

**Republican State Convention.**  
The Republican Electors of the several counties of the State of Nebraska are hereby called to meet in convention at Lincoln, Nebraska, May 2, 1900, at 2 o'clock p. m. for the purpose of selecting four delegates and four alternate delegates to the National Republican Convention, which convenes in Philadelphia, June 19, 1900; also to place in nomination candidates for the following offices:

Eight Presidential Electors, Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, Secretary of State, Treasurer, Auditor of Public Accounts, Attorney-General, Commissioner of Public Lands and Buildings, Superintendent of Public Instruction.  
The basis of representation is one delegate at large and one delegate for each 100 votes and major fraction thereof cast for Hon. M. B. Reese for Judge of the Supreme Court at the election held in 1899. Red Willow county is entitled to eleven delegates.  
It is recommended that no proxies be allowed, but that the delegates present cast the full vote of the delegation. The county conventions in the several counties held for the purpose of selecting delegates to this convention shall select the county committee and officers thereof. At the state convention the state central committee from the odd numbered senatorial districts will be selected for the ensuing two years, and the new state committee will hold its meeting at the close of the state convention.

**ORLANDO TRUFF, Chairman.**  
**J. T. MALLALIEU, Secretary Pro Tem.**  
THE Republican congressional committee for the Fifth district met in session, Tuesday, in Holdrege, to call the convention. The date for holding the convention was fixed for Wednesday, April 25th, at two o'clock, in the city of Holdrege. It was decided that no convention be held. The representation was based on the vote cast for Captain C. E. Adams in 1898 for congressman, giving each county one delegate at large and one delegate for every hundred votes and major fraction. This gives Red Willow county eleven delegates. The convention will embrace about 170 delegates.

"We are today Greater America, but that greatness will be lost if we forget the political philosophy which has made us great—expansion of American thought, mechanical skill, civilization and the philosophy of development. Under a destiny unforeseen and uncontrolled by us, the power and institutions of the nation have been planted in the east. I believe that if we do our duty it means not only the elevation and uplifting of the people of that far-off land, but that it will add to the power and glory of our free institutions and the commercial supremacy of the nation."—Senator McLaurin (Democrat) of South Carolina in the U. S. senate.

THE anti-imperialists, who have been shuddering at the proposed oppression of the Filipinos by the administration, are considerably embarrassed at the recent speech of President Schurman at Chicago. As one of the Philippine commission he pointed out that the plan of government for the islands which the commission has recommended, and to carry out which the president is to appoint another commission, follows closely the lines of Jefferson's plan for the government of the Louisiana purchase. It will hardly be claimed by the anti-imperialists that the inhabitants of the Louisiana country were less fit for self-government than are the Filipinos to-day.

THE Puerto Rican tariff bill, should it become a law in the form in which it passed the house, will give to the people of Puerto Rico a couple of hundred thousand dollars a year for improvement of general conditions, educational and otherwise, in the island, and yet will give them such commercial relations with the United States as to greatly stimulate the interchange of commodities, while by the higher duties imposed on articles coming into the island from other countries we will be given practically its entire market. The duty collected on merchandise coming into the United States from Puerto Rico at full Dingley law rates amounts to a little over a million dollars a year, and with a collection of but 15 per cent of the regular rates, perhaps \$200,000 would be realized, which would be immediately expended for internal improvements in the island.

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Some time during Monday night, M. W. Gallagher, a recent arrival from Lenox, Iowa, committed suicide by hanging himself. His lifeless body was found suspended from the rafters of his sod-house, Tuesday morning, by Oscar Hammond, a son of J. M. Hammond, a neighbor with whom he had been staying pending the arrival of the family from Iowa.  
Monday evening, contrary to his usual custom, the deceased built a fire at home, and sent word by the little children of the Hammond household that he would remain at his place all night, instead of sleeping at the Hammond farm; remarking that he did not feel very well, anyhow. Not making his appearance, Tuesday morning, to get the hay-rack, as agreed, Oscar Hammond went over to the Gallagher farm, where he found the cold and lifeless body of Mr. Gallagher hanging to a rope suspended from the rafters supporting the roof of the sod-house. The sad and tragic fact was at once reported to County Coroner J. E. Spotts, who took the matter in charge.  
The deceased left the following letter which tragically and pathetically describes the unfortunate man's reason for thus launching himself into eternity:

**MR. GALLAGHER'S LETTER.**  
Mr. J. M. Hammond: You will find me dead; please do all you can for my wife in disposing property. Sell everything as soon as you can; sell barn off my land and lumber out sod-house. You will find my pocket-book in bureau drawer; pay yourself and son. Telegraph Miles W. Green, Clearfield, Iowa. My wife's name is Emma T. Gallagher, Lenox, Iowa. When she comes, tell her that is not my attempt at suicide: over three years ago I took one full ounce of laudanum and husked corn in afternoon. It has been an impulse with me since 1876, when I lost my money in bank; I can't throw it off, so don't blame me too severely. I am aware of the trouble it will cause you and Eva; bear it as well as you can. Tell Eva to be a better girl to her mother. Tell Green to arrange and sell my land as soon as he thinks proper; sell personal property for cash, and make as little expense as possible. My wife is an invalid; and bury me wherever most convenient; and save her all the worry you can; tell Green to look after that. I have no debts; there are some papers in drawer worth saving—tax receipts on land. The impulse to do this act is not from insanity; but I have lost self-reliance to such an extent I am unfit for business. Tell all of them I feel sorry to bring disgrace upon my family, but I can't keep it back. I have no fears for the future; if I succeed in getting out of this world, will take my chances of the next. Eva and wife and Miles W. Green, good-by.

**M. W. GALLAGHER.**  
P. S.—You will find shipping bill for part of my buggy, the balance is here; there is new dash to put on. You better move seed grain from granary, and chickens possibly not safe here so long. Feed my cows some corn; they will lose flesh. I have not slept an average of one hour per since my arrival here. I have a good fire in heater tonight; will sleep one more evening here in comfort. I will sleep that last long sleep care-free from this tumultuous world. If my body is worth anything to a medical college in dollars and cents for my family, I have no scruples against it.  
The deceased came to this country in 1892 and purchased a quarter section of land a mile and a half west of Cedar Bluffs, Kansas, in 1893. This he shortly afterwards sold and bought 80 acres of the Captain Holmes homestead on the Driftwood, about six miles southwest of McCook. He lived here until the fall of 1894, when he returned to Iowa. He arrived in McCook on Thursday of last week with a car-load of farm and household goods and stock, and commenced to arrange matters for the reception of the family. Mr. Gallagher paid cash for his land, owed nothing, had about two hundred dollars in money in the house; besides was quite well provided with stock, implements and household goods. While he evidently has been quite well-to-do and has lost heavily in a bank failure and in the destruction by fire of goods stored in a railroad depot for shipment, yet there seems to be little or no present occasion for such a terrible act

on account of financial distress. An unsuccessful attempt at self-destruction had evidently first been made by taking an ounce of chloroform, as an empty bottle which had contained that drug was found near at hand.  
The coroner's jury consisted of Henry Green, J. A. Schmitz, J. E. Logue, W. A. Holbrook, Frank A. Fitch and C. M. Green. They found that the deceased met death "by his own act by hanging himself in his own dwelling."  
Mrs. Gallagher and daughter Eva arrived in the city, Wednesday night, from Lenox, Iowa, and was at once taken out to the scene of the sad tragedy. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. J. A. Badcon at the home, Thursday morning, after which the body was brought to McCook and interment made in Riverview cemetery at this place.

**INDIANOLA.**  
This community had the worst fire scare in many years on Monday morning of this week. About eight o'clock, fire was discovered in the Reporter office over the State bank. Owing to the lack of ladders, it was impossible to gain access to the fire until it was beyond control, and the entire inside of the bank building and contents, save that portion secure in the bank vault and safe, were destroyed. The walls of the building are standing intact, but it is impossible to say to what extent they are damaged.  
On the upper floor of the building were located the offices of the Weekly Reporter and Dr. W. D. MacKechnie; on the first floor were the State bank and the Lamhorn & Dolan real estate office; in the basement were the city council room and the barber shop of Harry Fisher. The furniture and all the records of the city were burned; Mr. Fisher saved his barber shop outfit entire. The State bank lost all of its furniture and everything not in the vault. The bank's loss is about \$5,000, nearly covered by insurance. The loss to the Weekly Reporter, which outfit was owned by J. S. Phillips, is placed at about \$1,000; insured for \$500. Dr. MacKechnie's loss is about \$600; insured for \$200. S. R. Smith's loss is about \$300; no insurance.

When it was seen that the fire was beyond control, work was immediately begun to remove the goods from J. W. Dolan & Co.'s store, just west of the bank building, William McCallum's store, just north of the bank, and from Fred Duckworth's drug store, the post-office and Ralph White's store, on up the street to the north. The entire contents of all these five buildings were removed to a place of safety; and in the meantime ladders had been placed against the Masonic temple building, and from the roof of this building, by means of buckets and water, the fire was confined to the bank building, the Masonic building being but slightly damaged.  
A call was made on McCook and the hook and ladder company from that place came down on a special train, making the run in eleven minutes, and aided very materially in getting the fire under control.  
On Tuesday morning the bank opened up for business, the building being but one door west of the old stand, from which the stock of general merchandise of Dolan & Co. was removed to the Beardslee brick.

