

**Traveling Libraries
A Success in Nebraska**

In the small towns of the state the traveling library scheme is attracting much attention. Nearly everywhere there are efforts to comply with the provisions of the law and obtain an assortment of books for reading and study. Miss Edna D. Bullock, secretary of the public library commission, has arranged eighteen libraries and these are scurrying to and fro nearly all the time. More books will be assorted and prepared for the public as soon as they can be catalogued.

Perusal of the new production of fiction writers is not encouraged. It is the object of the commission to help the readers to standard works and the masterpieces, leaving the more recent books to be supplied by private means. The secretary of the commission seems to regard the latter day fiction as short lived and adheres to the reliable standbys of the past few years.

New books are eagerly demanded in Custer county. From the requests from that section it seems that the people want to read the very latest work of modern writers.

A suggestive list of books for small libraries is now being compiled and will soon be sent to the ten thousand superintendents, principals and educators in the state. This volume will give hints on the books for small libraries and where they may be procured and at what expenditure of funds. This distribution will save an enormous cor-

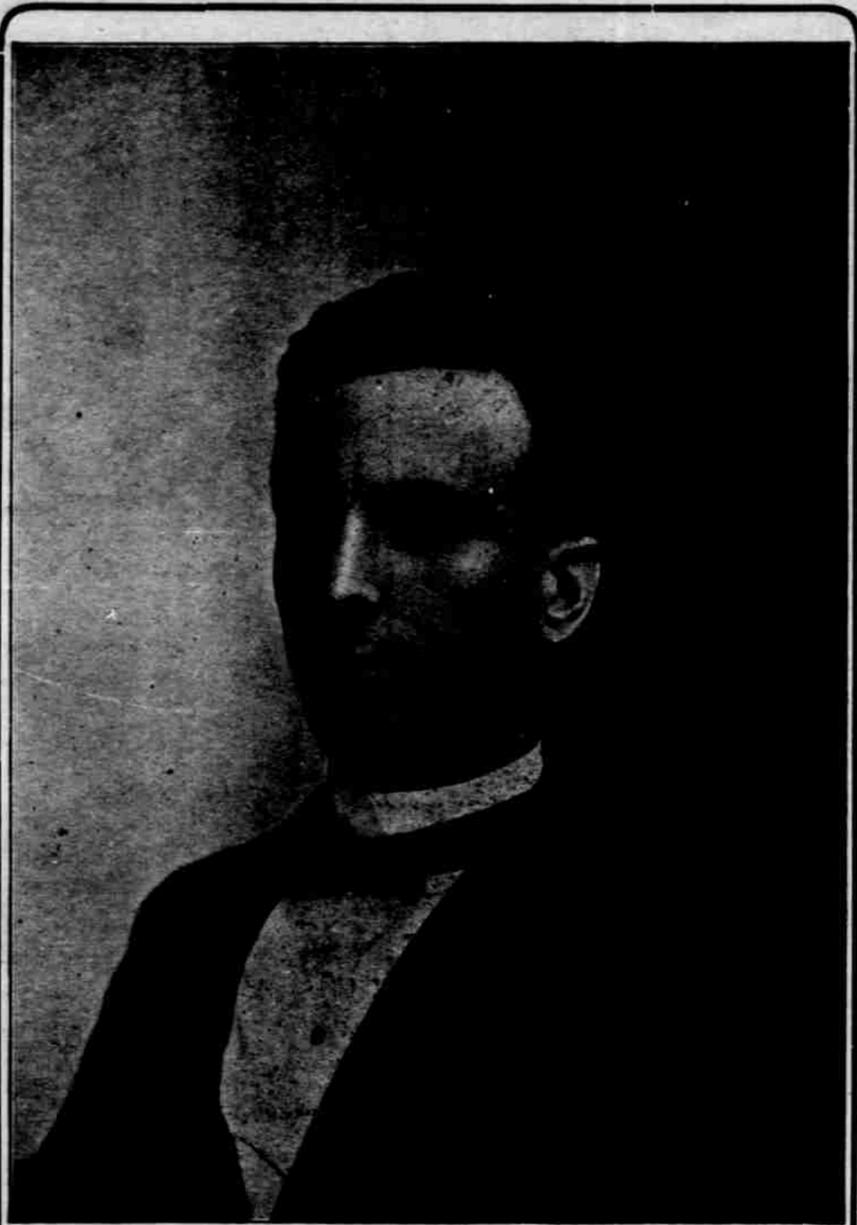
respondence in answering individual queries.

Miss Bullock insists on the books sent out to the rural districts being returned in good condition. From this cast iron rule there is no deviation for the property of the state must be preserved and protected from carelessness. She refused to make an exception for a Blaine county youngster even though the lad lost a whole month's "gopher" money. The latter, of course, means the reward paid by farmers and others for ground squirrel scalps.

One day this youngster had approached the teacher's desk for the purpose of refilling an ink bottle. This process completed, the kid marched back towards his seat. He made a grand flourish at a freckle faced girl across the aisle. Of course he didn't mean to spill the ink but he did. It wouldn't happen once again in a thousand years, probably, but the fluid splattered over two pages of one of the histories belonging to the library commission.

Miss Bullock couldn't say that the book was in good condition and insisted that the loss must be made good. Of course she was sorry but regrets didn't go. The youth came gallantly to the rescue. He had "gopher" money painfully acquired by drowning out the animals. With this he paid the bill and the great state of Nebraska was appeased.

Miss Bullock will, in the near future, make a jaunt throughout the state lecturing on library topics. At Culbertson she will speak on June 18th and will visit Holdrege on the 19th and Sidney on the 21st. Dates with several other cities will be announced later.



GEORGE W. BERGE.

George W. Berge, a member of the law firm of Doyle & Berge, and prominent in fusion political circles, was born in Peoria, Ill., July 21st, 1864. In Dixon, in the same state, he finished a collegiate course and studied law. He was admitted to the bar in 1890. Mr. Berge came to Nebraska in the same year and located in Lincoln.

At first the legal firm consisted of Morning & Berge but a change was made almost two years ago. Mr. Berge has won an enviable place among the lawyers of the county and has a large practice, having followed his profession continually in Lincoln since he first arrived in the state.

Several times he has been in state conventions and has always taken an active part in fusion politics. In 1896 and 1898 he was a candidate for the congressional nomination. In each instance he withdrew to give place to a democrat. Two years ago he secured the nomination and was defeated after a warm campaign. Mr. Berge's name is mentioned extensively in connection with the fusion nomination for governor in the coming campaign. He is recognized as a man of strong character and admirable traits and his wide acquaintance should make him a formidable candidate before the fusion conventions in case he decides to interest himself in that direction.

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