BURKETT ON JOINT DEBATE

First District Congressman Answers His Opponent's Open Challenge.

PEOPLE TOO BUSY TO STOP TO LISTEN

His Record in Congress is Plain and His Stand on the Republican Platform is Square, Leaving Nothing to Be Explained.

LINCOLN, Aug. 1.—(Special.)—In response to the challenge for a series of joint debates on the political issues of the day Congressman Burkett has addressed the following communication to George W. Berge of this city, fusion candidate for congressman from the First district:

LINCOLN, July 27, 1900.—Hon. G. W. Berge, Lincoln: Dear Sir—Your communication of recent date has been duly received, although I had previously read it in the press. Inasmuch as you ask an early reply, I hasten to answer. As yet I am not certain just what sort of a campaign will be advisable. The people are quite busy. The farmers are watching the price bulletins a good deal, as some of us watched the thermometer on those very warm days, wondering if it ever would stop. The laboring men are all employed on full time at good wages, and I question whether they will have time or inclination to listen to much political talk. The business situation in general is such that I rather surmise it will do some very effective talking and thus relieve us of some of the burdens in that line. You say that since the last campaign some new issues have arisen, and that the people should know where we stand. The republican platform this year is clear and explicit. I could neither add to nor take from it. I stand on that platform. You suggest that I have placed myself on record upon these questions. I admit it. I am on record upon every question that came before congress, for I never dodged a vote during my service and I believe I never missed but one roll call—my absence then being unavoidable, but as I had previously voted upon the same question I think I am on record in every instance. Of course, I do not expect you to endorse my record. I did not make it with that in view. I usually voted in the affirmative and thus helped make legislation, and, of course, with my affirmative action there comes responsibility. Your party always voted in the negative and against everything, and, of course, is responsible for nothing that is. It would not be fusion politics for your party to endorse anything that the republican party does. They must find evil in it all. Their candidates are nominated for that purpose.

Stands by His Record.

I thank you for the personal compliment you pay me and am glad to have you believe my motives were right, even though you cannot endorse the result. I notice you state you expect to attack my record as a member of congress, and you ask me to be present to defend it. I prefer that my record shall speak for itself and that those who watched my course shall defend it for me if it needs it. It would be rather vain in me to spend my time talking about myself and what I had done. I prefer rather to talk about plans and work for the future. I have in mind some things in my district that I am very anxious to accomplish at another session, and I shall spend a great portion of the summer and fall getting those things in proper shape. I have quite a number of pension bills now pending that I want to get evidence to support. I have some public building bills that I must prepare for. There are some more rural mail routes that I have to attend to locating; there are some more improvements around our Lincoln postoffice building that I hope to obtain, besides many other matters of importance to which I must give attention. I must not neglect the people's business altogether, even for so pleasant a pastime as campaigning. I expect to devote adequate time to the discussion of the great national questions, but prefer not to divide that time, and desire to arrange my meetings in harmony with my other official duties.

Some Things He Did Do.

As to my record, however, I might say in passing that I never voted against a pension bill. I never voted against a proposition for better mail service to our people in the west. I always gave a helping hand to the "free homes" bill, the "anti-margarine" bill and for every appropriation or bill that was for the benefit of our district and state. I prefer to let a thousand veterans whose claims I have assisted tell my "pension views." I will leave to the farmers in the several counties where rural mail routes have been established to defend my record on that point, to the people of the towns along the Missouri river where $250,000 will be expended by the government for improvements to defend me there. The dairymen and butter producers will tell the people whether or not I am hostile to their industry. I have a certificate of thanks under seal tendered by laboring men for assistance in legislation affecting their interests. The above persons I prefer to defend my record if it needs it. I voted for the gold standard bill because I believed in it and had promised the people I would do so before elected. Two thousand, four hundred and ninety-six more voters in this district endorsed the gold standard in 1898 than did free silver. I voted for the only Nicaraguan canal bill that came before congress and will keep on voting for a canal while the people leave me in congress or until the canal is built. I voted for every anti-trust bill and constitutional amendment and shall continue to do so until we get proper and sufficient legislation upon our statute books. I voted for the bill providing a territorial government for Hawaii and likewise for the civil government of Porto Rico. My vote in the future as in the past on all questions will be for advancement and prosperity, liberty, equality and humanity. I shall vote to keep every pledge the government ever made, to uphold our national dignity and honor at home and abroad and to maintain inviolate every treaty made and to shirk no responsibility imposed by such. As you say, you probably do not agree with me in this, but I presume I could never convince you even should I debate with you.

People Competent to Judge.

