DEEP SNOW OVER NEBRASKA

Heaviest Fall of the Season in Most Parts.

COMES DOWN FOR A NIGHT AND A DAY

Most Abundant in the Places Needing It Most—All of the Contiguous States Are Also Covered.

For thirty hours snow has been falling in Nebraska. No section has been neglected, though in the western counties, where the moisture is most needed to place the soil in good condition for spring seeding, it has been heaviest. It averages from five to twenty inches in depth. It is generally pronounced one of the finest snow falls of years in this state. In addition to being timely, no drifts are reported and mild weather prevails throughout the state.

It began to snow lightly in northwestern Nebraska early Friday morning and the storm rapidly swept east, increasing in volume as it advanced, until the fall of snow was so great that the whole sky was obscured for hours.

The enthusiasm among Nebraska people generally, and agriculturists and cattle men in particular, has reached an interesting point. The ground in most sections was moist sufficiently for all practical seeding purposes before the present snow and now farmers are a unit in declaring that prospects for an abundant crop could not be better.

Stock of all kinds has come out of winter quarters in excellent condition. The greater part of the time the range has been their only feed required and they have kept fat on it, the mild weather contributing much to this state. The even distribution of the snow makes the material benefit to agricultural interests much greater than could otherwise be expected. Much spring seeding has been done, which will be helped by this storm. Indications are that the small grain acreage in Nebraska will be enormous this year, and land is in demand all over the state.

WHAT RAILROADS REPORT.

The roofs and platforms of all of the cars of the incoming trains from the west were covered with snow.

The Union Pacific reported light snow on the first division in this state, from four to six inches on the second, and from seven to ten on the third. On the Omaha & Republican Valley road there was light snow. Along the branches north from Grand Island it was snowing. The branches north of Columbus also reported considerable snow, with plenty more falling. On the Wyoming division the snow was accompanied by high winds. There is but little snow in Idaho, but cloudy weather gives some hope for a fall of the beautiful. Utah reports mild weather, as usual. Throughout Kansas snow, varying in depth from four to fifteen inches, is reported.

The Burlington reported heavy falls of snow in the following places: Western division, Holdrege, eighteen inches; Curtis, twelve; Holyoke, five; Cheyenne, six; Red Cloud, eight; Republican, four; Norton, four; Oberlin, four; Orleans, three; Wilsonville, two; Arapahoe, ten; McCook, five; Denver, four. On the Wyoming division the heaviest snow was at Broken Bow, where there were twelve inches; at Dunning there were ten, at Ravenna, eight, and at other points lesser amounts. On the southern division, Blue Hill reported fourteen inches; Edgar, eight; Chester, eight, and Concordia, six. At Kearney, on the northern division, there were thirteen inches; elsewhere on the division there was a fall of from three to six inches.

WHERE THE FALL WAS HEAVY.

The following towns in Nebraska report a snowfall of from five to twenty inches within the past twenty-four hours: Ogallala, Custer, Elmwood, Wilsonville, Elsie, Louisville, Juniata, Nelson, Weeping Water, Lincoln, Sutton, Surprise, Nebraska City, Fairfield, Shelby, David City, Fremont, Wahoo, Aurora, Ord, Grand Island, Kearney, Superior, Edgar, Fairbury, Newman's Grove, Brainard, Duncan, Indianola, Juniata, Fullerton, Shelby, Central City, Broken Bow, St. Paul, Lexington, Loup City, Grant, Gibbon, Belgrade, Litchfield, Stromsburg.

OGALALLA, Neb., March 14.—(Special Telegram.)—Eleven inches of snow covers the ground here. There is no wind and the snow has not drifted. The weather is moderate and it commenced thawing this morning.

CURTIS, Neb., March 14.—(Special Telegram.)—The snow which has been falling almost continuously for the last four days culminated last night in a regular northeaster and twelve inches of snow fell during the night, making over twenty inches since Tuesday. The farmers and business men alike are jubilant. The ground, which was already in good shape for spring work, is now in the best condition for eight years past.

FARNAM, Neb., March 15.—(Special Telegram.)—About eighteen inches of snow fell last night and is still falling rapidly. Traffic is wholly suspended on account of it.

ELMWOOD, Neb., March 14.—(Special Telegram.)—Eighteen inches of snow has fallen in the past three days and it is still snowing hard. There is no wind and snow is not drifting.

