

IOWA NEWSPAPERS.

LOCATING NORMAL SCHOOLS.

President Seerley's interview in Des Moines will give new impetus to the movement for one or more new state normal schools. His suggestion that the legislature should select a location, and then fix upon an appropriation, is good one. But we doubt if the state will take kindly to his second suggestion that a commission be appointed to help the legislature in selecting the location. Iowa's experience with locating commissions has not been altogether a happy one. The legislature itself is the proper committee to determine where the new school shall be, and the legislature when the time comes to decide will know enough about the ambitious towns that are entered in the race to make a wise choice. There will be then no suspicion of jobbery, or undue influence, and the school will not be knocked down to the highest bidder. The legislature can easily at joint session, with a map of Iowa before it, pick up one or three eligible locations. After the matter of location has been determined the matter of appropriations can be passed upon.

A NOVEL GREENE COUNTY FARM.

Possibly not many Iowa readers are aware of the fact that Greene county has had, until last week, a goat farm, an enclosed tract of land in Jackson township where goats have been propagated as an industry in addition to the usual animal products of the farm. We somehow get a notion that the venture was not reckoned a success, chiefly because the owner is retiring from the traffic and secondly for the reason that at an auction sale recently held the hardheaded brutes brought such moderate prices. The owner of the farm is a man by the name of Clyde, and we learn he had nearly 200 goats, mostly about two years old. The goats were up in lots of five, and the highest bid obtainable was \$120 each and nearly one hundred were sold at that price. Hugh McDermott, of Cedar township, buying thirty-five other farmers loaded up with five or ten each, and a goodly number lived in one of the best sheltered fellows, so that it may not be a strange thing to see at almost any of the good dairymen's, a sign like this "Warranted good butter," with the goat always in evidence. Mr. Clyde sold some sheep, but they brought poor prices, the poorest selling as low as \$130 each. Mr. McDermott, who has a large farm, bought a kid and a lamb as additions to his farm yard group, and they are an attractive pair for juveniles to draw (hear) to.

WILLIAMS, THE EVANGELIST.

[Shenandoah Sentinel.] We must admit that Mr. Williams before he came here, and was prejudiced against him. We have heard much criticism of him since he came, we have gone to his meetings several times and heard him, and on the whole we can say as an outsider, that we like him and believe he is doing good. "Oh, but he says such awful things, insulting things, things that are rough and coarse and vulgar," says his critics. Well, we believe he does say some things that would be better unsaid. We are not of those who believe that any man is perfect. We shall not commend those parts of his sermons nor apologize for them. The chastisement he gave the people who interrupt his meetings by ringing their bells and shouting effectually torped the practice and secured the best order ever known in large audiences in Shenandoah. It served another purpose. It got him and his meetings talked about by people who rarely attend church and then they went to hear him out of curiosity and when he got there he thrust his rapier into the eyes of the large characters and turned them inside out and held them up to be looked at and the imperfections shown, magnified no doubt in many instances, but true of life. If they had a conscience he probed until he found it, and then he dug around in it and made them feel and realize the need of a purifying process in their character. We are speaking from a moral not a Christian stand point.

