

Iowa and Nebraska farmers Are at War.

MAYOR MILLER IS DEAD.

A Clear Case of Suicide Instead of Murder—Everything Points to Him Taking His Own Life—Other News.

The attempt of a couple of Iowa farmers to change the course of the Missouri river near Bellevue, and thereby practically steal a track of Nebraska land amounting in all to about 2,800 acres was brought to a sudden stop yesterday. As stated in THE HERALD a few days ago an injunction was issued in Judge Scott's court restraining the ditchers from going any further with their work, but notwithstanding the injunction a force of men were kept busy night and day and the result was two great ditches were the result of their labor—one 400 feet in length and another 150 feet long. The farmers on the Nebraska side whose lands have been jeopardized by this contemplated change in the channel of the Missouri river have been in a state of desperation for several days, and it is highly probable blood would have been spilled ere this had it not been for a few who were cooler headed.

Yesterday Deputy Sheriff McCarty of Bellevue, and his posse arrived at the scene of the ditch digging in sections seventeen and eighteen in Sarpy county, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon and, as advised, found a gang of men at work. Without ceremony the entire party was placed under arrest and marched to a vacant building in the vicinity and a strong guard put over them.

They refused to divulge their names, saying they had been hired by the day and were innocent of any intent to wrong any one. This, however, is evidently only a part of the deep laid plan of Isam Wright and E. Jenkins, the instigators of the trouble and the parties responsible for all damage, actual and prospective. That these laborers are perfectly cognizant of the character of the work they are engaged in is undisputable, as in the gang are one or two who were at work upon the ditch when interrupted a few days since by Mr. Benjamin. At that time he fully informed them of the risk they were taking, and charged them that if they persisted they would land in the penitentiary. This information was also liberally tendered Abner Wright, the contractor, who laughed at the idea, saying he was merely an employe, hired to do certain work by others.

When questioned by Deputy McCarty one of the ditch diggers told him that the trouble had only begun, that a large and formidable force of workmen were coming over from the Iowa side at night for the purpose of digging all night. He further stated that they would be prepared for any emergency, and it would require the most stringent measures to balk them in their intentions.

Upon this intelligence Deputy McCarty immediately took precautions to fortify himself against treachery, and, sending for additional aid, gave it out that he would remain on the scene all night.

The highly sensational condition of affairs was not long in being heralded throughout the surrounding country, and before sundown the farmers of the immediate vicinity were up in arms, only too anxious to lend a helping hand to the law. They are extremely incensed over the dastardly work of Wright and Jenkins, and if there are any increasing signs of aggression on the part of the Iowans there will be somebody hurt. It has been a difficult matter to restrain them thus far, and it would be hard to say what may happen if land-grabbers continue in their unlawful operation.

Simply A Case of Suicide. Mayor Miller of South Omaha, who shot himself Tuesday afternoon at Eighth and Dodge streets, died at the Methodist hospital at 4:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The remains were at one removed to the morgue.

The deceased did not regain consciousness from the time he was found lying in the weeds and died without being able to utter a word. During the day and after the results of the night's investigations had been made known, the near friends of the deceased gave up their theory of murder and were compelled by statements of the facts in the case to believe that, while temporarily deranged, the mayor had fired the shot which proved fatal.

The investigation of Detectives Haze and Dempsey have convinced

after a carousal which his friends and acquaintances cannot understand. Men who have known him for the last twenty years say that they never knew that he was a drinker and that the idea that he would alone make a round of the burial district is to them unbelievable. But according to the inmates of the disreputable houses in that neighborhood he not only did so on the night before his death, but is a well known visitor there and had a particular friend at 816 Dodge street who lives with Daisy Cummings.

Late Monday night Miller went to the house kept by Jennie Black at 104 South Eighth street and announced that he was going to make a night of it. He stayed there two hours, buying beer and talking with the inmates. At 8 o'clock yesterday morning he was at Birdie Mann's, 102 North Ninth street, and after a short stop left, saying he would come again. At 4 o'clock he was back and bought a couple of bottles of beer. While there he took down the name of Ida Gibson, one of the inmates, and gave his own name as that of A. B. Small of Helena, Mont. He left at 4:30.

At 10:20 o'clock Tuesday Miller visited his favorite, Dede Gibson. The girl says he was very drunk and talked in a rambling way on all sorts of subjects.

While a majority of the South Omaha people concur in the belief that it was a case of suicide a few still cling to the belief that the mayor was murdered. A physician who had been in the army during the war bases his belief of the fact that he has seen hundreds of men shot in the brain and never knew a case where the victim failed to hold with a death grip on whatever he had in his hand, while Mayor Miller's revolver was found lying at his side.