WILSONVILLE, Neb., March 14.—(Special Telegram).—This part of Nebraska is now receiving the greatest fall of snow since 1891. It is still snowing heavily all along the Orleans & St. Francis line of the B. & M. road. Over six inches on the level has fallen.

ELSIE, Neb., March 15.—(Special Telegram.)—Fourteen inches of snow fell here last night. No wind accompanied the storm.

FARMERS MUCH ELATED.

BROKEN BOW, Neb., March 14.—(Special Telegram.)—This country is covered with the finest snow for years. It commenced falling yesterday morning at 5 o'clock and continued until 3 o'clock this afternoon. Fully ten inches of snow has fallen, but it is quite warm and it is melting rapidly. Business men and farmers are alike rejoicing over the present prospects of a fine crop the coming season.

BELGRADE, Neb., March 14.—(Special.)—The heaviest snow of the season fell last night and is still falling. This will be of great benefit, putting the ground in shape for spring work. A large acreage of wheat is already sown.

GIBBON, Neb., March 14.—(Special.)—A light snow has been falling continuously for thirty hours, with no indication of stopping. It is eleven inches deep on the level. Tests show that it contains moisture equal to five-eighths of an inch of rain.

CENTRAL CITY, Neb., March 14.—(Special Telegram.)—The heaviest snow of the season fell last night and today. Although it has been melting very fast, the ground is covered to the depth of six inches. All the sloughs are filling with water that is rising from the ground, a condition that has not existed for several years.

JUNIATA, Neb., March 14.—(Special.)—The farmers around Juniata say the ground never was in better condition, being mellow, moist and easy to work. Prospects are indeed very promising. The farmers are greatly encouraged and are preparing to put in an immense crop in all lines.

GRANT, Neb., March 14.—(Special.)—Snow has been falling here most all day and bids fair to continue all night. About one-half an inch fell Wednesday and one inch Tuesday night. Three inches fell last week, which melted and left the ground in splendid condition for seeding. Farmers are going to work in earnest, some preparing the ground, while others are putting in grain, all confident of a heavy harvest. A. O. Stockton arrived this week from Stanberry, Mo., with his family, and a car of implements and stock.

LOUP CITY, Neb., March 14.—(Special.)—Thursday night and Friday the best snow of the season fell here, and the farmers are correspondingly elated.

LEXINGTON, Neb., March 14.—(Special.)—It continued snowing all last night and is keeping steadily at it today, having reached a depth of sixteen inches at noon.

ST. PAUL, Neb., March 14.—(Special.)—It has been snowing more or less since yesterday morning, and the "beautiful" is still falling. From 8 o'clock yesterday morning until the same time this morning, the fall amounted to over two and one-half inches. There is no wind, and the snow is not drifting.

FULLERTON, Neb., March 14.—(Special.)—A heavy snow is now falling, which is being absorbed rapidly. The ground is in better condition for cultivation than it has been for years. Farms for rent are at a premium in Nance county.

SHELBY, Neb., March 14.—(Special.)—The subsoil is very moist, considering what rain and snow has been precipitated here. Many believe that this dampness arises from the strata beneath. The Blue river has been rising and falling very perceptibly, while its springs are gushing. Some wells have filled from one to three feet. Well-borers say that the ground is permeated with water to a great depth.

LITCHFIELD, Neb., March 14.—(Special.)—The finest snow of the season begin falling at an early hour this morning, and has continued all day. Prospects are good for more. During the day six inches has fallen, and this, with the snow of a few days ago, makes at least ten inches. The farmers are jubilant. Crop prospects were never better. Every bit of land will be farmed and more would be used if it was broken up. Land is in constant demand. With anything like as much rain as came last year during the summer months a bountiful crop will be assured.

ODELL, Neb., March 14.—(Special.)—A very heavy snow has been falling during the past night, fully eight inches. The farmers are jubilant over the prospects of plenty of moisture. The soil has been very dry, so dry, in fact, that plowing was out of the question.

WYMORE, Neb., March 14.—(Special.)—Snow is still falling and the ground is covered to a depth of four inches.

BLOOMINGTON, Neb., March 14.—(Special.)—It has been snowing steadily for the past forty-eight hours. Fully nine inches of snow has fallen, and it is still continuing. The snow is light.