You seem to fear that the people will not know just where each of us stand upon the issues of the campaign, but you give the people too little credit. I am sure it is not due to them to be thus rebuked for their "supposed" stupidity. Never doubt that they are alive to us both and will know all about us and our positions long before election.

They will no doubt find out that your twin bugaboos of imperialism and militarism belong to the same family of imaginary horrors as the McCleary bill did two years ago (which nobody heard mentioned after the election) and are only raised now to cover up the egregious blunders of the past and to make people forget if possible the ridiculous prophesies and false arguments on free silver of past campaigns. I do not believe a debate is necessary in order that the people shall find out whom they desire to elect, nor how we stand on the issues, neither do I believe it would be interesting or edifying to the people.

As I said at the beginning I had already formed my plans for the fall by harmonizing my campaigning with the official business as much as possible. I am not inclined to alter my previous determination. I must therefore beg to decline your kind invitation.

With kindest personal regards, I am, yours truly, E. J. BURKETT.

Would Be Good for Gandy.

NORTH PLATTE, Neb., Aug. 1.—(Special.)—W. H. McDonald is in receipt of a communication from an eastern loan and trust company asking for information concerning the advisability of constructing a railroad from North Platte to Gandy. The company desires Mr. McDonald to furnish it considerable information and if what he gives is satisfactory fuller investigation will be made. It is a question whether a stub line from North Platte to Gandy would pay, owing to the sparsely settled country through which it would run, but it might be to the interest of the Gandy people to fully investigate the matter. North Platte stands ready to render such assistance as it can.

Dedicate Church at Dawson.

HUMBOLDT, Neb., Aug. 1.—(Special.)—Today occurred the formal dedication of St. Mary's church, the new Catholic house of worship at Dawson, and in honor of the event all the business houses of the town were closed in the morning. The new church is a nice little structure, costing with its furnishings about $12,000, and has been in the course of construction about a year.

Chase County is Safe.

WAUNETA, Neb., Aug. 1.—(Special.)—There was an article in the World-Herald of July 30 from Imperial stating that many old time, staunch republicans of Chase county would vote for Bryan and that the nomination of C. R. Walker of Benkelman, nominee for representative, gave universal satisfaction. It is all a fake. Only one republican in this end of Chase county has hung out the Bryan shingle and he has been a pop at heart for four years. Walker's nomination does not give satisfaction, as a strong democrat said that Walker would not be in it after the election in November. The populists turned the democrats down at the Palisade convention, so they have no use for a pop. On the other hand, six people in the First precinct, who voted for Bryan in 1896, are for McKinley, Roosevelt and prosperity.

FUNDS FOR FUSION CAMPAIGN

Committee of State Employes Named to "Solicit Subscriptions" at the Capitol.

LINCOLN, Aug. 1.—(Special Telegram.)—After a discussion lasting all day, the joint conference of democrats, populists and silver republicans tonight unanimously voted to issue a call for popular subscriptions to the campaign fund. The assessment plan met with the united opposition of all state officers and employes, and after a fierce fight it was dropped and the subscription plan was adopted as a substitute.

Three sessions of the joint conference were held before an agreement was arrived at. The work of raising the fund will be in charge of a committee consisting of Henry Behm, representing the democrats; Charles Y. West, the populists, and A. H. Gleason, the silver republicans. This committee held a meeting tonight and organized by electing Gleason chairman, West treasurer and Behm secretary.

During the discussion in the conference it was estimated that a fund of at least $8,000 would be necessary to meet the expenses of the "reform" campaign. It is believed that the major portion of this sum can be raised by popular subscription, and as a means of increasing the receipts of the finance committee it is suggested that all officeholders under the popocratic administration be asked to donate stipulated amounts. This plan will probably be pursued by the finance committees.

The employment of three state employes as a finance committee is merely an act of strategy, it being thought that they will be better able to hold up their fellow workers than persons not connected with the present administration.

READY FOR PORTER TO ACT

Populists Offer Certificates of Nomination Against Which Protests Are Filed.

LINCOLN, Aug. 1.—(Special.)—Certificates of nomination of the candidates of the populist party, against the filing of which protests were recently filed by the officers of the people's independent state committee, were today left in the secretary of state's office. Secretary Porter is now in Sheridan, Wyo., and Deputy Weesner refused to affix the official filing mark to the certificates in his absence. He informed the populists who presented the papers that a date would be set for a hearing on the protest and that all of their candidates would be given an opportunity to be heard.

The interview between the populists and the deputy secretary of state was brief. The little party bearing the certificates consisted of D. Clem Deaver of Omaha, Jerome Shamp of this city and J. G. Painter of Custer county. They entered the secretary of state's office just as the doors were about to be closed and were greeted cordially by Deputy O. C. Weesner.