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BELLE PLAINE—The Rev. John Longson is the newly appointed minister for the Baptist church. JEFFERSON—The Bee asserts that Johnson made all towns in Iowa of its size in the character and extent of its concrete works. STORY CITY—The finishing of the heating plant moves rather slowly, but thanks to the fine weather, it has not been seriously needed yet. NEWTON—The protracted meetings at the Methodist E. church in Newton are still in progress, and are increasing in attendance and interest. Rev. Wilhite is proving himself a most earnest, interesting and untiring worker. ESTHERVILLE—The revival meetings closed here recently. Rev. Bulgin is given the credit of conducting the most successful meetings ever held in Estherville. He has gone to Oskaloosa where he will hold a series of meetings. WATERLOO—Theo. N. Holck of Grundy Center, has filed with Referee H. P. Hoxie a voluntary petition asking that he be adjudged a bankrupt. The unsecured claims itemize \$3,627.66, with no assets to be distributed among the creditors. HAMPDEN—For the first time in his life the senior editor of the Recorder is wearing a democratic hat. It all came about through the mistaken judgment of Brother Bilderback of the Globe, as to the running qualities of John E. Carr and P. W. Miller, the republican and democratic candidates for supervisor in the southwestern district. POCAHONTAS—J. H. Allen was in town Friday and Saturday making arrangements for starting the third bank in this place. He has rented the building now occupied by Homer Pugh for a harness shop and the bank will probably be opened for business about the first of January. It will be a private bank and will be owned and operated by the Allens of Laurens. J. H. Allen will move here in the spring and will take charge of the bank. ALGONA—The carpenters are at work on the Iowa Central depot and the gravel gang is getting the road ballasted. The new road gets a fine bed to start with. The county treasurer

INSURGENTS EXTOL BRYAN.

Proclamation in Praise of the "Head of the Anti-Imperialist Party." San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 4.—Mail advices from Manila give the following extract of the Filipino proclamation, notable for its references to W. J. Bryan, Rizal and Aguinaldo, the substance of which was cabled and published some weeks ago. The proclamation was published at Tarlac in La Independencia, the official organ of Aguinaldo, Oct. 28. As translated from the Spanish the preface reads: "A message of gratitude to the illustrious democrats of the United States, the true representatives of institutions founded on liberty, proclaimed by the great men of the American Republics, in the meeting which will be celebrated tomorrow in the capital of the nation. Initiated by the sons of that grand liberal association that dominates the country, which interprets very well the sentiments of the people and the desires of the government, this meeting in the presidential palace for tomorrow was organized." After announcing the official program of the assembly, the proclamation continues: "All the preparations that have been going on for the last few days are certainly worthy of the illustrious head of the anti-imperialist party, American by birth, he has been educated in and practiced the principles of the great presidents of the United States, and for that reason can not consent that ambition for power shall send to useless and shameful sacrifice the sons of America, and for that reason has sympathized with President Aguinaldo, whom he recently acclaimed the hero of this century. "There should be pictured then, in Filipino history, with the same glory, Rizal, Bryan and Aguinaldo, glorious trinity of our political redemption and for a foreigner who has Anglo-Saxon blood in his veins, to defend our cause, we ought to look upon with the same veneration with which we regard our greatest martyrs and heroes. Bryan, American by blood, by his illustrious son of the Philippines, Bryan is the clasp that links and unites two friendly peoples, torn by the same disensions and deserving of the applause and admiration of the world." L. D. Merritt, of Battery E, Third Artillery, who was mustered in at Indianapolis, has committed suicide by shooting himself dead, by firing a bullet through his chest. He belonged to Company C, One Hundred and Fifty-eighth Regiment, Indiana National Guard. Suicide was the result, it is said, of a fear of a court martial.

PUTS BAN ON GOLF SKIRTS.

Kansas City Superintendent Objects to Short Skirts in School Room. Kansas City, Dec. 4.—Superintendent of Schools Wolfe of Kansas City, Kas., has aroused the 150 teachers under him almost to the point of open rebellion by promulgating a rule forbidding the wearing of short skirts in the school room. When the golf skirt came in the teachers thought it would be a very serviceable garment for the schoolroom. It would not sweep up the floor and it had many other advantages over long skirts. A number of the teachers bought golf skirts and they kept them for special occasions for the time that they were in the school room. Superintendent Wolfe said that the wearing of short skirts was a disgraceful thing and that he would not permit them in the school room. He said that he would not permit them in the school room. He said that he would not permit them in the school room. He said that he would not permit them in the school room.