It is really the unanimous opinion of the mayor's friends that he has been out of his head for two or three days. Monday Mr. Miller went into C. C. Stanley's office on N street in South Omaha and talked for a long time on municipal matters. Mr. Stanley is certain that he was demented at the time. He would begin to talk on one subject and suddenly seem to forget all about it and break off abruptly and talk of something entirely different. When Mr. Stanley asked him one or two trifling questions he seemed entirely unable to comprehend what he was saying.

It is well known that the mayor has worried constantly over some of the vexatious of his office and his peculiar actions have been noticed by others. He was not a man who could be intimidated, but very anxious for fear he might offend some of his friends. The possibility in connection with the closing of the gambling houses constantly worried him and he has often spoken about it to Mr. Stanley and others.

The funeral occurs Sunday at 1 o'clock under the auspices Lilly division No. 8, Knights of Pythias.

Between Two Fires. Prof. W. P. Rogers, principal of the commercial department of Wesleyan university at Lincoln has disappeared, leaving over \$1,000 indebtedness. A week ago he departed telling his friends that he was going to Kansas City to attend a wedding and would be gone about ten days. Although a single man he took along his trunk.

Yesterday a professor of the university received a letter from him stating that he had given up his position and was going to Alaska, the note being written enroute on one of the southern railroad. He gave as a reason for leaving that he was involved in love affairs and didn't know which one of the two girls to choose. The young ladies in question are above reproach and the real reason is that he would not face creditors. The institution is a victim to the extent of nearly \$300. One man is out on a loan of \$250. A board bill of over \$100 is left unsettled and numerous other accounts should receive his attention. He is well connected and his family resides at Palmyra.

The above named professor is the man that started the short hand school in this city some time ago. He failed to make it pay and sold it to Miss Kirtie Wharton who conducted a successful school for a long time.

"If Jim Rouse is elected commissioner," remarked a gentleman from Mr. Rouse's home, "he will have to get there without the aid of his neighbors."—Elmwood Echo. The above is the man that the democrats expect to support for commissioner instead of making a nomination.

The Elmwood Echo of this week announces the arrival of a little girl at the residences of Mr. and Mrs. Bird Critchfield at their home in Elmwood.

Refused to Nominate a Man For Commissioner.

AT THE ELMWOOD FAIR.

A Louisville Boy Severely Kicked By a Horse—Mor About the Ditches—The Republican Meeting Postponed.

UNION, Neb., Oct. 7.—[Special to THE HERALD].—The democratic county convention met in this city this afternoon. G. W. Noble of Plattsmouth was elected chairman, and Walker Pailing and S. Hulsh were elected secretaries.

After dinner the convention met and proceeded to nominate a county ticket.

Hon. F. E. White of this city was nominated by acclamation for senator.

G. W. Harshman of Avoca was nominated by acclamation for representative, and on the third ballot Jos. Mullen was nominated as his running-mate.

H. D. Travis, the present incumbent, was nominated by acclamation for county attorney.

When they struck the commissioner they left it blank and will tie up with the independents.

W. H. Deering was elected chairman of the county central committee and Chas. D. Grimes was elected secretary.

Very little enthusiasm was exhibited and they went about the work of nominating candidates with little interest.

Elmwood Fair.

The second day of the Elmwood fair was a great success. Fully 3,500 people were on the grounds. Those who were in attendance were greatly disappointed in J. Sterling Norton not putting in an appearance as advertised, but the windy young congressman was there and as usual attempted to define his position on the tariff. After spending a good deal of time informing the people what he had done in congress, his talk on the silver question was very weak. The crowd was greatly disappointed in the "young man eloquent."

The display at the fair is good and the racing first-class. Catherine won the 230 trot, Delthorn, second; Sleepy Dick, third. Time, 2:55.

The green race was won by Neddie E. Maud, second; Flor B third. Time, 1:32 1/2.

Today is independent day and Van Wyck and Gee Roam Shamp are the speakers.

Tomorrow will be republican day and Hon. Lorenzo Crouse, the republican nominee for governor will speak. Arrangements are being made to run an excursion from Plattsmouth, Nebraska City and Weeping Water to the fair.

The third day of the Elmwood fair was attended by an immense crowd. Never before has that portion of the county witnessed such a crowd. Yesterday was independent day and the town was in their hands. A happier, more contented and more prosperous looking gathering was never seen, contrasting strangely with Van Wyck's talk on calamity. The old gentleman made a talk of an hour and a half that was listened to attentively, but enthusiasm was conspicuous for its absence.

On the track there were two races. In the three minute trot Superintendent won, Buceppus second, Dandy Bashaw third. Time, 2:45.

The half mile dash was captured by Whiteeye, Sleepy Jane second. Time, 1:56 1/2.

The trotting race won by Superintendent was the feature. The horse is owned by W. G. Bohanan of Lincoln, and the time, 2:45, on a track eight second slow, is considered good.