BEATRICE, March 14.—(Special.)—Snow has been falling here steadily throughout the day and there is yet no evidence of a let up.

ALMA, Neb., March 14.—(Special.)—Snow has been falling in Harlan county for the past three days almost incessantly, and over eight inches now covers the ground. It has drifted very little, so that this will leave the ground in the best condition for seeding that it has been in for several years. Quite an acreage of wheat has already been sown and farmers are preparing to begin work with better prospects and better spirits than last year. The community is threatened with an ice famine, very little ice having been put up, the winter being so mild and open that not over four inches in thickness could be obtained.

Heavy Snows in Missouri and Kansas.

KANSAS CITY, March 14.—Specials to the Star from western Missouri and Kansas show that the most severe snow storm of the season is in progress. At many places snow has been falling for twenty-four and forty-eight hours. At Carthage, Mo., and Pittsburg, Kan., street car traffic has been impeded. Crops generally have been greatly benefited.

GUTHRIE, Okl., March 14.—A heavy hail storm has been followed here by a downpour of sleet, which will do great damage to peaches and apples, which are in bloom all over the territory, and ruin early vegetables.

CHINA WILL BUILD RAILROADS.

Celestial Merchants at San Francisco Interested in the Project.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 14.—Colonel M. R. Jeffards, an American railway engineer, who has an agreement with the concessionaires by which he is to have the contract for building the Peking & Hankow railroad, provided he secures subscriptions in this country or in Europe to the amount of 10,000,000 taels (about $3,500,000 in Mexican money), is in the city. There are in China at present but two short railways, one of 150 miles and the other of sixty-two miles. In January Hsu Yn Tsiang, mayor of Kuang Tung, was given by Prince Kung, superintendent of military affairs, permission under the authority of the emperor to construct a railroad from Peking north to Hankow, a distance of 750 miles. The right is also granted to build from Peking south to Canton, a distance of 600 miles, upon completion of the Hankow road.

One of the conditions is that not less than two-thirds of the capital necessary, which will amount to about 30,000,000 taels, must be subscribed by Chinese.

Colonel Jeffards, who was in China at the time, secured the agreement from Hsu Yn, and when he carries out the terms, will give him the contract for building the road. He came to California to induce the Chinese merchants in San Francisco to subscribe and to use their influence to dispel the prejudices of their countrymen against railroads and show them their value.

Belange's Second Victim Dying.

BENTON HARBOR, Mich., March 14.—Anna Bailey, who was shot through the neck by Archie Belange, the young man who yesterday shot Anna's sister Gertrude dead and then tried to kill both her mother and herself, is very weak tonight. It is not expected that she will survive the wounds. Anna today stated that Belange, besides shooting at Gertrude, her mother and herself, also fired at her 4-year-old brother, who, during the terrible melee, was tugging at Belange's coat tail, begging him not to shoot his sister. It is doubtful whether public indignation could have been restrained had not Belange killed himself before he was overtaken by those who pursued him.

During the winter of 1893, F. M. Martin of Long Reach, West Va., contracted a severe cold which left him with a cough. In speaking of how he cured it, he says: "I used several kinds of cough syrup, but found no relief until I bought a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, which relieved me almost instantly, and in a short time brought about a complete cure." When troubled with a cough or cold use this remedy and you will not find it necessary to try several kinds before you get relief. It has been in the market for over twenty years, and constantly grown in favor and popularity. For sale at 25 and 50 cents per bottle by druggists.

Kansas Delegates for Sound Money.

KANSAS CITY, March 14.—Under the caption, "Republican Delegates from Kansas Want Sound Money," the Star this evening prints interviews on the currency question had with those delegates already elected to the national convention at St. Louis. Six are reported as having declared themselves as unalterably opposed to the free coinage of silver, three favor it, while one, ex-Mayor Nat Barnes of Kansas City, Kan., says he will "stand on any money platform the republican national convention may adopt."

Endeavorers in Convention.

WEEPING WATER, Neb., March 14.—(Special.)—The eleventh annual convention of the Cass County Christian Endeavor union convened in this city Friday morning and closed tonight. Over 150 delegates were present and every society in the county represented. The juniors are out in numbers. Rev. Mr. Denny of Ashland gave a splendid address on the subject, "How Readest Thou?" and Rev. C. S. Harrison, F. P. Tucker of Lincoln and F. C. Taylor made some fine addresses today.

