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## Prof. Lawrence to Lecture.



County Superintendent Lawrence of Lincoln county, has been invited and accepted an invitation to deliver an address before the school officers and teachers of Yankton county at Yankton on Friday, January 28, and will also address the school officers and teachers of Turner county at Parker February 19. The subject on which Prof. Lawrence will talk will be the organization and promotion of contests among the boys and girls in rural schools along lines similar to the boys and girls contests recently held in Lincoln county, which were so highly praised by Gov. Vessey. Prof. Holden and other prominent men, who see in these local contests an opportunity to educate the boys and girls of the state along new lines, which means so much to the home life of the state.

Prof. Lawrence has also been invited to address the school officers and teachers of Bon Homme county at Tyndall, and if his home duties permit he will explain to the people over there how to organize and promote contests among the girls and boys that will educate them along new lines and bring independence and

pride into the rural home and make them self reliant and better prepared for a progressive life.

Prof. Lawrence is an able educator, a magnificent organizer and an enthusiast on the question of improvement in rural school education, and these splendid qualities are needed in the office of the state superintendent of public instruction. This explains why the LEADER presented the name of Prof. Lawrence to the people of the state as a candidate for state superintendent, deeming him better qualified to carry on this great work than any other prominent educator in the state. As state superintendent he could do a great work for the boys and girls, and it is a pleasure to know that hundreds of prominent educators have endorsed his candidacy, and among them, State Superintendent Ustrud, who is the most enthusiastic. Many county superintendents have freely offered their support, and many other prominent men expressed a desire to see him nominated and elected and as it stands today, he is the choice of all who favor progressive educational methods in the schools of the state.

## ROADS MUST BE KEPT OPEN

The Department Declares That Authorities Must Maintain Roads

The following article was handed The Leader by one of the R. F. D. carriers requesting its publication:

"The Iowa department agrees with you thoroughly in your statement that the road problem is a difficult one to solve. The idea that rural carriers are paid for their services and should cover their routes regardless of the conditions of the roads, is one that appears to be held in many localities by patrons of the service.

The rural delivery service is maintained at a great expense to the government and it is believed that those directly benefited thereby should interest themselves to the extent of keeping the roads over which the routes are laid in reasonably good condition for travel.

The maintenance of good roads in connection with the rural delivery service is insisted upon for the benefit and convenience of the carrier, as a reason for this policy being that good roads admit of a more expeditious delivery and dispatch of mail. It is often claimed that a road is not impassable as long as a team can get through and that if the roads can be driven by farmers there can be no excuse for complaint from the carrier. This point of view does not cover the question properly as it does not take into consideration the fact that the carrier must travel the route daily regardless of the condition of the weather, must travel the roads laid down for him and cover the distance if possible within the official schedule and must see that the mail in his charge is fully protected and the delivery effected in good condition. It therefore follows that the roads must be in a condition somewhat better than merely passable if efficient service is rendered and the department feels that its requirement in this respect is entirely reasonable.

It is therefore desired that you again bring the roads covered by rural routes emanating from Adel to the attention of the local authorities, and you may say to them that you are acting under instruction from the department and that unless the roads are placed in a reasonable condition for travel at the first opportunity the routes will be re-arranged in such a way as to eliminate the neglected places, or, if this cannot be accomplished, service will be suspended altogether.

You will report results to this office. In the meantime you may permit the carrier to deviate from the route as officially established, under the specific instructions from you in pursuance of section 92, rural delivery regulations, requiring them to perform the best service each day under the prevailing circumstances. It is hoped that the law which was passed some time ago, requiring the systematic dragging of roads, will result in the substantial improvement of these highways the coming season.

Very Respectfully,  
P. V. DeGraw,  
Fourth Asst. Postmaster Gen.

### Bungling Management.

The Milwaukee railroad company lacks organization and push in its traffic affairs in Iowa, for never in the history of ordinary winter weather has there been so much bungling about moving freight. Agents are either indifferent or incompetent and almost refuse any information to men seeking coal cars shipped over a month ago. The motive power of the company may be deficient and worn out, but under any ordinary system coal could be moved as well as other freight. The Canton yards were almost blocked with freight cars Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday, bound west, with clear tracks and fine weather on the side, yet the congestion remains and the storm of Tuesday night makes the condition serious and disgusting. Passenger trains from the east and south reached Canton every day since November, sometimes late, but they came through every day, yet in the face of this evidence coal cars were side tracked and lost and the people suffered. One or two good division superintendents with push and vim could go out over the lines and set wheels moving where they are now sidetracked and almost without record. Agents have got muddled up and don't know whether they have coal or lumber or farm machinery on hand, and for this reason President Earling needs a few division men who are not afraid to leave their private cars, men who can do something, and the present headless effort would soon turn into rapid transportation of necessities.

