

CONTROL BOARD TO MEET

First Session Will Convene Officially Next Tuesday.

GERDES AT KEARNEY SCHOOL

Some Improvements There, He Says. Will Need Immediate Attention From Members of the New State Body.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, May 16.—(Special.)—The new Board of Control will hold its first meeting next Tuesday for the purpose of getting a lineup on the work before it and to prepare for the first official meeting, which will be held later.

Judge Holcomb, who has been holding forth in the new quarters of the board in the west office room of the secretary of state, said this morning that it had been thought best to hold a sort of preliminary conference.

Henry Gerdes, another member of the board, has been at the Kearney boys' industrial school most of the week looking up some of the proposition there which confront the board, the most important being that of reconstructing the tunnel holding the water and heating pipes running from the power plant to the main buildings, which shows signs of caving in.

STEBBINS DECLARES WIRE COMPANIES WOULD PROFIT

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, May 16.—(Special.)—Representative Stebbins of Dawes county, author of the Stebbins uniform telegraph bill was at the state house this morning. Mr. Stebbins thinks that there is little doubt if the Western Union company would comply with the law and put into effect the rate which gives a ten-word message a 25-cent charge on any portion of Nebraska, that they would gain by it.

"Since the telegraph company has put in effect their night-letter system, their business has increased wonderfully," said Mr. Stebbins, "and I believe that if they would put in effect this rate that their business would increase in the same proportion."

The Dawson county statesman is one of those behind movement to call a referendum for the purpose of trying to knock out an appropriation made by the legislature for a memorial armory at Nebraska City. He thinks it a waste of money and that of the people could vote on it in Dawson county and that section of the state, according to Mr. Stebbins, is looking the best it has for many seasons. If nothing turns up in the way of hall or other stores, he thinks that the yield will be enormous.

BOARD OF AGRICULTURE WILL GIVE BABY SHOW

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, Neb., May 16.—(Special.)—Secretary W. R. Mellor, of the State Board of Agriculture; Hiram Myers, superintendent of consents; Secretary Marshall of the Horticultural association, and George W. Klein, of the public bureau, have issued a call for a baby show to be pulled off at the state fair this fall.

None of the quartet has and babies of his own, but they think they are competent to pull off a good stunt judging other people's babies and have offered good prizes, aggregation of \$30.

All babies in the rural class must be over 1-year-old and not over 2 years, and the prizes are \$10 for the best. Another class covers boys from 2 to 3 years old, with the same prizes. Babies from the country will be in a class and those from the city in another. Medals will also be given. Entries must be made early and no entrance fee is charged. Blanks will be furnished to all applying.

School Teacher Threatened with Tar and Feathers

JOLIET, Ill., May 15.—"We will tar and feather you and drive you out of town and punish you as you have punished our children" was the threat received in an anonymous letter today by Viola Johnson, a young school teacher in Channahon, a village south of here.

Miss Johnson accused a well-known Channahon woman of writing threatening letters, of which today's was the second. The affair is said to have been the result of Miss Johnson's attempt to keep discipline in the room, which, it is said, has been notorious for disorder.

The school board announced today it would back up the teacher and insist that she remain.

Engine and Twelve Cars Run Over Child On Track; Not Hurt

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., May 16.—Although but 4 years old, Mary Whitten, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Whitten of this city, saved herself from death here today by lying flat on the railroad ties when she saw a freight train approaching so rapidly that she was unable to jump from the track before being struck. The engine and twelve cars passed over her, but she received only a slight scalp wound.

Police Seek Couple Who May Have Eloped

DENVER, Colo., May 16.—(Special Telegram.)—The police here are searching the city for Dorothy Stephenson, a 15-year-old school girl and Edward Adams, a bell boy, who are said to have eloped from Omaha several days ago. It is believed they came to Denver.

WILD RACE WITH DEATH

Utica Man Outraces Tornado at Top Speed in Auto.

FOLLOWS HIM FOR A MILE

Thundering Before Terrible Funnels D. T. Virgin and Delmar Coatsy Thank Maker of Autos for Their Lives.

UTICA, Neb., May 16.—(Special.)—With death dogging him, the air filled with flying debris and the roar of a tornado in his ears, D. T. Virgin of Utica sat at the wheel of an automobile and, prodding the machine to its last notch of speed won the race and saved his own and the life of Delmar Coatsy.