"We want to file these certificates," said Mr. Painter, offering the papers to one of the attaches in the office.

"That's your certificate, is it?" said the clerk, somewhat surprised. He immediately handed the papers to Mr. Weesner and the latter took them into his private office. He emerged a few minutes later and informed the visitors that a protest had been filed and that it would be necessary to have a hearing before the papers could be filed. All consented to this and the three men retired.

Family Reunion.

MADISON, Neb., Aug. 1.—(Special.)—A family reunion of the Wells and Lewis families was held Sunday at the grove on S. P. Tyrrel's farm near this city. There were sixty-three present and all were related except two. The occasion for the reunion was the presence here of Mrs. Robert True of Oakland, Ia., and Will Lewis of Elgin. The day was happily spent in talking over the early days. A most tempting dinner was served at tables in the shade.

Telephone at McCool Junction.

M'COOL JUNCTION, Neb., Aug. 1.—(Special.)—The citizens of this place have a telephone line of twenty instruments in operation and expect in a short time to increase it to thirty. A move is on foot to build a line to York, the county seat, and bids fair to succeed, the present toll of 25 cents for three minutes' talk, charged by the Nebraska elephone company, being considered exorbitant. The new line proposes to give five minutes' use of the line for 10 or 15 cents.

Bonekemper for State Senator.

AURORA, Neb., Aug. 1.—(Special Telegram.)—The republican senatorial convention of the Twenty-fifth district was held here today. Mr. John J. Bonekemper of Sutton, Clay county, was nominated for state senator. Mr. Bonekemper has been a resident of Clay county since 1873, is a graduate of Doane college and is now one of the trustees. He will be elected.

Sunday School Convention.

DOUGLAS, Neb., Aug. 1.—(Special.)—The twenty-fifth annual convention of the Otoe County Sunday School association is in session here. About forty delegates are present from various parts of the county. Rev. Samuel Garvin of Nebraska City gave a most excellent address last night to a full house.

Paper Changes Hands.

CHAPPELL, Neb., Aug. 1.—(Special.)—Frank P. Morgan, who has edited the Chappell Register for the past fourteen years, but which he recently sold out to Babcock and Johnson, departed Sunday night for the eastern part of Nebraska, where he intends embarking in the newspaper business again in the near future.

Hotel Changes Hands.

LOUP CITY, Neb., Aug. 1.—(Special.)—The St. Elmo hotel was sold today by C. J. and Edna J. Drake to George E. Hotchkin. Mr. and Mrs. Drake have kept hotel here since 1886 and expect to take charge of a large hotel now building for them at Guernsey, Wyo.

Sold Liquor Without License.

OSCEOLA, Neb., Aug. 1.—(Special.)—Deputy United States Marshal H. A. Homan of Omaha has placed J. F. Farris under arrest for selling liquor without a government license. He was taken to Grand Island to await the action of the grand jury.

Teachers' Institute at Chappell.

CHAPPELL, Neb., Aug. 1.—(Special.)—The Deuel County Teachers' Institute opened here today with a full attendance of teachers and promises to be a very interesting session. The instructors are Miss Wright of Council Bluffs, Ia., and Prof. Peterson of the State university.

Suicide Near Loup City.

LOUP CITY, Neb., Aug. 1.—(Special.)—John Camp, a farmer residing ten miles northwest of Loup City, committed suicide yesterday by taking laudanum. He was in poor health, which is attributed as the cause.

GUARD ORDERED INTO CAMP

Governor Directs the Assembly of the State Soldiery for Instruction.

DATE FIXED, BUT PLACE NOT NAMED

Some Question as to the Disposition of the Men to Serve Without Pay Still Remains Unsettled.

LINCOLN, Aug. 1.—(Special.)—Under direction of Governor Poynter orders were issued today for the Nebraska National Guard to assemble in camp of instruction August 20, place to be designated in a subsequent order. There is still some uncertainty, however, as to whether a camp of instruction will be held this year. The funds at the command of the military department will not meet the necessary expenses of the camp and a referendum vote of the officers of the Guard is now being taken to determine whether the militiamen are willing to go into camp on half pay. It is proposed by the military authorities to pay the officers and enlisted men one-half of the usual per diem and give them vouchers for the balance. This plan was resorted to several years ago, when the National Guard fund was in a similar condition and the legislature voted a special appropriation to take up the vouchers.