Friday was the last day of the Elmwood fair and it was also republican day. The largest crowd of any previous day was present to hear Hon. Lorenzo Crouse, the next governor of Nebraska talk on live topics of the day. At 2 o'clock Vice-President B. Critchfield introduced Hon. Lorenzo Crouse, who spoke for about an hour. Although laboring under the severe pain of his injured eye, which was all the more irritated by the terrific wind and dust he made a rousing speech. In his remarks he exposed the demagogic career of Bryan in congress in its true light, showed the beneficent results of the McKinley bill to the farmers and ridiculed Van Wyck's position as the friend of the farmer. He said Van Wyck was about eighteen years behind the time; that the grasshopper plague of 1874 was the time to howl calamity. He also spoke upon the currency question and exhibited fifty samples of state bank bills of 1877, convincing many of the sound policy of the republican party on the subject. Mr. Crouse's

made a good impression upon the audience, many of whom were strong independents, and retired amid a perfect storm of applause.

Hon. T. M. Sarpy of Lincoln addressed the crowd last night. The Greenplains were filled to its utmost capacity by about 2,000 people. In his speech Mr. Sarpy declared the republican party to be in favor of a free tariff and a fair count, while the democrats were not, and that the republican party made the currency question a national issue while the democratic party wished it to be a state matter. He affirmed the McKinley bill to be for the poor man against the rich and not for the rich and against the poor, as democratic friends would have us believe; also that the republican party had made all the trusts and corporations criminal offenses and said the courts were full of suits caused by the law. His speech was well received and he was continually forced to stop by heraty bursts of applause. The Elmwood band enlivened the meeting by patriotic music, and taken altogether the evening was a fitting close to the great fair week just past.

A Hard Kick.

Yesterday the five-year-old son of J. W. Sievers, who runs Geo. W. Holdredge's big farm near Louisville, was kicked by a horse with such force as to break the roof of his mouth.

The boy was brought to this city last evening by his father and Dr. Hassamer and taken to the office of Dr. Livingston where his wound was dressed.

One side of the roof of his mouth had fallen down on his lower jaw.

Dr. Livingston and Hassamer dressed the wound and the little sufferer is resting easier but is not yet out of danger.

More About the Ditch.

About eighty rods of ditch is all there is to mark the spot which has occasioned so much interest the last week near Bellevue. A few shovels lie strewn along the bank, but where are the workers? From the Sarpy county jail at Papillion comes the answer—five ditchers holding sweet converse over the work of the last week. No resistance whatever was offered. The fact is the ditch was being dug for a dual purpose—not only to acquire a good slice of land from Nebraska, but also to protect some valuable land on the Iowa side three miles below Manawa, near Mosquito creek. At present the river is within a few rods of this creek, and in the event of another flood, as there is liable to be in the winter or spring, the Missouri will wash into the creek and thereby render several hundred acres of valuable land on the Iowa side worthless. It is with a view to save this land that this precautionary step of ditching has been taken. Had the same time and labor that has been spent in ditching been expended in rip-rapping it would have accomplished the purpose and not placed in jeopardy land and property of farmers under the jurisdiction of Nebraska.

This afternoon Henry Bons, by his attorneys Beeson & Root and Byron Clark, filed a petition with the commissioners asking that Justice of the Peace W. B. Short be removed from office.

The impeachment proceedings are the result of the cases recently tried in Justice Short's court wherein he refused to grant a change of venue until he was compelled to do so by a mandamus issued by Judge Chapman.

The petition charges Justice Short with corruption, oppression, extortion, mal-administration of office, and the petition asks the commissioners to remove him from office.

The matter will come up before the commissioner Monday October 17th for hearing and in the meantime Justice Short is barred from doing any business as a justice of the peace.

The case is one of unusual interest and will be watched by many.

GOSSIP AROUND COURT ROOMS.

The transcript in the case of the State of Nebraska vs. Fred Kroehler was filed today with the district clerk.

Ed Hedlund and Bennett Oleson took out their first papers this morning.

No business was transacted in police court today as Judge Archer was in attendance at the democratic county convention at Union.

Judge Ramsey issued marriage license today as follows: Frank Deitrich and Bertha Fishman of Louisville, and John Baumgartner and Liebeth Denhsing of South Bend.

Judge Archer rendered a judgment this morning in the case of John Krolick vs. Geo. Castrod, for \$37 in favor of plaintiff.

A telegram was received Tuesday evening by Mrs. Mattie Williams of this city from Norway, Michigan announcing the death of her husband, Warren S. Williams. Mr. Williams was a young man and was well known in this city. He died from the effects of typhoid fever. Mr. Williams was a traveling salesman for Woodford & Co., music dealers of Michigan. The deceased leaves a wife and child to mourn his loss. Mrs. Williams is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Vass of this city and is employed as a teacher in the city schools.

MORE FIGURES FROM PECK.