NEBRASKA POLITICAL NOTES.

Various Party Caucuses Being Held in the State.

BRAINARD, Neb., March 14.—(Special.)—At the citizens' caucus, held last night, the following board of trustees was nominated: W. J. Mahaffey, John Sturgen, Frank Matoush, Ed Porter and Anton Posvar.

BEATRICE, Neb., March 14.—(Special.)—At the primaries, held in this city yesterday for the nomination of a republican city ticket the voters were allowed to express their choice for a presidential nominee, with the following result: Allison, 47; Cullom, 9; Manderson, 70; McKinley, 456; Morton, 11; Reed, 14; Harrison, 1.

HASTINGS, March 14.—(Special Telegram.)—The republican county central committee met this afternoon and fixed the date of the county convention to select delegates to the congressional and state conventions for April 4.

TECUMSEH, Neb., March 14.—(Special Telegram.)—In a nonpartisan mass convention of citizens held here tonight two tickets were named for the municipal offices to be elected at the coming election: Mayor, H. T. Ward and P. H. Hopkins; clerk, George Scott and C. M. Wilson; treasurer, J. T. Herrick and L. M. Davis; police judge, B. F. Allen and J. F. Dinsmore; city engineer, W. L. Dunlap on both tickets; councilmen, L. S. Chittenden and W. S. Baker, George Hill and Matt Fremole, W. B. C. True and P. V. R. Dafoe. The two sets of candidates will be placed on the ticket by petition to avoid legal technicalities in the election. The issue of license will be voted upon direct. School officers will be named Wednesday.

SEWARD, Neb., March 14.—(Special.)—Last night the republicans of the city held their annual caucus for the purpose of nominating city officers for the coming year. As usual, the court house was packed with enthusiastic republicans. The convention was called to order by John Blodgett, president of the republican city committee. William Hickman was made chairman, and F. Bruce secretary. The convention then proceeded to business. The following nominations were made: Hon. John Zimmerer was selected as mayor; Lother Schultz, treasurer; Tom Wake, secretary; William Bowers, city engineer; Judge Gladwish, police judge; councilmen, J. P. Dunham and John Slonecker; William Royer, committeeman to the city republican club.

Deaths of a Day in Nebraska.

RANDOLPH, Neb., March 14.—(Special.)—Mrs. J. A. Doles of this city died Wednesday after a brief illness.

GIBBON, Neb., March 14.—(Special.)—Mrs. Hannah Eastman, aged 65 years, prominent in literary circles, died here of consumption Thursday and will be buried in Riverside today, Rev. Mr. Boyd officiating. Her husband, A. M. Eastman, died of tuberculosis of the brain two months since.

DAVID CITY, Neb., March 14.—(Special.)—Mrs. Blanche Bauer died this morning. She was a daughter of Dr. T. J. Murphy and has always resided in David City. She was married less than a year ago to Melvin Bauer and leaves a child only one week old.

NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., March 14.—(Special.)—Mrs. George Hawke, one of the oldest residents here, died today at 12 o'clock.

DUNCAN, Neb., March 14.—(Special.)—Word was received here last evening from Omaha of the death of Rev. Anastasius Czech, pastor of the Catholic church here. Father Czech has been in the hospital in Omaha for several weeks.

JUNIATA, Neb., March 14.—(Special.)—H. E. Wells died very suddenly yesterday morning of pneumonia.

Heavy Snow in Colorado.

JULESBURG, Colo., March 14.—(Special Telegram.)—A heavy snow, fourteen inches deep, fell here last night. Old settlers say that more snow fell last night than ever fell here in any one year before. The farmers now think a crop is assured, and will plant a large acreage. It will be a great help to stock interests, as it will start the buffalo grass as soon as it melts.

School Boys on a Lark.

KIMBALL, Neb., March 14.—(Special Telegram.)—Two Sidney lads named Brockway and McCool got into trouble in school and rather than take a chastisement took a pair of horses and saddles belonging to the elder McCool and started for the west. They were arrested here last night and turned over to Sheriff McAleese of Cheyenne county today.

Nebraska News Notes.

Sixty carloads of wheat were shipped from Loup City during the past week.