According to the orders issued by the adjutant general, the militiamen will remain in camp for five consecutive days. The camp will be named after the late Captain Lee Forby of Omaha, who died of wounds received in the Philippine islands. Adjutant General Barry explained that the orders were issued today in order to comply with the law, which requires the issuance of a notice to all company commanders at least twenty days before the day of going into camp. Should the vote of the officers declare against an encampment, the orders will be revoked.

Rules for the Camp.

Adjutant General Barry has formulated the following rules, covering all arrangements for the camp:

"The annual Camp of Instruction of the Nebraska National Guard for 1900 will be designated Camp Lee Forby, in honor of Captain Lee Forby, late captain of Company G of Omaha, First Nebraska volunteer infantry, who died of wounds received in battle March 29, 1899.

"Brigadier General P. H. Barry, adjutant general, Nebraska National Guard, is assigned to the command of Camp Lee Forby and will take station at the camp during the encampment and will give the necessary orders to assemble the brigade.

"The commanding officers of the several commands of the guard will hold their commands in readiness to move to Camp Lee Forby on receipt of orders from Brigadier General P. H. Barry.

"The commanding officer of Company G, Second regiment, now holding the governor's challenge cup, is directed to bring the same to camp to be competed for under such rules as may be promulgated at the time of contest.

"Duplicate transportation orders will be furnished the commanding officer of each organization, on which will be entered the actual number of commissioned officers and enlisted men transported. The commanding officer will sign and deliver to the station agent the original transportation order. The duplicate, signed by the commanding officer and station agent, will be turned into the quartermaster general's office on arrival at camp.

Details for the Camp.

"Colonel C. G. Barns, surgeon gentral, Nebraska National Guard, the regimental quartermaster of the First and Second regiments, each company quartermaster sergeant and not to exceed two cooks from each company, will report to the commanding officer of the camp on the day prior to the date of encampment. For these persons special transportation will be issued upon timely application to the adjutant general.

"The quartermaster of the Second regiment will prepare the grounds, lay out the camp and superintend the pitching and striking of tents.

"The company commanders will take to the encampment all record books, including company descriptive book completed to date, copy of last quarterly report and a copy of the enlistment paper of each enlisted member of the company.

"Company commanders will be held responsible for the proper messing of their commands. Each company will be furnished with a complete cooking outfit, together with tin cups, knives, forks and spoons on arrival in camp. Regular army rations will be issued through the quartermaster's department to the Nebraska National Guard, with the addition of butter, milk and eggs.

"In accordance with paragraph 83, rules and regulations, Nebraska National Guard, no enlistments will be made after the date of this order.

"The First brigade will be reviewed by the commander-in-chief on Friday, the 24th day of August, at six (6) p. m."

Street Fair at Fremont.

FREMONT, Neb., Aug. 1.—(Special.)—At the regular meeting of the city council last evening the Knights of St. Eeb-Ragus were given the use of several of the city streets during a portion of the day for the street fair, which is to be held from September 10 to 16. A license which is practically prohibitory was established for transient peddlers and fakirs to protect the local merchants, who are putting up the money to make the fair a success. Hagenow's band of twenty-five pieces of Lincoln has been secured to furnish the music during the week and other bands, it is expected, will be present. A firemen's tournament will also be held and the Driving Park association will hold its regular fall meet at the same time. Larger purses will be hung up than at the June meet and as a result some of the best horses in the west will be on the track.

Rural Mail Delivery Started.

FREMONT, Neb., Aug. 1.—(Special.)—Mail was taken out from this city this morning on the two rural mail delivery routes just established. The one to the northwest of the city covers twenty-four miles, most of which is a well settled community and includes the territory previously supplied by two postoffices, Bang and Ihno, which have been closed. Hans Hanson is the carrier.

The other route covers an equally large territory south of the city and is in Saunders county and probably will supply a larger number of people, as it includes Englewood, a suburban addition to the city, and reaches a number of large stock farms. Bert Forney is the carrier of this route.

Soldiers Homeward Bound.

PLATTSMOUTH, Neb., Aug. 1.—(Special.)—Eli Bussler of this city has received a letter stating that his brothers, Albert and Edward, young Searles and several others, who became members of the Thirty-ninth Nebraska regiment and went to the Philippines, have been invalided home, after having been confined in the hospital in Manila for some time.

Woodmen Hold Picnic.

M'COOL JUNCTION, Neb., Aug. 1.—(Special.)—The Modern Woodmen of America will hold their annual district picnic here in Blue River park on August 23. Great preparations are being made to entertain visitors.

Date Set for Convention.

TRENTON, Neb., Aug. 1.—(Special Telegram.)—The republican county convention is called to meet in Trenton, Hitchcock county, Neb., August 30. It is recommended the primaries be held August 27. A county clerk, county attorney, commissioner and delegates to the representative and senatorial conventions will be nominated. The coming campaign will be most interesting and hardest ever fought in the county.

