

### Nebraska STATE HOUSE IS FALLING DOWN

Report of Assistant State Engineer Says Building Is Now in Dangerous Condition.

#### SURVEY OF EAST WING

(From a Staff Correspondent.) Lincoln, July 23.—(Special.)—"London bridge is falling down," and so is the Nebraska state house, according to a report filed by Assistant Engineer W. D. J. Steckleberg, who during the past few days has been making an extensive survey of the east wing of the state house on orders of the state board, in order to ascertain if the wing was settling. Mr. Steckleberg discovered in his survey that the old building is still settling, having gone down three-quarters of an inch since the last report was made, making a total of seven and three-quarter inches that the southeast corner has gone down since it was built. The south wall at the corner bulges out seven and one-half inches and the east wall at the same corner leans out one and eleven-sixteenths inches. The statement of Mr. Steckleberg gives some ancient history in connection with the building. The report declares the building is in a dangerous condition and that it is becoming more so with the passing of time.

### Rural School Report Of Phelps County

Holdrege, Neb., July 23.—(Special.)—In the annual school report sent yesterday to Lincoln by County Superintendent Neff, comprising figures from all three of the Phelps county schools, total receipts in the district for the year amount to \$90,731.84, an increase over last year of \$8,502.92. Expenditures were \$79,692.48, an increase over the previous year of over \$8,000. The balance on hand at the present time is \$11,039.36. The 1916 school census lists 1,374 boys and 1,316 girls, which practically the same number found the year previous. Average attendance in 1916 was 1,561; 1915, 1,686. There were 169 graduates in 1915 and 195 in 1916. Average salaries paid to men reached \$85 this year as against \$92.50 the previous year. Women's salaries, however, have increased from \$50.70 in 1915, to \$51.50 in 1916. The state appropriation this year amounts to \$7,053.35, an increase over the previous year of over \$20,000.

### Coffey Expects to School Board Stand

(From a Staff Correspondent.) Lincoln, July 23.—(Special.)—State Labor Commissioner F. M. Coffey takes exception to the stand taken by the Lincoln School board that it does not come under the workman's compensation law, and therefore cannot be held. Mr. Coffey holds that a school district is a corporation the same as any other organization. It charges tuition and hires men and women to work for it, therefore is just as much a corporation as a railroad or mercantile store, and thus can be held for injuries sustained by anyone in its employ.

### Dunbar Boosters Make Visit to Nebraska City

Dunbar, Neb., July 23.—(Special.)—Fifty-eight automobiles containing 300 Dunbar boosters swooped down on Nebraska City last evening, to advertise the Dunbar chautauqua, which will be held at Dunbar August 2-6. Dr. S. P. Cresap, president of the Nebraska City Business Men's association, and Miss Vaughan, secretary, turned the keys of the city over to the Dunbar crowd. Colonel J. Hyde Sweet of the Nebraska City Press, and Charlie Hubner of the Nebraska City News, also took the Dunbar aggregation in charge and made them feel the fine old hospitality of Nebraska City. The Dunbar band, under M. H. Hobbs, filled the air with music for an hour. Dunbar also had its "German band" along, which made a hit with the big crowds. Nebraska City day at the Dunbar chautauqua is Thursday, August 3, and a crowd of 500 from Nebraska City is expected on this day.

### Burchard Will Vote on Light Bond Proposition

Pawnee City, Neb., July 23.—(Special.)—The village board of Burchard, eleven miles west of this city, has called a special election for August 12 for the purpose of voting on a \$4,000 bond issue to provide the village with electric lights. If the proposition carries a transmission line will be built to connect with the transmission line which carries power from the plant in this city to Summerfield, Kan., and Burchard will pay Summerfield 7 1/2 cents per kilowatt for the current consumed.

### New Pastor at Holdrege

Holdrege, Neb., July 23.—(Special.)—Rev. O. E. Sexsmith, a well-known lecturer and minister of Washington, D. C., has been elected pastor of the local Presbyterian church. The pulpit has been vacant since the resignation of the former pastor, Rev. Craig Whitsell, who accepted a call in Iowa last May. Rev. Sexsmith will arrive in Holdrege with his family, the middle of August.

### Colfax School Figures

Leigh, Neb., July 23.—(Special.)—The annual report of County Superintendent F. J. Vogtance shows Colfax county has sixty school districts, with a total of 4,266 school pupils. There are 109 teachers, whose average wage is, for men, \$77.64; women, \$54.55.

