

Nebraska
WOODARD BUSY FIRING MEN
 Superintendent of Lincoln Hospital for Insane Talks of Work.
SAYS EMPLOYEES COME AND GO
 Declares Letter About Conditions There Gives Wrong Impression—Wants Public to Visit Place Any Time.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)
 LINCOLN, May 28.—(Special.)—"I deny emphatically and in toto the charges made in the letter sent to The Bee from the asylum and published last Monday," said Superintendent Woodard.
 The charges were in effect that owing to a reduction in wages paid to attendants that first-class help is not employed at the institution; that attendants paid for by relatives of patients are not furnished; that several of the employees got drunk and fought recently, and that flowers grown in the green houses were not used in the wards, but thousands of roses had been cut and used elsewhere else, and that the enormous crop of the poultry yard did not get to the tables of the inmates or employees.
 "I have no idea who wrote the letter," said Dr. Woodard, but the writer has made a wrong application in every instance. It is true that employees come and go, but I am doing the best I can to keep good help. When an employee does not do his duty as I think he should then I send him to the bookkeeper for his time. That fight which was referred to as a disgrace, I know nothing of until the next morning. It was reported to me that two of the employees had trouble and I discharged them both. I have done that on occasions when I thought it was necessary, regardless of politics. But the institution is open and I court visitors and nothing goes on there that I am ashamed of."

Dr. Woodard was asked if he had not "fired" Williams, the farmer. "No, sir, he was not fired," was the reply. "I needed Williams' place for another and informed him of that fact. Dr. Hay was not 'fired.' His place was simply needed and he had to give way. In fact, Dr. Hay had no commission, and if he had no commission how could he be 'fired'?"
 It was reported that Mr. Williams had to give way to an inexperienced man who had a pull with the administration.
 Most of the information made public in the letter from the asylum had been published from time to time, having been learned from other sources.

Ludden Compares Charges.
 Luther P. Ludden, secretary of the State Normal board, has made a report to the board of his charges against J. W. Crabtree and the answer Mr. Crabtree filed. Mr. Ludden went into both statements and showed the discrepancies.

Nebraska State Institute.
 The following statement was issued today by State Superintendent Bishop:
 In the Nebraska State Institute to be held in Lincoln next week, provision has been made for a drill of thirty minutes each day in the practice of ordinary ability and aptness may receive a diploma at the close of the session and in addition to the practice of elementary law. The entrance requirements are not at all stringent and the prospective class are very promising.
 The work as outlined divides the course into elementary and advanced instruction. Up to date those enrolling for the elementary course contain such names as M. Reese, Elias R. Barton, Addison Waite, W. H. Wilson, L. G. Brian, E. C. Bishop, J. W. Shalman, W. J. Purse, A. Y. Johnson, George C. Junkin, E. B. Cowles, Dan Ogilvie, E. C. Hurd, George W. Ayres, C. Bosward and C. E. Pierce. The roll for the advanced class has not yet been made up.

Salaries Are Increased.
 As a reward for faithful services, the State Board of Public lands and buildings, has increased the wages of U. G. Sawyer, engineer from \$60 to \$100 a month and of the head janitor, S. Bullard from \$60 to \$70 a month. The board is seriously considering the pay of all the janitors who have more than six children.

Stock Yards Hearing June 1.
 The hearing on the application for the South Omaha stock yards for permission to increase rates will begin before the State Railway commission, June 1, at 2 p. m. At this time the physical valuation of the property will be taken up. As some of those interested cannot be present on that date, a later date will be set for the hearing on other phases of the case.

Los Angeles Limited Secured.
 The Union Pacific railroad has secured permission of the railway commission to reinstate its Los Angeles limited train Nos. 7 and 8, beginning June 15. These trains were taken off owing to washouts. The same rule will apply to them as now applies to the Overland Limited, they will not carry local passengers. To care for the local traffic, two new trains have been put on by this road, Nos. 11 and 12.

Wants Refund for Unused Ticket.
 Marshall Collins of Grand Island bought a ticket over the Union Pacific from Grand Island to Missouri Valley. He went as far as Omaha and then asked the railroad company to refund the price of the ticket from Omaha to the Iowa town. The matter was reported to the railway commission, which in turn reported it to the Union Pacific officials with the result that the request for the refund was turned down on the ground that Collins had bought an interstate ticket simply to get to ride on the Overland train to Omaha. Application was then made to the Interstate Commerce commission to force the refund, and a letter has been received from this body saying it will be necessary for Mr. Collins to file a formal complaint.