Mrs. Weeks' Insanity.

LINCOLN, Aug. 1.—To the Editor of The Bee: In your issue of May 31, in a news item from Ainsworth, Neb., it is said: "Sheriff Curry took Mrs. Emily C. Weeks of Long Pine to the asylum at Norfolk this morning. She had become insane over Christian Science and the magnetic healing mania."

I have investigated this case and find that the woman referred to has never been a patient or student of Christian Scientists. She was interested in what is known as Weltermerism and is now under the care of a physician at the asylum.

WILLIAM H. JENNINGS.

Offices Must Seek the Man.

WEST POINT, Neb., Aug. 1.—(Special.)—The republican county convention is called to meet on Saturday, August 18, in this city. This is an adjourned convention. Candidates for county attorney and representatives from the Sixteenth congressional district will be nominated. No aspirants for these honors have as yet announced themselves.

STATUS OF LAKE MANAWA

United States Government Likely to Assume Jurisdiction Over the Waters of Omaha's Resort.

The legal status of Lake Manawa will be officially determined by a trip made by a party of government officials this morning. Since the report of the condition of the lake, as published in The Bee July 6, the government has been considering the matter of the lake. At one time it was decided that the federal government had no jurisdiction, but later a decision of Judge Smith of the Iowa district court was received to the effect that the state had no jurisdiction. This decision caused the government to reopen the case and the present investigation will probably result in the United States assuming jurisdiction of the lake and the steamboats which ply thereon.

As understood in Omaha the question of federal authority hangs upon the facts regarding the dam at the lower end of the lake. If that dam is such that its removal would permit free access of the waters of the lake into the river, or of the waters of the river into the lake, the jurisdiction of the United States is unquestioned, and it is for the purpose of inspecting the dam that the trip will be made this morning.

The Appetite of a Goat.

Is envied by all whose Stomach and Liver are out of order But such should know that Dr. King's New Life Pills give a splendid appetite, sound digestion and a regular bodily habit that insures perfect health and great energy. Only 25c at Kuhn & Co.'s drug store.

SOLDIER LOSES HIS MONEY

Trusting Infantryman Complains that He Put His Faith in a Negro and Was Deceived.

Charles C. Routt, until recently a private in the Twenty-second infantry, complains to the police that he was robbed Tuesday night of $60 in money, a pistol and some valuable documents, among them his discharge papers, by a negro named Mack Smart. Routt says he entered a saloon at Eleventh street and Capitol avenue and told Smart, who was behind the bar serving drinks, that he wanted his money and effects put in the safe until morning and asked that he be given a receipt for them.

"He took my stuff," continued Routt, "and started to write out a receipt, but bore down so hard that the point of his leadpencil broke.

"'Excuse me a minute,' he said, 'and I'll get another pencil.'

"He disappeared through the back door, taking my stuff with him, and never came back."

Smart and several other negroes who frequent the saloon have been arrested, but they all deny the ex-soldier's story, and as Routt has no witnesses, the odds are against him.

The Best Remedy for Diarrhoea.

Mr. W. M. Cross, a prominent and influential citizen of Coryell county, Texas, says, "I never had such pains in my life as I suffered when diarrhoea attacked me. I have tried many medicines, but none give me such relief as Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy." This is unquestionably the best remedy known for diarrhoea. It always cures and is pleasant to take.

FORECAST OF THE WEATHER

Kansas and Nebraska Are Promised a Little Less Heat for Thursday and Friday.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 1.—Forecast for Thursday and Friday:

For Nebraska and Kansas—Generally fair Thursday and Friday; cooler in western portions Thursday; cooler Friday; southerly winds.

For Western Texas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Indian Territory and Arkansas—Generally fair Thursday and Friday; esterly, shifting to southerly, winds.

For Iowa—Local rains and cooler Thursday; Friday fair; southeasterly winds.

For Missouri—Generally fair Thursday and Friday; southeasterly winds.

For North and South Dakota—Generally fair and cooler Thursday; Friday fair and cooler; variable winds.

For Colorado—Fair in western, showers and cooler in eastern portion Thursday; Friday fair; northeasterly winds.

For Wyoming and Montana—Generally fair and cooler Thursday; Friday fair; variable winds.

Local Record.

OFFICE OF THE WEATHER BUREAU, OMAHA, Aug. 1.—Official record of temperature and precipitation, compared with the corresponding day of the last three years.

