Geary, J. Ryan, Charles Clapp, Jacob Levy, George Stieritz, Joseph W. Holman, (rep.); P. Donahue, Maurice P. Hinchey, Edward J. Pivovarov, Frank Parks, George Hauptman, J. J. Fitzgerald, (dem.); Walter W. Lutman, (rep.); Board of Health—A. Kettberger, (rep.); A. L. Hunter, W. E. Schneider, (dem.); Aechmuty-Malin Wedding.

The wedding of Miss Ellen Malin to Mr. William E. Aechmuty took place last night at the residence of Dr. L. L. Wheeler, who performed the ceremony. The bride was attended by her sister, Miss Sarah Malin. Mr. Ralph Gramlich was best man. The young people will make their home in Omaha at 225 South Thirty-first street.

Miss Malin was a teacher in the South Omaha schools for several terms. Mr. Aechmuty is at present engaged in the live stock commission business in South Omaha.

Magie City Gossip. H. E. Hess was seriously injured in Al-bright Wednesday night.

A good six-hole range for sale, cheaply. N. 21st. Phone 1022. Josephine Jetter's Gold Top Beer, delivered to any part of city, Fred Hefflinger, Tel. South 1640.

The Swedish-Norwegian Republican club will meet Tuesday at 8 p. m. at 305 G street.

The women of the English Lutheran church will serve an election dinner on April 6.

South Omaha camp No. 1055, Modern Woodmen of America, will give a smoker February 2.

Miss Hannah Anderson of Kennilworth, Ill., is the guest of her cousin, Ida and Emil Lund, 618 North Twenty-fifth street.

The Magie City Kings Daughters will hold an all day sewing meeting Thursday, February 3, at the home of Mrs. Bruce North Twenty-seventh street, was entered Friday night and \$5 in cash and a suit of clothing taken.

Phil Kearney post installed officers Saturday evening. John McIntire was installed commander of the post. Josephine Carroll is president of the Women's Relief corps.

Mrs. William Berry will entertain the women's auxiliary of the Catholic church's Christian association at her home, 44 North Twenty-sixth street, February 1, at 2:30 p. m.

The Presbyterian Missionary society has planned a poverty social to be given at the home of Mrs. J. J. Yost, 1022 North Twenty-seventh and E streets, Tuesday evening. Invitations in dialect have been prepared and will be generally extended.

L. D. BOUVIER EARLY SETTLER Prominent Member of Nebraska Pioneers' Association Came West in 1854.

L. D. Bouvier, who came to Nebraska with his parents in April, 1854, is still living on the old homestead taken up by his father near DeSoto, Washington county, in that year.

Mr. Bouvier, though one of the youngest in years, ranks as one of the earliest pioneers of the state. He has distinct recollections, as a child, of the pioneer days when Omaha consisted of but three or four log cabins.

He is the proud possessor of a badge, presented him at the last meeting of the Nebraska Pioneers' association in Lincoln, which is given only to the earliest settlers of the state. The badge is a metallic affair upon the face of which there is represented in relief a prairie schooner, drawn by an ox team, passing a group of three Indian topees.

The badge is suspended from a cord of the same material on which the word "Nebraska" is in relief. The lettering on the badge gives the date of the arrival of the possessor and his name. All of the older pioneers will be furnished with these badges by the state association.

Mr. Bouvier well remembers when the Mormons encamped at Florence, and he frequently visited their encampment. He has also an illuminated map, representing the Mormon migration from Nauvoo, Ill., in 1846. The map shows the date of each camp made by this first migration and how long the Mormons remained in each place. It also has a good picture of Brigham Young.

Mr. Bouvier's kidney remedy was any case of kidney or bladder trouble that is not beyond the reach of medicine. It restores the blood system and strengthens the kidneys so they eliminate the impurities from the blood. Backache, rheumatism, kidney and bladder troubles are all cured by this great medicine. Sold by all druggists.

College Founders Will Be Honored

Creighton Memorial Banquet to Be Held at Hotel Rome February Seven.

The memories of Edward and John A. Creighton, founders of Creighton university, will be honored Monday evening, February 7, at Hotel Rome at the annual memorial banquet of the university.

Governor Ashton C. Shallenberger will be present, as guest of honor, and will be attended by his staff in military full dress. The combined faculties of the departments of law, medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, arts and science will be present, as well as the alumni of the university and a number of men prominent in commercial, educational and political circles.

The principal address will be delivered by Patrick H. O'Donnell of Chicago, who will respond to the toast, "Good Government."

An elaborate banquet will be served and every effort will be exerted to make the occasion a memorable one in the history of the university.

PHI DELTA THETA REUNION Omaha Alumni of Greek Letter Fraternity Meet at Hotel Loyal for Luncheon and Election.

At the monthly dinner meeting of the alumni of Phi Delta Theta college fraternity, held at the Loyal Hotel Saturday, it was decided that the annual banquet of the fraternity would be held in this city, March 19. The active chapter at Lincoln will unite with the Omaha and state alumni in celebrating the thirty-fifth anniversary of the establishment of the fraternity at the University of Nebraska. At Saturday's meeting C. E. Page was chosen president of the Alumni club to succeed E. A. Benson and Amos Thomas was elected secretary to succeed Harry A. Tukey.

MRS. PRATT TO SUE LAWYER Declares Attorney D. M. Vinsonhaler Prevents Settlement of Divorce Case and Asks Damages.

As a counter claim to the suit of D. M. Vinsonhaler for \$7,000 attorney's fees for representing her in her divorce suit against James Harvey Pratt, Mrs. Julia Montgomery Pratt will on Monday file a suit for \$50,000 damages in district court.

Mrs. Pratt alleges that Mr. Vinsonhaler and H. C. Brome, his associate, stood in the way of a settlement when she and Colonel Pratt were disposed to effect one. E. M. Bartless is Mrs. Pratt's attorney.

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