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It Costs English Society Many Millions a Year. People who want to keep up a big establishment, says the London Mail, have to pay for permission to do so. The excise authorities see to that. Last year society paid into the national exchequer by way of taxation and as the price of style or "establishment licenses" no less than £740,000. "James" in all his dignity. The exchequer values him at 15 shillings a year. Two hundred and five thousand five hundred and thirty-six licenses for male servants were issued last year and brought in a revenue of £156,950. There are other ranks for carriages than the cab rank. There is a 2 guinea rank, a 1 guinea rank and the democratic 15 shilling rank. Between these three ranks are the greatest conceivable differences. If your carriage has four or more wheels and is lit to be drawn by two or four horses, you must pay 22s. for it. But if your carriage has four or more wheels and is only drawn by one horse or mule you can have the thing for 1 guinea a year. And if perchance you cannot live up to the four-wheeled style, but are content with a carriage or cart of less than four wheels, you may get off with a yearly payment of 15 shillings. This is the cheapest style the government can tolerate. Hackney carriages come under this head and pay 15 shillings. Altogether those who ride in carriages and carts pay £510,800 a year for the privilege of riding on public roads instead of walking. But the hackney carriage and the two-wheeled cart pay three-fifths of that amount. What is a carriage without armorial bearings? Absolutely styleless. But if you wish armorial bearings painted on your carriage, you must pay 22s. for the permission, as well as something to the painter for his skill. If you wish to use armorial bearings in any other way—say on your note paper—then a guinea a year will suffice. More people use bearings in this way than in any other. Last year £31,000 were paid for armorial bearings on carriages and 48,438 to use them in other ways. In this way is made up the £740,000 which is paid each year for the privilege of paid in style. But it is only when that is laid that the real expense begins.

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WANT ANDREWS IN NEBRASKA.

Fusion Control of University May Make the Chitagoan Chancellor. Omaha, Neb., Dec. 4.—For the first time in the history of Nebraska the political complexion of the board of regents of the state university is about to be changed. The advent of the two fusionist regents-elect, J. L. Teeters and Edson Rich, has given rise to a great deal of gossip about probable changes in the faculty. Those who are inclined to take a gloomy view of the situation infer that the newly elected regents are contemplating a revolution in the affairs of the university, and are preparing for the worst. Others are of the opinion that if any changes are made for political reasons these will be in the business end of the institution. The officials at the state house have a list of the employees of the institution, giving their salaries and showing their politics. Within the last few days there has been considerable agitation at the university in behalf of Dr. E. Benjamin Andrews for the position of chancellor of the university. Dr. Andrews, according to reports, is anxious to leave Chicago and get back into the university field. Fusionists are especially active in his behalf, and it is probable that a determined effort will be made to secure his appointment. The position of chancellor has remained vacant since the resignation of George R. MacLean.

AGED WOMAN SEEKS DIVORCE.

Mrs. Burdfield, 81 Years Old, Says Her Husband Neglects Her. Charlotte, Mich., Dec. 4.—Mrs. Matilda Burdfield, 81 years of age, has brought suit for divorce against her husband William, who is a few years her senior, a veteran of the civil war and a pensioner. The aged couple have lived together for many years, so many, in fact, that the parties of the ways has come. In her bill Mrs. Burdfield says her husband has utterly failed for eighteen months to provide her with the common necessities of life; that she has been compelled to drudge in the fields, planting and putting by crops which her husband has not cleared away to his own satisfaction. Further, she avers that he has threatened her life. Broken down in health and unable to support herself longer, she says she attempted to drive her from the farm at the point of a revolver, and she was compelled to seek refuge in the barn in order to escape his abuse. She says "my trouble commenced three years ago. They have resided in this vicinity for many years and have always been highly respected."

SMASHED DIVER'S HELMET.