State Labor Commissioner Peck has returned from New York to Albany. While there he had a talk with Josiah Quincy at the democratic national headquarters and gave him transcripts of tables which show that in constructive trades, 17,974 individual increases in wages had taken place in 1921 over the year 1920, and there was only 16 decreases.

These tables will appear in Peck's report of the effect of the tariff on labor.

REMEMBERED ON HIS BIRTHDAY.

A happy blending of incidents Wednesday morning dispelled for a time the business cares that have a habit of lingering around the state library. The exhibition of a gold watch by a caller as a birthday present served as a reminder to D. A. Campbell, state librarian and clerk of the supreme court, that according to the revised calendar there was a birthday exactly due in his thirty-five years of existence.

Mr. Campbell so expressed himself and was lamenting the absence of anything to remind him of the fact, when upon turning to his desk he beheld it almost covered by a mammoth floral tribute that came from the clerical force with their sincere wishes for a list of prosperous birthdays as long as the supreme court docket.

CAN'T TELL THE TRUTH.

THE HERALD has always said that the political free trade demagogue would not tell the people the truth and when Billy Bryan stated last Saturday evening in his joint debate with our next congressman that there was no plush mill in Jamestown New York, and had his hat, the notorious Tiffany of Lincoln certify to it, THE HERALD knew Mr. Bryan was deliberately deceiving his audience. Everybody of ordinary information, except a free trade cranks knows we manufacture plush goods at Jamestown and as good and cheap, too, as there is in the world. Of course, the Journal will swear to its readers that our Bryan tells the truth.

THEY FAVOR FIELD.

Many farmers of the vicinity of Elmwood who are strong independents have publicly declared their intention to vote for Judge Field and express themselves confident of his election. They say Bryan was elected by the independent vote two years ago, which will now be cast for Field or Shamp. They consider Field the best man to represent their interests, especially those who have had the pleasure of hearing his joint debates with the democratic nominee.

Miss Grace Woods came out from Plattsmouth last week to attend the wedding. She is making her home this fall with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Clark—Weeping Water Republican.

GERMANS CELEBRATE.

The two hundred and eighth anniversary of the landing of Germans in this country was duly celebrated by their descendants in Nebraska City yesterday. Charles A. Brandt, editor of the Staats Zeitung, and Hon. Anton Zimmerer made eloquent speeches at the Standard theatre in the evening to a large audience. The festivities closed with a ball.

The friends of the late Mayor Miller of South Omaha have decided to hold an inquest, some of his friends still seem to think he was murdered.

HARRISON AGAINST THE FIELD.

While some of the fusion democrats of this state profess to believe that the National ticket of the populists will have a walkaway in Nebraska this fall in consequence of their efforts to throw the democratic vote to the Weaver and Field electors, it is evident that this opinion is not very generally shared by men outside the state who have money to bet on the election. No better proof of this fact could be furnished than their action in sending money here to be bet on Harrison carrying the state. Agents of Kansas City parties received \$500 from that place Tuesday morning, and \$400 of that amount is still untaken. Mr.

was one of the men on a weaver before he was shot, but when this outfit was broken up at even terms he was in his mind, and would have been shot, even on that basis. The murderer is yet wanted. He may be found in the 900 block of 11th building. It says that the man who carried Nebraska, was shot by Harry Nebrask.

The coroner inquest over the remains of the late C. E. Miller South Omaha charging the use of a good many people who thought he had committed suicide. All witnesses examined so far have utterly failed to recognize Miller as being the same man who was out on a two nights carousal. And then description of the man taken for Miller does not compare at all with Miller. The unfortunate man was undoubtedly murdered.

CEREAL PRODUCTION.

Superintendent of the Census Porter has just issued preliminary statistics of the cereal production of the United States, prepared under the direction of J. Hyde, special agent. The figures are: Barley, 3,221,000 acres, 78,349,602 bushels; buckwheat, 848,777 acres, 12,130,008 bushels; corn, 72,076,074 acres, 2,124,559,312 bushels; oats, 28,297,272 acres, 809,198,707 bushels; rye, 2,371,622 acres, 28,422,352 bushels; wheat, 33,574,341 acres, 468,308,778 bushels—total, 140,170,185, acres, 3,329,967,551 bushels. In 1880 the figures were: Barley, 1,967,727 acres, 43,967,495 bushels; buckwheat, 848,389 acres, 11,817,329 bushels; corn, 62,368,504 acres, 1,754,591,678 bushels; oats, 16,114,591 acres, 407,858,900 bushels; rye, 1,842,233 acres, 19,821,593 bushels; wheat, 35,430,333 acres, 459,483,137 bushels—total, 118,631,770 acres, 2,697,580,229 bushels.

T. J. Pickett, jr., has sold the Ashland Gazette to W. N. Becker, jr. The paper will continue to expound republican doctrines in the future as in the past.

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