The republicans of Fullerton have placed in nomination a straight ticket, to be voted at the city election April 7.

Rev. M. M. Parkhurst of Chicago delivered the first of a course of five lectures to be given at Benkelman Friday evening. His subject was "A Trip to Ireland and Scotland."

Judge Aaron Wall of Loup City has announced himself a candidate for congress from the Sixth district before the republican convention to be held at Broken Bow in April.

M. A. Brown of the Kearney Daily Hub has been invited to act as one of the judges at the annual contest of the Nebraska Collegiate Oratorical association, to be held at Crete March 20.

Chancellor George E. MacLean filled the third of a series of lectures being given under the auspices of the Friend school Friday evening, his subject being "Education in Nebraska and Its Advantages."

The following officers were elected by the Stromsburg McKinley club: W. M. Ladd, president; J. B. Buckley, J. W. Hart, W. H. Fetter and N. P. Monson, vice presidents; C. A. Merrill, treasurer; S. C. Woodruff, secretary; W. H. Ingraham, chairman executive committee.

The suits brought by Buffalo county against the suspended Buffalo County National and the Kearney National banks were tried in district court at Kearney last week. The jury found in favor of the county in each case and rendered a verdict against the bondsmen of the banks for nearly $11,000 in each case.

A movement is on foot to organize a celery company at Kearney and go into raising and shipping celery on a large scale next year. Rates have been made with the railroad companies to haul manure from the South Omaha stock yards, and it is believed that 1,000 acres of land can be had for celery purposes. This will give employment to at least 3,000 persons and be worth thousands of dollars to Kearney.

Supervisor Mead, who has charge of distributing relief to the Fremont poor, reports that the plan of having a wood yard is a great success. Several families and individuals who were formerly recipients of help haven't showed up since being told that they must saw or cut wood before getting an order for coal or groceries. He says that there is much less destitution and fewer calls for assistance this year than for the past year or two.

NO BASIS FOR THE CHARGES

Governor Holcomb's Findings in the Soldiers' Home Investigation.

HOWE'S SUMMARY DISMISSAL WARRANTED

Commandant Wilson Acted Properly and Within His Authority—His Private Character Not Affected by Allegations.

LINCOLN, March 14.—(Special.)—Governor Holcomb today gave out his findings in the investigation of Commandant Wilson of the Grand Island Soldiers' home, on charges preferred by ex-Adjutant Mart Howe. Following is the vital part of the governor's opinion:

At the time of the hearing, all parties interested being present, a hearing was had occupying two days. A number of witnesses were examined and the greatest latitude was given in the admission of evidence, with a desire to secure all information worthy of consideration. All of the members of the Visiting and Examining board were present during this investigation. A great deal of evidence was introduced concerning the cause and manner of the removal of the adjutant and it was urged that this removal and its subsequent approval by the Visiting and Examining board, without preferring charges and having a hearing thereon, did him an injustice. From the evidence, I conclude that there was a want of that degree of harmony, mutual confidence and unity of action which should prevail between the commandant and adjutant and which led to the action taken by the commandant. The Visiting and Examining board, being cognizant of this fact, very properly took the action complained of. The position is, in my opinion, untenable to insist in such cases that formal charges must be made and a hearing had before such action might rightfully be taken.

Respecting the charges of incompetency employing incompetent help and neglect of official duty, these all concern the internal management of the home, and, from all evidence, I conclude that the affairs of the institution in these respects are in a very satisfactory condition and there exists no reasonable grounds for the complaints. The charge of nepotism was found to relate only to the employment of a few persons in very humble capacities and the evidence did not disclose anything in this regard impairing any branch of the work in the institution.

All these matters are properly in the control of the Visiting and Examining board, which is personally acquainted with the details of the management of the institution and whose duties in this respect have seemingly been performed in a very satisfactory manner.

As to the allegation of improper conduct on the part of the commandant, the evidence failed to establish the charge; nor were any acts of the commandant disclosed which might not be entirely consistent with innocence of wrong doing on his part. To arrive at any other conclusion would require entering a field of conjecture and speculation in nowise warranted by the evidence.

For the reasons above stated, I am of the opinion that the charges made are not sustained by the evidence.