Cedar Rapids Commencement.
 CEDAR RAPIDS, Neb., May 28.—(Special.)—The graduation exercises of the class of 1910 of the Cedar Rapids High school was held at the opera house last evening. Prof. H. F. Carson of Hastings delivered an address, using as his subject, "As You Like It." County Superintendent Miss Johnson was present and delivered first grade teachers' certificates to the normal training graduates, three in number, two of whom received "with credit" certificates. President Smith of the Board of Education presented the diplomas in behalf of the high school. The graduates are Edna Asch, Stella Deaver, Clea Unsell and Frank Burgess.

The baccalaureate address was given at the Methodist church on last Sunday evening by Rev. Long and the class day program was rendered on Wednesday afternoon. Prof. C. E. Claus is superintendent and Mrs. F. B. Hooford, principal of the high school.

Osceola Defeats Shelby.
 OSCEOLA, Neb., May 28.—(Special.)—The Shelby and Osceola High school base ball

Centrist

AGAIN they come with the fife and drum
 And the banner lifted high above;

The tread again of the marching men
 Keeps time with the lively notes they love.

The boys and girls, as the flag unfurls,
 Salute with their shouts and waving hands,
 And cheers and songs from the voicing throngs
 Responses give to the martial bands.

Again do we hear the bugle clear
 That starts the pulse as in other years,



Or gives its sound at the burial mound
 In tones that speak of the soldier's tears.

Her generous part does woman's heart
 In tender and quiet ways make known,
 As with flowers meet and tears more sweet
 Her care for the soldier's grave is shown.

With trust in thee, O land of the free,
 The heart beats warm and the arms are strong;
 For each one knows that liberty's foes
 Must meet with the fate of vanquished wrong.

—Beriah F. Cochran.

teams had the second game of their series in Osceola Friday afternoon, the result being 7 to 4 in favor of Osceola.

Haskell Prize Contest at Bellevue

First Place is Won by Paul Kamanski of Bloomfield, Neb.—Miss Knapp is Second.

BELLEVUE, Neb., May 28.—(Special.)—The first "Haskell" prize contest in oratory was held at the Presbyterian church yesterday evening. The contestants were limited to members of the freshman and sophomore classes. Mr. Paul Kamanski of Bloomfield, Neb., took first with an oration on Booker T. Washington. Mr. Kamanski is a freshman. Miss Hermie Knapp, a sophomore, of Cedar Bluffs, Neb., won second place with an oration entitled "The Persistent Jew." The other contestants of the evening delivered highly commendable orations. Mr. Joseph C. Clough spoke on "The Meaning of Irrigation to the Arid West." Mr. Curtis on "The American Pioneer." Mr. Thomas Miller on "Forest Preservation." and Miss Marie on "The City of the Future." Selections were rendered during the course of the evening by the college orchestra. Mr. Gian Rice and Mr. Paul Johnson gave vocal selections of much merit. The judges, all of them being of the faculty, were: Profs. Carter, Calder, Leonard, Tyler and Miller.

Nebraska City Commencement.

NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., May 28.—(Special.)—The graduating exercises of the Nebraska City High school took place last evening at the Overland theater. The address of the evening was made by I. F. Roach and he took for his subject, "The Profit of Education." Dr. Edward Walton, president of the Board of Education presented the diplomas. The graduates were Lee Allen, Jennie A. Bischof, Ralph Bosworth, Minnie Bradeford, Agnes Caples, Majorie Denton, Carl D. Gans, Herbert H. Hall, Ruth E. Hebard, Lucin Lee Hochstetler, Verna H. Lathrop, Laura L. Kuhlman, Winifred Marcus, Marie G. Meyer, Marguerite O'Brien, Hildagard J. Scharp, Leslie E. Thomas, Arva M. Wethoener, Paul Bartling, Ray Bosworth, Bertram Bone, Eugene Cady, Ethel Cook, Olga Fastenau, Harvey G. Hall, Bertha E. Hebard, Frank L. Hillard, Russell J. Kautz, Eva G. McNamara, Ella Greger, Freda Maurer, Elizabeth K. Miller, Celia Marie Robbins, Birdie E. Snider, Lucille W. Trail and Marie Zimmers.

Nebraska News Notes.