	1900.	1899.	1898.	1897.
Maximum temperature	90	90	75	94
Minimum temperature	70	69	55	75
Average temperature	80	80	65	84
Rainfall	.00	.00	.00	T

Record of precipitation at Omaha for this day and since March 1, 1900:

Normal temperature for the day	76
Excess for the day	4
Total excess since March 1	336
Normal rainfall	.12 inch
Deficiency for the day	.12 inches
Total rainfall since March 1	17.08 inches
Deficiency since March 1	2.46 inches
Deficiency cor. period 1899	5.22 inches
Deficiency cor. period 1898	1.96 inches

Reports from Stations at 8 P. M.

STATIONS AND STATE OF WEATHER.	Temperature at 8 p. m.	Maximum temperature.	Rainfall.
Omaha, clear	86	90	.00
North Platte, clear	92	96	.00
Cheyenne, clear	88	92	.00
Rapid City, part cloudy	100	106	.00
Salt Lake, clear	90	94	.00
Huron, clear	92	100	.00
Williston, part cloudy	94	100	.00
Chicago, part cloudy	72	74	.00
St. Louis, clear	80	92	.00
St. Paul, cloudy	78	80	.00
Davenport, part cloudy	86	90	.00
Kansas City, clear	88	90	.00
Helena, part cloudy	90	94	.00
Havre, part cloudy	92	100	T
Bismarck, clear	106	106	.00
Galveston, cloudy	82	88	T

L. A. WELSH,
Local Forecast Official.

POWERS COMES OUT WELL

Defendant in Famous Georgetown Trial Proves to Be Good Witness.

SENSATIONAL STATEMENT BY STAMPER

Charge is Made That Bribe of $5,000 Was Offered to Golden to Leave State and Not to Appear Against Defendant.

GEORGETOWN, Ky., Aug. 1.—The Powers trial dragged its weary length through another day, the testimony of the defendant himself being concluded. It was generally conceded that while some of the admissions made by him were in a degree damaging, he made upon the whole an excellent witness, the prosecution failing to tangle him on cross-examination.

Powers was subjected today to a rigid cross-examination regarding the organization of the mountaineer army. He said that Taylor and himself were the primary spirits in getting it up. The military companies were brought along, he said, because they had some discipline and could be more easily controlled, and, moreover, that they were already armed.

The witness said he had urged Governor Taylor, while the contest board was sitting, to call out the military companies and to send the bulk of the other mountain people home, and had secured a partial promise from the governor to do it. This was to be done in order that they might hold possession of the state office till the supreme court of the United States had passed on the merits of the case.

The witness contradicted the statement of John A. Black, the banker and republican leader of Barbourville, who swore that Powers, when discussing the mountaineer excursion to Frankfort, referred to it as a mob. Powers said Black so referred to it, but that he told Black he would do all he could to keep it from degenerating into an organization of that character.

Bribe of $5,000 Offered to Golden.

Rev. John Stamper, the brother-in-law of Wharton Golden and whose testimony the defense hopes to contradict, was introduced, following Powers and created something of a sensation on cross-examination by admitting that he, as Powers' friend, sought to get Golden to leave the state and indirectly offered him $5,000. Stamper was still on the stand when the court adjourned.

Samuel Weaver, the negro witness for the prosecution, is in jail tonight charged with perjury. Weaver is the witness who claimed to hail from Colorado and who asserted that he saw the gun barrel pointing from the office of the secretary of state at the time Goebel was assassinated, was arrested today on a warrant charging him with perjury. The warrant was sworn out by the attorneys for the defense in the Powers case, who say they have found out that Weaver was not only not in Frankfort the day of the assassination, but was never there till last Saturday night.

It developed here today that Ex-Governor Taylor, although he is not before the court, is represented by counsel there. James A. Violett of this city is attending the trial to keep up with the evidence as it bears on Governor Taylor's case.

UNION'S ARBITRARY ACTION

Won't Allow Plumber to Work on School Buildings Except Under Supervision.

The Board of Education has empowered H. J. Banker, superintendent of buildings, to employ a union plumber at union prices, but the Plumbers' union refuses to allow a journeyman plumber to work for the board unless the work be done under the supervision of a master plumber. The union scale for journeymen plumbers is 50 cents an hour, but master plumbers require persons having work done to pay 70 cents an hour. In addition to this increased price per hour, all supplies must be purchased from a master plumber. So far, no plumber has been engaged.

If a non-union plumber were to be employed by the board, Mr. Banker, the retiring superintendent of buildings, says that the Building Trades council would not order the carpenters, painters and other union men who are employed on the school buildings to strike. The men in the employ of the board struck last August, and one of the conditions upon which the difficulty was arbitrated was that the Building Trdes council would give the board no further trouble on account of the Plumbers' union.