Virgin was at Coatsy's place when the skies blackened and the funnel shot across the valley straight for Coatsy's home. Huge trees bent before it, were lifted out of the earth and torn to splinters. Houses crumpled up and wreckage was thrown wildly out from the revolving cone.

The two men sprang into Virgin's car and started. At the same time the funnel veered and came careening toward them at a frightful pace.

Coatsy yelled for more speed, but Virgin, holding the wheel, had pushed the throttle gauge to the last notch.

The cloud crept nearer, until it seemed to hang over them. Coatsy clung to the auto and Virgin, guiding its course could only sense indirectly the nearness of the twister.

Fifty rods behind the tornado followed the men. The machine was showered with light missiles, and heavier chunks of debris hurled past them with a force that would have meant instant death had they struck. The men could feel the peculiar atmosphere which accompanied the storm.

"Faster," Coatsy shouted. But Virgin was wringing every atom of power from the sturdy, burning engine.

All lip to the auto. A moment's slackening of the pace and all was over. A missing cylinder, a punctured tire, a broken steering gear, a shattered piston, meant instant death.

But the automobile kept its pace. It seemed to pulsate with life and its screaming exhaust hurled defiance to the wind.

Then as if by some strange whim of the god of the storm, the tornado veered again, left the highway and roared across the fields.

Virgin held to his wheel and did not slacken his speed until a mile had been put between them and the storm.

Commercial Club Decides Subway is Needed at Once

Decision has been reached by the executive committee of the Commercial club that a subway connecting the Burlington and Union depots is an immediate necessity, whether the railroad are planning a new Union station or not. The question of a subway has been discussed by minor committees of the club and by other organizations of the city for several years, but the executive committee of the Commercial club has never taken up the matter. It was through the recommendation of the passenger transportation committee that a subway was needed and should be built that the executive committee decided in favor of it and will support the efforts of the transportation committee in securing the subway.

A committee of four has been appointed to confer with George W. Holdrege, general manager of the Burlington, and with A. L. Mohler, president of the Union Pacific, to see what can be done to get the subway. The committee are T. F. Redmond, Irving F. Baxter, Roy Byrne and E. L. Combs. They will arrange for a conference with the next few days and make a report of the results to the executive committee probably at the Tuesday meeting.

Dr. Petr Sued for \$30,000 by Nurse

Suit for \$30,000 damages for alleged breach of promise to marry her was filed yesterday afternoon against Dr. Frank Petr of Omaha by Mrs. Josephine Zak, a nurse. Dr. Petr was married April 16 in Chicago to Miss Anna A. Lassie, a Red Cross nurse, whose home formerly was in Prague, Bohemia.

He became acquainted with his wife last fall when he went to Prague to study under medical experts there. He is well known among Bohemians in Omaha. He was a member of the hospital staff equipped by the Omaha Tel Jed Sokol, which served in the Balkan war.

Mrs. Zak alleges that she was to marry Dr. Petr last month. The doctor's home is at 1516 Center street.

Insurgent Woodmen Form Organization

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., May 16.—Six hundred insurgent Modern Woodmen of America perfected the organization today at their first national meeting to formulate plans to oust present officers of the society.

SOLON BORGLUM FINISHES JACOB LEISTER MONUMENT

Solon Borglum has completed a large monument of Jacob Leister, the old Huguenot patriot who founded New Rochelle, N. Y., just 300 years ago. The monument will be unveiled June 25 at New Rochelle at the third centennial celebration. President Wilson and Mayor Gaynor are among the notables who will attend and an invitation has been sent to the present mayor of "La Rochelle," France, after which New Rochelle was named. Quite a delegation from the French city will attend and there will be pageants and processions for three days starting June 25.



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From Our Near Neighbors

Tekamah. The high school band went to Decatur Friday evening to give a concert.

Papillion. Miss Irene Malters of Omaha was the guest of her uncle, J. R. Wilson, Tuesday.

Bellevue. Miss Lena Zwickel died Thursday noon at her home in South Papillion after a severe illness of three weeks.

Lincoln. Mrs. Mary Lilly, mother of County Commissioner Gates Lilly, died at her home near Gilmore Wednesday afternoon. The funeral will be held Friday afternoon from Union church.

Lincoln. The Women's club met Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. E. H. Koch. The leader was Mrs. F. M. Zwickel and the subject for the lesson "Mother." A very interesting meeting was reported.

Lincoln. Miss Lillian Empey with fourteen friends, teachers of the South Omaha schools, came on the 8 o'clock car Tuesday afternoon and spent the evening at the A. E. Empey home in South Papillion.