The people of this place are congratulating themselves that it is as well with them as it is.  
**RESOLUTION OF THANKS.**  
The following resolution was introduced and passed by the unanimous vote at the session of the Indianola city council, Wednesday evening of this week:  
Resolved, That the city council of the city of Indianola hereby tender to the city of McCook their sincere thanks for their promptness in sending their hook and ladder company to our assistance during the fire in our city on the 5th instant. We also tender to each and every member of said hook and ladder company our thanks for the very valuable assistance rendered us in subduing said fire.  
Attest: W. O. Bond, City Clerk.

W. O. Bond was in McCook, Thursday, on business.  
Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Teel had business in the west end city, last Saturday.  
The State bank people have announced their purpose to rebuild their bank building at once.  
S. R. Smith has purchased a new outfit and will resume the publication of the Reporter in the near future.  
Colonel Comfort, C. F. Lehn and I. M. Smith were down from the county seat, Tuesday, to view the remains.  
Mrs. F. H. Strout will, in a week or two, join her husband in the county seat, where they will make their home.

Rev. W. E. Sitzer, W. Caton, N. Y., writes, "I had dyspepsia over twenty years, and tried doctors and medicines without benefit. I was persuaded to use Kodol Dyspepsia Cure and it helped me from the start. I believe it to be a panacea for all forms of indigestion; it digests what you eat. D. W. Loar.  
A laundry at Solomon, Kans., was burglarized a few nights ago and the police caught the thief by nabbing the first man seen with a clean shirt on in the middle of the week.  
Mrs. Calvin Zimmerman, Milesburg, Pa., says, "As a speedy cure for coughs, colds, croup and sore throat One Minute Cough Cure is unequalled. It is pleasant for children to take. I heartily recommend it to mothers." It is the only harmless remedy that produces immediate results. It cures bronchitis, pneumonia, grippe, and throat and lung diseases. It will prevent consumption. D. W. Loar.

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**NORTH COLEMAN.**  
Mrs. W. H. Epperly visited in this part of the precinct, last week.  
There have been a number of cases of lung fever in this neighborhood, lately; but all are recovering.  
We have been having quite an earnest of winter, lately; a number of inches of snow, and an invigorating temperature.  
M. H. Cole hauled posts from the Willow, this week; and G. S. Simmerman hauled hogs to town, Monday, receiving \$4.25 a hundred for them.  
The farmers are somewhat encouraged by the snows and wet weather, expecting the soil to be in fine shape for the spring planting of grain. Hope they may realize handsomely.  
Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln Woodard of Iowa were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. I. B. Stryker, last week. He thinks we have better hogs here than they have in Iowa, but that our horses are not as good as their's are. He thinks that we break out too much land, and that we ought to keep more in pasture land. Withal he considers this a superior stock country. They departed, Sunday afternoon, for Des Moines, Iowa, where he has purchased property and where he will make his home for the present.

Wm. Orr, Newark, O., says, "We never feel safe without One Minute Cough Cure in the house. It saved my little boy's life when he had the pneumonia. We think it is the best medicine made." It cures coughs, colds, and all lung diseases. Pleasant to take, harmless and gives immediate results.

**BOX ELDER.**  
James Oakley is buying hogs.  
Ed Warner cleaned the church organ, last week.  
George Oakley is repairing and cleaning sewing machines.

Dan Wildman is entertaining his brother of Gosper county, these cold days.  
We have been visited by quite a snow storm—about six inches on the level.  
Reese and George Harrison attended the masquerade ball at Indianola, Thursday evening.  
There is to be a supper at the church, this Wednesday evening, the proceeds to go for a new stove. On account of the storm, cannot say as to its success.  
Gertrude Moore entertained her friends, last Friday evening, the occasion being her birthday. The evening was spent very enjoyably, despite the cold night.

Mrs. A. W. Campbell has been operated on at the Omaha hospital and is getting along much better than her friends expected she would. She will soon be able to come to Wyoming to stay with a daughter until entirely recovered.

Mr. and Mrs. William Greenlee gave a farewell party to their many friends and neighbors, last Monday evening. The time was spent in music and social chat; refreshments were served in the form of a genuine oyster supper. Mr. Greenlee moved this week, onto the Ball farm, near town.  
The old, young, and most every one received valentines on that day, advertising business in its usual way; money-lenders, bald-headed men, meddlesome women, sinners, and so forth; and the boys say the young ladies have offered quite a reward for the conviction of that scamp and not-one-bit-smart-chap, either.

M. R. Smith, Butternut, Mich., says, "De Witt's Early Risers are the very best pills I ever used for constiveness, liver and bowel troubles." D. W. Loar.

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