REPUBLICAN CITY—Miss Elizabeth Hall of Diller, Neb., has been engaged as assistant principal of Republican City school for the coming year.
 BEATRICE—Nora Ellen Summers was granted a decree of divorce yesterday in the district court by Judge Pemberton from O. P. Summers on the ground of desertion.
 BEATRICE—H. M. and A. C. Tilton, old residents of the Filley neighborhood, left Saturday morning for an extended trip to Pacific coast points. They will be absent several months.
 NEBRASKA CITY—Someone entered the home of Earl Dixon, on Thursday evening, during the absence of the family and stole \$30 that was in the pocket of a pair of trousers hanging in a closet.
 NEBRASKA CITY—Judge H. D. Travis will come here Tuesday to hold an adjourned term of the district court. He has decided the petty jury to hear some of the cases which have been set for trial.
 SARGENT—A new business firm is being formed under the name of the Sargent Grain and Live Stock company, with J. D. Taylor, C. W. Parks and J. E. Werber as promoters. The capital stock is \$10,000.
 TECUMSEH—The twenty-sixth annual commencement exercises of the Tecumseh High school were held at the Smith theater last evening. Richard L. Metcalfe of Lincoln delivered the address to the class.
 MCCOOK—Owens Longnecker of Red Willow, this county, died Friday of appendicitis, having never recovered from a recent operation for that disease. Holton Longnecker of Hollisville, Colo., was at his bedside at the last.
 KEARNEY—Robert Leich, a native of Scotland and for the last six years employed as a mail carrier in the Kearney postoffice, died Thursday night from blood poisoning. Deceased was 36 years old. Funeral services will be held Sunday.
 CAMBRIDGE—Prof. Alexander J. Dunlap of Minden, Neb., who was elected as superintendent of the Cambridge city schools for the ensuing year, will deliver the memorial address at the Cambridge opera house on Memorial day, May 30.
 BROKEN BOW—Dr. Pennington, county health officer, reports about twelve cases of smallpox in the neighborhood of Westerville, most of them being located between that village and Sargent. He says there is a prospect of more cases as a number

of people have been exposed. Sixteen families in all, have been quarantined, but no fatalities have occurred as yet. Contagion seems to be of a light nature.

NEBRASKA CITY—The annual memorial services will be held in this city next Monday under the direction of the Grand Army of the Republic post. Jerome Schamp of Lincoln will deliver the address at the cemetery. Company C will take part in the ceremony.

KEARNEY—The Kearney Commercial club trade excursion, which was knocked in the head with a heavy rain this week, will be pulled off next week in a slightly better manner than originally planned. The date set for the next trip is Wednesday and Thursday, June 2 and 3.

CAMBRIDGE—A telegram was received from Decatur, Ill., yesterday morning announcing the death of Thomas H. Clark. Mr. Clark was one of the pioneers of this county and left his home here to go to his old home in Illinois to spend his last days, where he died of cancer.

NEBRASKA CITY—Ernest J. Whitwell and Miss Marie E. Trimble, both of Hillsboro, Mo., came to this city yesterday and were quietly married. They had eloped from parents who opposed their marriage and will remain here until they get forgiven and are asked to return home.

CAMBRIDGE—This section of the state received a fine rain Wednesday night of an inch and another rain last night measuring an inch. Farmers are reporting a large per cent of the small grain in excellent condition and with the present abundance of rain are looking forward to a bumper wheat crop.

REPUBLICAN CITY—Mrs. Duncan Kerr met with quite a serious accident while in town yesterday, while she was getting into her buggy. She fell from the seat and landed on her head. She was thrown to the ground. She received several cuts about the face and head, besides a broken arm.

KEARNEY—Joseph Crowe, a resident of this city, died on Tuesday, twenty-ninth street and Avenue A, Thursday evening. Death was caused by inflammatory rheumatism about 10 being present. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Ira Heckman; vice president, J. H. Sargent; secretary, Bertha Swanson; treasurer, Raymond Johnson; Thomas Schlegel acted as toastmaster and the following toasts were responded to: "A Scribbler," Ruth Rosen; "Angels," the Bohlers; "The Occasion," Ida M. Sallander; "Shifting Boundaries," Axel Swenson; "Walking Sticks," Jeanette Nelson.

BEATRICE—Judge Walden yesterday rendered a decision in the Simon Taylor estate case. Hearing was had on the objection of Frank Taylor, son of the late Simon Taylor, to the allowance of a claim of \$200 filed against the estate by Edgar Taylor, another son, and also the claim filed by Mrs. Edgar Taylor for \$1,512.50. The hearing was completed May 12 and the court took the matter under advisement. Edgar Taylor was allowed \$500 and his wife \$1,000. The elder Taylor was home with his son, Edgar, for some time prior to his death, during which time he was almost helpless.

Y. M. C. A. Notes.
 A special swimming class for beginners of 200 boys, who are making progress. For particulars about the class inquiries should be made to Mr. Denison or Mr. Burton.

A rally was held for the boys last Thursday in the interest of the boys' camp at "Angels," which will be held June 23 to July 2. The boys are enthusiastic over the prospects of the camp.