Lincoln. Mrs. George Empey, who are moving from Albion to Omaha, visited with the A. F. Empey family the first of the week. Mr. Empey has accepted a position with the Crane company of Omaha.

Lincoln. The junior-senior reception of the high school was held Wednesday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Gander. The rooms were decorated in orange and black, the senior colors.

Lincoln. A. E. Fisher has sold his residence and has moved to Springfield.

Lincoln. Mrs. A. C. Welch went to Lincoln on Wednesday to visit her son.

Lincoln. Seymour A. Reed has moved into town from the country to reside.

Lincoln. Dr. and Mrs. Brendel of Murray were visiting water visitors Wednesday.

Lincoln. Mr. and Mrs. William Marshall of Douglas, Neb., were visitors here a few days this week.

Lincoln. The bookman went to Missouri Tuesday on business of closing up his brother's estate.

Lincoln. Dr. and Mrs. F. P. Reed have moved here from Denver and the doctor will engage in practice here.

Lincoln. Mrs. William Pool is in Lincoln this week, called by the illness of her son, Prof. R. J. Pool of the state university.

Lincoln. O. M. Card was the representative from the local lodge, Knights of Pythias, to the grand lodge meeting in Omaha this week.

Lincoln. Sam Baker, a young carpenter, while operating a buzzsaw in his father's shop last Wednesday, had one thumb cut off.

Lincoln. Word was received here Sunday of the death of Miss Emily Penn, an old citizen of Weeping Water, who was visiting in Tallmadge, O.

Lincoln. A very pleasant farewell was tendered Miss Bernice Wickersham last Tuesday

by the Side-a-Wee club at the home of Miss Alice Stamm. Miss Wickersham leaves soon for the west to remain a number of months on the coast.

Lincoln. Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Rockwell arrived here last Tuesday from Mason City and will make this their home. They have leased their hotel in Mason City.

Lincoln. Mrs. A. J. Muth, who has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Leight, for several weeks, returned to her home in Chicago last Wednesday.

Lincoln. Miss Catherine Harrington of Waterloo was the guest of Mrs. Isaac Noyes Wednesday.

Lincoln. Mrs. A. Gardner and Mrs. Mary Hempstead visited in Waterloo Monday afternoon.

Lincoln. Mrs. T. L. McNish and Thornton and Mrs. Bronson spent Sunday in Benson with Mr. and Mrs. Alex Smith.

Lincoln. John Coning came in from Denver Saturday to visit his mother, Mrs. Mary Coning, until Sunday night.

Lincoln. Mr. and Mrs. Richard Webster came out from Omaha Saturday evening to spend Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Whitmore.

Lincoln. Miss Gertrude Ifgram, who has been attending business college in Omaha for three months, returned to her home Wednesday.

Lincoln. The Valley Cemetery association had a "clean up" day Tuesday and put the Valley cemetery in better shape.

Lincoln. E. H. Condon has been transferred from his position on the branch to one of the main lines and the family will move to Omaha as soon as they find a house.

Lincoln. Mrs. Isaac Noyes and Priscilla will go to Dundee the last of the week to visit Mr. Noyes, who is working in the Dundee pharmacy.

Lincoln. Rev. Ralph H. Houseman held a service for Sunday school workers Sunday afternoon in the Presbyterian church. In the evening he preached for Rev. Mr. Fye.

Lincoln. The members of the Methodist Episcopal church and their families were entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Maguire, Iyarville, Tuesday evening. Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Kennedy were given a surprise in honor of their wedding anniversary.

Lincoln. The Junior Christian Endeavor society of the Presbyterian church held the business meeting and elected the following officers: Helen Kennedy, president; Madolin Simpson, vice president; Ethel Kennedy, secretary; Fern Condon, treasurer; Pearl Rock, chairman of prayer meeting committee, and Gertrude Ferrie of the lookout committee.

Lincoln. The Busy Bees held their regular monthly meeting at the Hubbard hall Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. A. Gardner, Mrs. G. S. Kopp, Mrs. Percy and Mrs. W. D. Kelly entertained. In spite of the storm, a large number were in attendance.

Lincoln. The Valley board of trustees held their first meeting of this year and completed their organization last week. The following are the officers: C. B. Nichols, mayor; A. C. Hedberg, secretary; J. E. Nichols, treasurer; Charles Webb, marshal, and D. J. Rice, street commissioner.

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