### Bowel Complaint in India

In a lecture at one of the Des Moines, Iowa, churches a missionary from India told of going into the interior of India, where he was taken sick, that he had a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy with him and believed that it saved his life. This remedy is used successfully in India both as a preventive and cure for cholera. You may know from this that it can be depended upon for the milder forms of bowel complaint that occur in this country. Obtainable everywhere.

### SEE THAW CASE paralleled in Boston tragedy, except girl is dead.



DR. WILFRED E. HARRIS.

Grave doubt as to the alleged suicide of Dr. Celia Paine Adams, whose death was quickly followed by the shooting of Dr. Wilfred W. Harris by the girl's sweetheart, Dr. Elbridge D. Atwood, has developed in Boston. Medical Examiner McGrath reported that no poison was found in the young woman's apartment and that he has not been able to ascertain when, where or under what circumstances the poison was administered. Criminalists and others professed to see a parallel in the Thaw-Stanford White case.

### COMMENCEMENT AT NEBRASKA WESLEYAN

Rev. Earl E. Bowen of Omaha Will Make Address to Class Next Friday Morning.

#### FORTY-TWO TO GRADUATE

University Place, Neb., July 23.—(Special.)—The annual summer commencement of Nebraska Wesleyan university will be held at the First Methodist church here next Friday morning at 10 o'clock. The address to the class will be by Rev. Earl E. Bowen, pastor of Pearl Memorial Methodist church, Omaha. His subject will be "The Supreme Choice." The following will receive the degrees and certificates as designated: Bachelor of Arts—James T. Anderson, Neva Mae Russell, Almina May Umphrey, Nellie Cordella Wright. Bachelor of Science—Edna Ruth Main, University State Certificate—Hess Redell, John W. Purrow, William Walter Leah, Edna Ruth Main, Ross Gilbert Sweet, Almina May Umphrey, Nellie Cordella Wright. First Grade State Certificate—John M. Alkman, Mildred Clark, Bryan Franklin Cole, Ruth Dill, August Edling, Mabel Wake Foreman, Opal Arnelia Harrell, Edna Harrell, Sibyl Leader, Fern Fedon, Gladys Fern Smith, Lenora C. Umphrey, Rosalie Williams. Second Grade Certificate—Yvonne Boren, Lena A. Crom, Edna Egry, Mildred Alice Einfeld, Hattie Elliott, Jennie Lind, Edna Doris Boser, Marie Florence Sorter, Ruth Throop. Graduates of Academy—Edna Egry, Ella Egry, Evelyn Suter, Townsend. Graduates School of Expression and Oratory—Mabel Knox, Harvey Smith.

### Niobrara Prepares To Clean House

Niobrara, Neb., July 23.—(Special.)—There has been a great deal of drunkenness among Indians and certain classes of white men, who frequent Niobrara, and conditions have become almost intolerable. The village council at its last meeting passed a resolution directing the marshal to enforce the laws against bootlegging vigorously and to warn all Indians on the first sign of intoxication to leave town immediately, and in case they should fail to leave within thirty minutes to lock them up at once and hold them until the necessary warrant or complaint can be filed. The marshal was also instructed to prepare a list of all persons to whom the sale of liquor is illegal and post the same promptly in each saloon and to use due diligence to see that the law limiting the sale of liquor is not violated. The city attorney was also instructed to prepare a vagrancy ordinance and to present the same to the council at its next meeting.

### Phelps Democrats Select Delegates

Holdrege, Neb., July 23.—(Special.)—The democrats of the county held their annual convention and rally at the court house yesterday afternoon. Delegates to the state convention, to be held at Hastings, July 25, were selected as follows:

### Funeral of Auto Accident Victim

Macedonia, Ia., July 23.—Mrs. A. P. Brisbee, wife of a well-to-do farmer residing near this town, who died in an Omaha hospital Friday following an operation, will be buried from the family home Monday.

Mrs. Brisbee was injured in an automobile accident on the Pioneer trail between here and Council Bluffs about two months ago. Upon the advice of a specialist she was taken to the hospital in Omaha last week to undergo an operation, but blood poisoning set in and she died after the operation. She is survived by her husband and ten children.

### CONVENTIONS OF ALL PARTIES ON Tuesday Day When They Will Assemble in Lincoln to Act on Various Matters.

DRY PLANK LIKELY UP

(From a Staff Correspondent.) Lincoln, July 23.—(Special.)—The coming Tuesday is convention day by law, when all political parties of Nebraska meet to select new state committees and issue their platform. The republicans and progressives are to assemble in Lincoln. The democrats in Hastings.