The sock social held at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Morrison last Friday evening was one of the most delightful social events of the winter. Something like \$30 was realized from the nice little socks that the ladies provided. Refreshments were served and everybody went home satisfied that their real socks were none too large.

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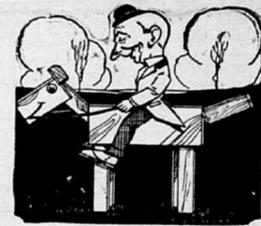
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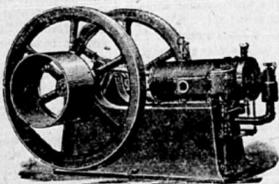
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### SHALL WE DO OUR DUTY?

Shall the state institutions be maintained and improved and enlarged to keep pace with the growth of our magnificent young state, or shall they be crippled and rendered worthless through a refusal of the legislature to make the necessary appropriations, is a question for the people to decide.

The appropriations have been heavy, it is true, but no man can say there has been a dollar wasted anywhere, or that improvements were not needed if the institutions were to be maintained to secure the best results demanded by the tax payers.

Our public institutions must be supported and supported to the highest degree of efficiency or some of them closed if we can't afford the expense. The figures given below tell the story and show where the money has gone that the reactionary stalwarts are finding fault with. Our state institutions were built to meet the demands of a young state that is growing rapidly in population and wealth, and these institutions will be doing business after the present generation has passed away. Shall they be crippled now and rebuilt hereafter, or shall they be maintained for present and future needs?

The stalwart howl about extravagance is as false as it is stupid and represents the wall of a few men who desire to get back into office from which the people cast them because they were unfaithful to their trust.

The sum and substance of the stalwart howl is to provide a way by which Mr. Kittredge can get back to the senate, and when we consider his record as a friend of the people, it is decidedly amusing to consider his complaint seriously. Mr. Kittredge or any other selfish politician cannot get back into office on the plea that our state institutions must be crippled and rendered worthless in order to keep down appropriations. South Dakota can take no backward step. The foundation for a great state has been laid and it is our duty as good citizens to maintain our reputation as a rich and progressive people, rich in the bountiful products of the soil, rich in intelligence and public spirit and rich in all things that modern civilization demands. Our glorious young state stands for all this and no man can make headway who would stand for a policy of destruction.

The following statement comes from Doane Robinson of Pierre, a progressive stalwart, a gentleman whose judgment is of the highest consideration, and he shows that the stalwart or Kittredge howl is nothing better than political mush:

"The action of the stalwart conference at Watertown on January 6 settles the question of an adjustment of the differences which for five years

have divided the republicans of the state, and settles it in the negative. The stalwart and insurgent fight is to be continued and upon the same lines as in the campaign of 1908, the tocsin being sounded in the manifesto of the committee calling the conference for Huron for February 1 in the following paragraph:

"The present wasteful management of the state affairs is now costing the taxpayers of South Dakota \$2,000 per day more than better management cost during the two years of the Elrod administration. We deplore the needless accumulation of a state debt of \$1,000,000 in the last three years, the highest taxation ever known in the state."

Clearly a straight issue on the fiscal management of state affairs is to be the basis of the fight and at the outset an accurate statement of conditions will be enlightening to the people. Fortunately Governor Elrod's last official act was to call upon Treasurer Collins for a statement of the condition of the treasury. Collins reported no bonded debt and a net floating debt of \$217,607.56.

On January 1 of this year the net debt was \$875,418.13, showing a net increase in the three years since Elrod quit of \$657,810.57.

During the three years the state has made permanent improvements as follows:

Aberdeen normal.....	\$ 82,109.84
Yankton hospital.....	53,588.45
Madison normal.....	40,022.16
Penitentiary.....	60,167.85
Soldiers' home.....	48,793.73
School of mines.....	19,505.53
Brookings college.....	79,957.72
Blind asylum.....	516.93
Deaf school.....	5,000.00
Live stock pavillion.....	2,000.00
Redfield asylum.....	26,122.76
Training school.....	4,999.61
Spearfish normal.....	51,522.11
State fair buildings.....	53,000.00
University.....	84,729.89
Total buildings.....	\$612,019.05
STATE BEHIND \$45,791.53.	

These figures indicate the state has during the three years run behind in its ordinary expenditures \$45,791.53.

The real fight will therefore turn upon the wisdom of having expended so large a sum for buildings and permanent improvements and the development of functions of progressive states.

Lewis Asper of Norway township has pulled out of the race for register of deeds and accepted the position of assistant cashier in the Alcester, State bank. Mr. Asper had many loyal friends who would have cheerfully supported him for register had he stayed in the race, and we believe his friends will cheerfully endorse his judgement in surrendering politics to engage in banking, one a permanent life work, the other at the best a four years term and then out. The LEADER congratulates Mr. Asper over his good judgement.