WORK WILL TAKE TWO MONTHS

Examination of the Water Works Plant Not an Easy Task—No One Selected Yet.

"It remains now for the council to select an engineer to examin the water works plant and place an estimate upon its value. The councilmen have not discussed the matter and I have not heard mention made of any man who might be secured to do the work," said M. D. Karr, the acting mayor. "It is likely that the names of different hydraulic engineers will be presented at the committee meeting next Monday afternoon."

When asked how long it would take an engineer to make a thorough examination of the plant and secure data that can be used as the basis of a reliable estimate, City Engineer Rosewater said that a personal examination by an engineer who is not familiar with the city can not be made in less than two months. "Of course," he said, "an appraisement could be made in a short time, providing the water company's statements be taken as to the size of the mains and the condition of the property, but an estimate based on the water company's report would not be satisfactory to the council."

ARMY QUARTERS SHIPSHAPE

General Merriam Approves New Departmental Offices—More Oats Will Be Purchased.

Before he left the city Tuesday afternoon General Merriam inspected the army headquarters and pronounced it the most complete and convenient departmental building in the United States. He dwelt upon the location and the clean appearance of the offices at length as reasons for his opinion.

Word has been received that siege battery O will leave Fort Riley for the Pacific coast August 6.

The quartermaster's department has received orders to purchase 3,000,000 pounds of oats at Omaha for the use of the army in the Philippines. The success attending the recent purchase of the same quantity occasions the present order.

The chief commissary has received orders to keep on hand as a staple for sale to officers and men two qualities of blanco, a preparation for polishing metal, and alcolta. Just now the chief clerk is trying to find out what "alcolta" is and where it can be secured.

FARMERS WANT RAILROAD

Omaha Losing Trade by Reason of Lack of Transportation Facilities.

"Boyd county, sixteen miles in width by forty-eight miles in length and one of the most prosperous and productive counties in north Nebraska, is throwing all of its trade to Sioux City and Chicago, because of the lack of railroad communication with Omaha," said John Lynch of Lynch, Boyd county, last night. "In less than ten years from the time of the settlement of the county we have every quarter section of land tenanted by a bona fide farmer with the exception of some splendid grazing land along the Missouri river that is used for pasturage purposes. This year we will have a big crop of wheat and corn. From early spring until now we have had an abundance of rain. Wheat will average fifteen bushels to the acre and corn sixty-five bushels to the acre.

"There is no railroad in Boyd county. The Elkhorn runs to Verdigre, twenty-nine miles from Lynch, but too far away for Boyd county farmers and business men to haul their grain and cattle for shipment or their merchandise and machinery imported from the eastern markets. Instead everything is transported by steamboat down the Missouri river to Running Water, S. D., and there transferred to the Milwaukee road and shipped to Sioux City or Chicago. Boyd county is a territory that should be in business communication with Omaha and it would be if the Elkhorn road will come to an appreciation of the opportunity and build through from Verdigre to Lynch. Such a line would have adjacent to it 62,000 acres in Raymond township, Knox county, and 352,000 acres in Boyd county, of as rich land as could be found anywhere in Nebraska."

Mr. Lynch is the founder of the town which bears his name. It has now a population of 400 people and every resident is enjoying prosperity in a marked degree. It is in the eastern part of the county and is a lively rival in commercial activity with Butte, the county seat.

WILL SELL RESERVED SEATS

One Thousand Chairs and Six Hundred Benches to Be Held at the September Concerts.

Season reserved seats for the evening concerts of the Musical festival will be placed on sale. The arrangements for the seating of the big tent provide for 1,000 reserved seat chairs and 600 benches, each with a capacity of five people, for general occupancy. There will be twenty-eight evening concerts, and reserved seats will be 10 cents for each performance, so that by purchasing a season reserved seat for evening concerts for $2.50 the purchaser will be effecting a small saving. All of the reserved chairs will be numbered. No arrangements have been made for reserving seats by the season for the afternoon concerts.

Fred Paffenrath, as chairman of the concessions committee, George W. Hoobler, as chairman of the admissions department, and W. W. Umsted of the committee on decorations have been made members of the executive committee.

E. E. Andrews has been made chairman of the committee to co-operate with George S. Wright, and I. M. Traynor of Council Bluffs in working up an enthusiastic interest in the festival among the people of that city, and Rome Miller is chairman of a committee to aid the friends of the festival in South Omaha.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

T. W. Ward of Chicago is at the Millard.

A. H. Price of Leigh is at the Iler Grand.

Julius Hirst of Detroit is at the Murray.