Adoption or rejection of a plank endorsing prohibition will probably come up in the conventions of the old parties and be the cause of much eloquence. As the proposition is one on which the people will vote this fall and all admit the intent of the referendum law is for all matters referred to the people to be voted upon on their own merits, it appears to be the general opinion that the two conventions should pass up any endorsement and let the proposition go before the people on its merits. Primary Law Up. Another subject bound to come up is the amendment of the primary law. Two years ago the republican convention adopted a plank favorable to amendment by the legislature, but after the resolutions had gone through some one raised the question that it would invite defeat to the party if it endorsed anything of the kind and after a red hot debate the plank was killed. Ex-governor Aldrich was one of the leaders in the fight to kill the plank, but this year he is openly for a revision of the primary. It is not thought here that the democrats will take any action at Hastings on the primary. They recognize the fact that they are in the hole and hope that if the republican party takes a positive stand, by keeping quiet they may get a little prestige just because they took no stand in the matter. However, it is a well known fact that most of the leading democrats are opposed to the present primary. The selection of a state chairman for both the old parties is also on the program. The democrats have a bitter fight in prospect, there being two avowed candidates, Secretary Sprague of the committee and L. F. Langhorst of Elmwood. Should Be Rewarded. Though only secretary of the state committee, Mr. Sprague really conducted the campaign two years ago which resulted in that party landing more democrats in the state house than it had ever done before and many democrats feel that he should be rewarded. However, the Lancaster convention yesterday endorsed Langhorst, and that puts the matter in a mixed light as it was supposed that Sprague was very strong in the capitol city. While several are mentioned for the chairmanship of the republican state committee, it is likely Chairman McNish can have the place again if he wants it. McNish has had lots of experience, having been a member of the state committee for many years and is well acquainted with conditions. The selection however, will depend somewhat on how the candidates feel about it and if there is no other preference on their parts, Mr. McNish will probably have charge of the campaign this fall.

### Phelps Elects Delegates.

Holdrege, Neb., July 23.—(Special.)—The republicans of Phelps county met in mass convention at the court house on the afternoon of July 22. C. O. Olson acted as chairman and Sam Heliker, secretary. The following were elected delegates to the state convention at Lincoln: W. B. Abramson, C. W. McConaughy, Ford McWharler, L. T. Brooking and J. B. Johnston.

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### DEMAND RELIEF FOR WATER USERS

Federal Methods of Handling Irrigation Denounced by Lincoln Republicans.

#### MORE DELEGATES CHOSEN

North Platte, Neb., July 23.—(Special.)—The method of the United States reclamation authorities in handling the irrigation situation as concerned through the Pathfinder reservoir, called for a bitter protest and a strong resolution demanding relief of the water users of western Nebraska by the Lincoln county republican convention here Saturday. Further resolutions condemning the methods and policies of the democratic administration and endorsing the republican ticket from its presidential candidate downward were passed. Fourteen delegates were selected to represent the county at the state convention in Lincoln Tuesday. G. S. Thompson of Hershey was made chairman of the county central committee and S. H. Souder, secretary.

#### Harmony in Pawnee.

Pawnee City, July 23.—(Special.)—The republican county convention was held at the court house in this city yesterday afternoon. A good representation was present, and the meeting was harmonious throughout. The following delegates were selected to the state convention: D. B. Drake, W. F. Huff, A. D. Hartsop, A. F. Winal, August Rinso, Jr., C. W. Meier, Frank Dewolter, D. M. Backus, F. A. Barton, P. H. Tarrion, W. M. Pyle. A county central committee was selected as follows: West branch precinct: Thomas M. Smith, Miles, Al Stake, Steinbauer, William Hothan; Clay, Frank Dewolter; Pawnee City, W. M. Pyle; Clear Creek, C. J. Middleton; South Fork, R. H. Church; Table Rock, F. H. Taylor. The committee was empowered to

### Little Drops of Rain Fail to Stop The Heated Spell

Again yesterday Omaha spent the day of rest in trying to keep cool. The thermometer was kept on the jump all day. It reached a maximum of 95 at 3, 4 and 5 o'clock in the afternoon. Early in the morning the sky was overcast with clouds and it looked like rain. In fact a few drops did fall. But the pleasant prospect was soon dispelled. The clouds went away and the sun came out hot as ever. A brisk breeze blew most of the day, and while it was rather hot, too, it served to mitigate the general heat.

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