The affairs of the home are found to be in a most satisfactory condition, discipline being well maintained and the old soldiers quite generally expressing entire satisfaction with the treatment accorded them. The live stock and all matters pertaining to the farm were in excellent condition. The economy displayed in the general management is highly commendable, inasmuch as, notwithstanding increased comforts and conveniences for the inmates, there has been a material decrease in the per capita expense. An air of neatness and thrift seems to pervade the entire institution and upon the whole I am satisfied its general condition has never been excelled.

SILAS A. HOLCOMB, Governor.

Executive Chamber, Lincoln, Neb., March 14, 1896.

DESTROYED THE M'CONNELL BLOCK.

Fire at Lincoln Occasions a Loss of Over $45,000.

LINCOLN, March 14.—(Special.)—The McConnell block, destroyed by fire last night, was erected in 1889 at a cost of $16,000. Insurance on the building and permanent fixtures amounts to $14,200. Policies are in the following companies: Firemen's Fund, $2,500; Commercial Union, $2,500; Northwestern National, $3,300; North American, $4,000; Pennsylvania Fire, $2,000. The Insurance Company of North America held a mortgage for $10,000 on the building. Mr. Ackerman, who conducted the millinery store on the first floor estimates his loss on stock at $30,000, with a total insurance of about $19,000. The policies are divided as follows: Manchester, $2,500; Commercial Union, $1,500; German of Freeport, $2,500; London & Lancashire, $2,500; Milwaukee Mechanics, $2,500; Scottish Union, $1,000; Connecticut Fire, $1,000; Westchester, $1,000; Home of New York, $1,500; Phoenix of Hartford, $1,000; Penn Fire, $1,000; Aetna, $1,000. U. S. Grant conducted a photograph gallery on the second floor. He estimates his loss at $700, with no insurance. Judge Cornish says his loss will be about $200, in personal effects. The Oppenheimer brothers lose about $100. Courtney & Oppenheimer, attorneys, lose about $350 in law books and office furniture.

Judges Holmes and Cornish of the district court today decided that jurors living in the country can have credit for mileage but for one trip when their three weeks' service begins and ends. From this opinion Judge Hall dissents, holding that as jurors get no pay for Saturday, motion day, and must either go home or stay in the city at their own expense, it is unjust not to pay them mileage for each weekly trip.

At the Capital hotel headquarters this afternoon the republican county central committee met and passed upon the question of one or two conventions. It finally decided upon but one and the date fixed was April 2. The primaries will be held the day before and the voters will be allowed to express their preference for a presidential candidate at the polls. Frank Collins made a strong plea for two conventions, saying in his speech that he believed there was a movement on foot to defeat the will of the republicans of Lancaster county. He hoped the committee would not be swayed from its sense of duty. He was a candidate, himself, before the republican party, but was willing to sacrifice his interests in behalf of McKinley. The basis of representation is the same as last year, and on the vote cast for R. E. Moore for lieutenant governor.

Reports from the bedside of ex-Governor John M. Thayer were more favorable today, but it is feared that the advanced age of the general will prevent his rallying sufficiently to throw off the disease.

Omaha people in Lincoln: At the Lindell—I. W. Miner, A. L. Sutter, C. S. White. At the Lincoln—J. M. Richards.

HE COMES BACK TO NEBRASKA.

Mr. Herman Tires of Farming in the South.

L. Herman, a former resident of Butler county, was in the city yesterday enroute to his new home near Elm Creek. Four years ago he had an attack of Texas fever and sold out his homestead in Butler county and bought 400 acres of land near Rosebury, Tex., to which he went with his family. After a four years' struggle, Mr. Herman has returned, and says that Nebraska is good enough for him. The ranch of 400 acres was traded a short time ago for a tract of 160 near Elm Creek, upon which he intends to live. He states that the new country fell far below his expectations in every respect. The lack of freezing weather allowed the weeds to grow to a phenomenal size, and the greater portion of his time was devoted to exterminating them. Fifty per cent of his stock was lost through the dry winds and sand storms that swept the country and the myriads of insects made life unendurable to brute and man alike. Mr. Herman advises all Nebraska farmers who have a notion to immigrate to stay at home, for gauged by his own experience they will be only too happy to return after a very brief period.