A. G. Blotsky of Logan, Ia., is in the city.

C. H. Scott of Lincoln is at the Iler Grand.

Myrtle M. Krebs of Scotia, Neb., is at the Merchants.

George Aubel of Lexington is at the Merchants.

Frank H. Holmes of Indianapolis is at the Murray.

Mrs. John Peters and daughter of Albion are at the Millard.

Christ Weber, a merchant of Spaulding, is stopping at the Murray.

E. S. Koller and M. A. Harlequin of Hastings are at the Murray.

E. R. Perfect returned Tuesday from a two weeks' visit at St. Paul.

George H. Moore, a druggist of Indianapolis, is at the Millard.

A. Hyman, a neckwear salesman of New York, is staying at the Millard.

W. R. Morse, a real estate and insurance broker of Clarks, Neb., is a guest of the Murray.

Frank Bacon, a real estate man of North Platte, accompanied by his wife, is at the Merchants.

J. F. Burgess, recently elected secretary of the Board of Education, took charge of the office yesterday.

H. A. Walker and Robert Jardine of Chicago, representing Armour & Co., are stopping at the Millard.

Major W. S. Lloyd of the National Guard of Pennsylvania and a manufacturer of knit underwear is in the city.

W. C. Irvine, president of the Wyoming Stock Growers' association, is in the city for a few days, having just returned from a western trip.

C. R. P. Williams of Columbus, Ed Hoare of Fremont and John Wilson of Grand Island, deputy internal revenue collectors, are at headquarters.

Mr. and Mrs. B. W. DeFord and R. Q. Stewart of Hastings, C. H. Pierce of North Platte and D. C. Smith of Ames were state guests at the Murray Wednesday.

Newton Earle Buckley of Stromsburg, a graduate of the Omaha High school of 1899, who was appointed as an alternate to the West Point Military academy and was examined at West Point July 25, has telegraphed friends in the city that he has received appointment as cadet.

Nebraskans at the Merchants Wednesday: Mr. and Mrs. W. R. McAllister of Grand Island, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Penney and daughter of Wood River, L. A. Winchell of Greeley, George G. Bohman of Schuyler, R. E. Haskell of Lena, C. L. Winan of Fullerton and I. A. Woodman of Kearney.

Ed A. Fay, a poultry fancier of Niobrara, is at the Merchants. Speaking of the products of his hennery, Mr. Fay propounded this conundrum: "If a dozen eggs are worth 20 cents in Nebraska, what is Leavenworth in Kansas?" Answers should be sent in care of Ren Hake, Merchants hotel.

Bishop P. T. Shafer of the African Methodist Episcopal church occupied the pulpit of St. John's church in this city Wednesday night. He was enroute from his home at Kansas City to California, where he will preside at the fall conference. At the conclusion of the preaching service last night an informal reception was tendered Bishop Shafer in the parlors of the church.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

Hon. Charles J. Greene will address the workingmen at Idlewild hall, Twenty-fourth and Grand streets, this evening.

The mid-road populist congressional and county conventions will be held August 18 in the afternoon at the rooms of the Peter Cooper club, 1515 Howard street.

The first annual picnic of the Omaha Chan-na-Gael society will be held at Waterloo next Sunday. Trains will leave at 10 o'clock a. m.

Ivet N. Jensen, a butcher doing business at 2707 Leavenworth street, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of selling adulterated milk. Arraigned in police court, he pleaded not guilty and his case was set for hearing August 3.

W. T. Peck, the newly appointed superintendent of building for temple, took charge of the building yesterday. An attempt will be made by the attorney of the directors to get a settlement out of ex-Superintendent Scott.

The pressed paper gods of the Celestial empire still remain in custody of Uncle Sam at the bonded warehouse. When the curio collector who contemplated buying visited the dettos he decided that he could not afford to pay the price asked, and declared the deal off.

While digging a trench near Seventeenth and Webster, a laborer left his vest hanging in a neighboring woodshed. He reports to the police that some one stole a silver watch from the pocket. E. Keipin, a house-mover, had a similar experience at about the same time. He left his watch in his vest pocket and hung the garment in the house he was engaged in moving, and when he went to consult his timepiece it was gone.

"Bill" Hamlin and "Bill" Lytle, both of whom live near Ninth and Arbor streets, have been arrested by Detective D. A. Daniel on a charge of stealing waste from Union Pacific freight cars. When apprehended each man had a gunny sack full of cotton waste saturated with lard oil which had been taken from nineteen cars. The stuff is used in lieu of kindling wood. The men will have a hearing in police court Thursday.

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