A Timely Blow That Saved Him From Suffocation. "I never saw a diver at work but once in my life," said an experienced bridge contractor who now resides in New Orleans, "but the occasion is impressed on my mind, and I have never forgotten it. I had a contract for a bit of freestone at Port Tampa and hired a well known diver named Tom Wallace to locate some obstructions in about 30 feet of water. He brought his own outfit and helpers and worked from over the side of a flatboat anchored above the work spot. One day he was at work and I went out through mere curiosity to watch him. The air pumps and pressure cylinders were on the bottom of the boat, and attached to the side was a rope ladder on which he descended. The signal cord and the heavy rubber tube that supplied him with air were also attached to the boat, and a man attended to the pump. After Wallace had been down for a few moments the pump man was called over to the dock for something or other and left the apparatus in charge of the boy. "At that time the weather was going all right, but I saw a light drizzle start to fall. I saw the diver suddenly pull out. He jumped for the pump, tried to open a valve and then began to bawl for the other helper, while I stood there speechless, not knowing what had happened. The next thing I knew Wallace rose up out of the water, looking like some horrible marine monster in his clumsy diving armor, lifted himself heavily over the side and fell sprawling on the dock. The boy ran to him and began to use the hand pump, but he was dead, but his hands were trembling so violently that he made slow progress, and, acting on a sort of inspiration, I reached up a hatchet and smashed the face glass. The sharp splinters cut Wallace severely about the cheeks and nose, but the blow saved his life. We found out afterwards what had happened at the lower end of the air tube had become clogged, and in ten seconds more he would certainly have died of suffocation. The first thing he did when he came to was to lick the helper and discharge the boy. Next day he was working as if nothing had happened."—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

THE ACTOR SAID TO HAVE SUFFERED A NERVOUS COLLAPSE.

New York, Dec. 4.—Richard Mansfield suffered a nervous collapse Saturday night. He was playing "Cyrano de Bergerac" at the Garden theatre and was stricken in his dressing room. The greatest secrecy was maintained as to the nature of the actor's inability to continue with the play. When the curtain did not rise after the usual wait between the fourth and fifth acts the audience became somewhat uneasy, and it was not until the manager had been notified that the play was to be postponed that the news was made known to the public. Mr. Mansfield would be unable to continue with his part and the audience must necessarily be dismissed. The people left the theater reluctantly, all wondering what the trouble was. It was learned soon that the actor had suffered a collapse on account of the great strain he has been under from the impersonation of Rostand's hero. Mr. Mansfield began the present New York engagement on November 20, and it was to last two weeks, Saturday night's performance to be the last. The engagement, however, was so profitable that Mansfield consented to a continuance of the present season, to perform Saturday and an extra matinee on Thanksgiving, so the strain on the actor had been unusually heavy. As Mr. Mansfield has many times feared, the breaking down point has been reached. The actor's power of endurance, though great, has not been sufficient to withstand the tax put upon him.

TOURIST SLEEPING CARS.

Iowa Central Makes Trip to Pacific Coast in Four Days. On Wednesday, Nov. 1, the Iowa Central Railway Company inaugurated a tourist sleeping car route between Minneapolis and St. Paul to Los Angeles, San Francisco and Pacific coast points. The cars used in this service are the famous Pullman palace tourist cars, which are too well known to need further description, while the route via Mason City, Marshalltown, Grinnell, Oskaloosa, Hedrick and Ottumwa to Kansas City and via the popular Santa Fe route through Albuquerque, N. M., Mojave, Cal., to Los Angeles and San Francisco. This route has proven to be immensely popular, as every week since it was inaugurated the cars have been filled. There is no more delightful route than the southern, and the trip is made in only four days from Minneapolis, St. Paul, Mason City, Marshalltown, Grinnell, Oskaloosa, Hedrick and Ottumwa to leaving Minneapolis at 8:25 a. m. Wednesday and arriving at Los Angeles at 8:25 a. m. the Sunday following, and San Francisco at 6:45 p. m. on Sunday. "One Minute Cough Cure" is the best remedy I ever used for coughs and colds. It is unequalled for whooping cough. Children all like it," writes H. N. Williams, Greenville, Ind. Never fails. It is the only harmless remedy that gives immediate results. Cures coughs, colds, hoarseness, croup, pneumonia, bronchitis, all throat and lung troubles. Its early use prevents consumption. All druggists.

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