SOUTH OMAHA NEWS

Each class of the High school has organized, electing a president, vice president, secretary and treasurer. Each class will choose a color and adopt a motto. The object of these organizations is to form a closer union of the pupils and help each other strive harder to do his duty and keep the classes in a thriving and prosperous condition. It is thought by the instructors that by having a motto for a guide and plenty of opposition the pupils will work harder and take more interest in the school. The officers are:

Freshman class: Roy Dennis, president; Emery Stanley, vice president; Florence Smith, secretary; Earl Brown, treasurer.

Sophomore class: Blanche Ginder, president; Charles Wells, vice president; Germain Towl, secretary; Fred Winship, treasurer.

Junior class: Pearl Gray, president; Christie Condon, vice president; Addie Campbell, secretary; Sam McDonald, treasurer.

Senior class: Stella Campbell, president; Grace Burge, vice president; Margaret Cruse, secretary; Menzo Dailing, treasurer.

Political Club Meetings.

The rally of the McKinley club which was to have been held at Young Men's Institute hall tomorrow night has been postponed a week. On that date General John C. Cowin and J. L. Webster have promised to address the club. The First Ward Republican club has been invited to attend.

Yesterday afternoon P. L. Hughes, republican candidate for city treasurer, gave notice that he had withdrawn from the race in the interest of harmony. After withdrawing Mr. Hughes stated that he would heartily support any candidate that the republicans would name for the office. At once a committee waited on B. E. Wilcox and asked him to announce himself a candidate for treasurer. This he did.

The Second Ward Democratic club will meet this afternoon at Franek's hall to talk over the campaign and listen to candidates.

This afternoon at Pivonka's hall the German Political club will hold a mass meeting.

First ward democrats held a meeting at Pivonka's hall last evening. A half dozen or more candidates spoke.

The Free Silver club will meet Monday evening at rooms on Twenty-sixth street, between N and O streets.

Today at the Churches.

"Covetousness" will be the topic of Rev. Irving P. Johnson's morning sermon at St. Martin's Episcopal church.

At the First Baptist church the pastor, Rev. C. C. Smith, will preach on "Drafting a Dead Man." The evening topic will be "Well, Why Not?"

Charles Daniels will conduct the service in Grace Methodist Episcopal church at 3:30 o'clock.

The South Omaha Young Men's Christian association will meet at 4 o'clock at Woodman hall.

"A Lenten Meditation" will be Rev. Dr. Wheeler's morning theme at the First Presbyterian church. In the evening he will preach on "My Neighbor." There will be special music at the evening service. J. B. Smith will sing "Father, Lead Me Home."

Dr. Wheeler will address the Taylor mission, Twenty-eighth and N streets, at 3 o'clock.

Y. M. C. A. Fitting Up Quarters.

Work has been commenced on the Young Men's Christian association headquarters in the McGinnes block on N street. On the third floor the association will occupy five rooms. The largest will be used for a gymnasium and opening from this will be a good sized parlor. Dressing and bath rooms connected by folding doors with the gymnasium are at the north end of the building. These rooms will be fitted with all conveniences and the latest improvements in gymnasium fixtures. On the second floor the association will have six rooms, all of good size.

The young men in the city and the young folks' societies in the churches appear to be taking a great deal of interest in the association and hope to see the project succeed. It is expected that the rooms will be ready for occupancy by April 7.

Y. M. I. Entertainment.

Thursday evening at Young Men's Institute hall the boys of St. Agnes' school will give a literary and musical entertainment under the auspices of the Sisters of Providence. The boys have been thoroughly drilled in their parts.

Magic City Gossip.

S. Sanford of Hardin, Colo., is in the city.

Frank Koutsky is in the race again for city treasurer.

The Municpal league meets Tuesday evening in the Geary block.

Charles Coffman, Swift's cattle buyer at Kansas City, is in the city.

The infant child of R. C. Young, Twenty-sixth and E streets, is sick.

William Russell, a Chicago cattle buyer, is here looking over the yards.

George H. Brewer has gone to Chicago where he will spend a week or more.

Yesterday afternoon Mayor Johnston ordered Chief Brennan to close the saloon in Blum's hall, where a variety troupe has been giving entertainments. The managers of the show neglected to take out a license after being notified to do so.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Herman Beal, Eighteenth and Missouri avenue, a daughter.

Frank Dolazol has announced himself as a candidate for councilman from the Second ward.