A memorial address will be delivered at the Young Men's Christian association Sunday afternoon by William Baird, his subject being "Patrolman and Christian Service." The service will be held in the lobby and will begin at 4 o'clock. Veterans of the civil war will attend this service.

The Garden club, which is being promoted by the boys' department, has between 60 and 70 boys, who are making gardens in backyards and vacant lots. The department will soon have a man to give full time supervision to its work. An exhibit of the products of these gardens will be awarded to those displaying the best vegetables.

Boy Killed by Kick of Horse.
 NORFOLK, Neb., May 28.—(Special.)—Little Andrew Johnson, aged 7, died during the night from the effects of a kick received from a horse, while playing hide and seek.

ERDMAN IS A STICKUP MAN

Admits to Acting Chief Mostyn that He Has Held Up Many.

IDENTIFICATION IS COMPLETE

Police Think They Now Have Sufficient Evidence to Connect Erdman with Dynamite Case at Dennison Home.

Mrs. R. W. Raymond, 1512 Grace street, accompanied by two guests at her home, visited the city jail Saturday afternoon and positively identified Erdman as the man seen in the vicinity of the Dennison home. Both Mrs. Raymond and her guest are positive. Erdman's peculiar walk attracted their attention and led to the identification.

Elmer Thomas was closeted with the prisoner for a time Sunday afternoon. Together with a trump card said to fix absolute guilt upon Erdman as having devised and placed the infernal machine on Tom Dennison's porch, Captain Mostyn Saturday morning got an admission from the prisoner that he had been a "stick-up" man.

"Erdman told me he had frequently held up persons and taken money from them to go into a gambling game," said Captain Mostyn. "He freely admitted he was not conscientious in routing out gambling, but used his operations against it merely to find out what the 'crooked' games were. He said he often took money from citizens and gamblers at the point of his gun, and that he had paid part of the money to certain persons who knew of his acts."

The acting chief declared that the testimony from the Hagelst girls and the McLehlands, identifying Erdman as the man they saw going toward the Dennison home with a suit case, was most conclusive. He added that a witness is at hand to swear he saw the man enter Erdman's yard with the suit case. Another trump card was expected to be furnished Saturday afternoon, he said.

Deputy County Attorney Magney said Saturday morning that Erdman would be re-arrested on the original complaint next Friday and would be given a preliminary hearing at that time.

Detective Tames "Locoed Taxi"

Sleuth Swings Aboard Speeding Motor Cab in Mad Race Down Capitol Avenue.

A derelict taxicab, full power ahead and running down Capitol avenue at a speed which made it look like a comet's tail twisted in a Kansas cyclone, was captured by Detective Van Deusen Saturday morning in a flying leap in which he risked his life.

The taxi had broken loose from its moorings at Twentieth street and Capitol avenue and started down grade. A jar bumped the throttle open and the engine started. The machine was gathering speed at an enormous rate, skimming by the cross streets like a flash and endangering the lives of pedestrians and drivers.

Detectives Maloney and Van Deusen sighted the runaway a block away. Van Deusen got down on the mark and started when the machine was within fifty feet. As it came along side he rose in the air with a leap that doubled his six feet six of stature and settled in the seat like a trained aviator.

A block farther on he had the machine under control, and wheeling it about, brought it to a stop in front of his working partner, Maloney.

The taxi belongs to the Hauser Auto service of the Rome hotel. The machine had been left standing at the top of the hill by a driver answering a call at a nearby house.

Cyclone Cellars Refuge for Many

Protection Saves People of Pierce City, Mo., from Tornado that Destroys Homes.

PIERCE CITY, Mo., May 28.—A tornado which formed northwest of here at 4 o'clock tonight, struck the western edge of town a few minutes later, destroying ten dwellings and several barns, and swept southward out of sight. No one was killed. Cyclone cellars saved the families of Edward Greer, William Tate, John Shylock and James Abnathery. In each instance the tornado swept the houses from above the cellar where men, women and children were huddled together. That many persons were not killed is due to the fact that the twister was seen to form by those endangered and thus they had an opportunity to seek refuge.

The tornado swept free, telephone poles, houses, fences and vegetation from a path 30 feet wide. Leaving the town, it lifted, and descended again several miles south. Meager reports of destruction to farm property have been received. Telephonic and telegraphic communication in all directions was interrupted for five hours.

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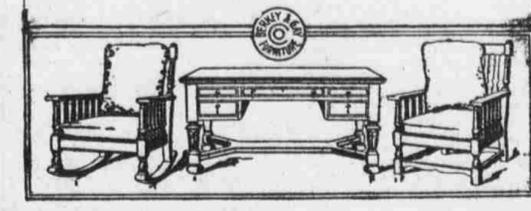
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