M. H. Adkin of Fort Collins, Colo., is in the city. He brought in a train load of sheep.

"General" Kelly and a number of his associates spoke to laboring men at Twenty-sixth and N streets last night.

Chief Smith of the fire department has recovered from his recent severe illness and went on duty at noon yesterday.

A. H. Lee, a traveling representative of the Stock Yards company, returned yesterday from a trip through eastern Iowa.

Next Thursday evening the Ladies' Aid society of the First Presbyterian church will give a hot maple sugar supper at Mrs. Austin's, Twenty-fifth and N streets.

Last evening U. S. Grant circle No. 16, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, gave a social at the home of Mrs. John Hill, 528 North Twenty-fourth street.

Not to Be Trifled With.

(From Cincinnati Gazette.)

Will people never learn that a "cold" is an accident to be dreaded, and that when it occurs treatment should be promptly applied? There is no knowledge where the trouble will end, and while complete recovery is the rule, the exceptions are terribly frequent, and thousands of fatal illnesses occur every year ushered in by a little injudicious exposure and seemingly trifling symptoms. Beyond this, there are today countless invalids who can trace their complaints to "colds," which at the time of the occurrence gave no concern and were therefore neglected. When troubled with a cold use Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It is prompt and effectual. 25 cent and 50 cent bottles for sale by all druggists.

Attorney Suspended for a Year.

PHILADELPHIA, March 14.—Lawyer William A. Shoemaker, who was senior counsel for H. H. Holmes, and who was charged with subornation of perjury, in connection with that famous case, was today, by a decision of the court of oyer and terminer, suspended from the privileges of the court for one year. Shoemaker got a woman to sign a false affidavit to the effect that Pitzel, the man murdered by Holmes, had, in her presence expressed an intention to commit suicide. A great sensation was produced when Shoemaker offered this evidence in court in the course of his argument for a new trial for Holmes, and District Attorney Graham exposed the conspiracy by means of which the evidence was obtained.

Blizzard Raging at St. Louis.

ST. LOUIS, March 14.—A blizzard raged this afternoon and continues tonight. Several inches of snow fell on the level and it is very cold.

IS WAITING FOR A VERDICT

Congregational Council Deliberating on the Case of Dr. Brown.

HAS ADJOURNED OVER UNTIL TUESDAY

Several Ballots Taken—Reports that the Accused Has Been Acquitted of Immorality—Likely to Be Convicted of Other Charges.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 14.—The Congregational council, before which Dr. Brown has been on trial, charged with immorality and unministerial conduct, has adjourned until Tuesday without finding a verdict. From several informal votes taken on various minor charges it is believed the council will find that Dr. Brown has not been proven guilty of immorality, but will condemn him for unministerial behavior. Such a verdict would cost him his present pastorate, but would not debar him from preaching in any other pulpit which might be open to him.

Two executive sessions of the council have been held, but a verdict has not yet been reached on all points involved. The charge of immorality, so far as Mrs. Stockton is concerned, is not sustained. An informal ballot was taken which showed that the sense of the council was that the evidence was not sufficient to support the charge. The council decided that Mrs. Stockton's word, uncorroborated, was not sufficient to convict Pastor Brown.

The second vote was on the charge of intimidating a young lady member of the church. The evidence on this charge was heard Thursday evening and seemed to make a deep impression on the council. This impression was confirmed in the executive session last night. The church was thoroughly canvassed and various members expressed themselves freely. One clergyman, known up and down the coast, is said to have expressed the belief that Dr. Brown ought to have been shot for his persecution of an innocent girl, turning an innocent episode to his own advantage.

The deliberations of the council developed the fact that the charges of intimidation made against the pastor by a young lady of the church are among the most serious of all. The council is more nearly unanimous upon this point than upon any other.

Stubborn efforts are being made to convict the pastor on the charge of immorality, but it is believed a compromise will be made on a verdict of unministerial conduct, though Dr. Brown has several determined friends who wish to have him vindicated on all of the charges.

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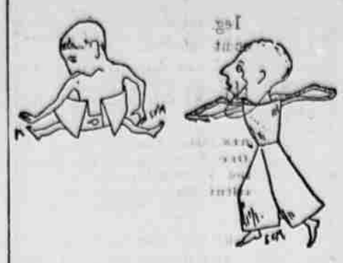

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