FOUR YEARS SHOW A CHANGE

Difference in Business Conditions that Prevail in Lincoln.

IMPROVEMENT ALMOST BEYOND BELIEF

Everybody Employed and Merchants Enjoying All the Trade They Can Well Take Care of With Money Plenty.

LINCOLN, Sept. 3.—(Special.)—There is nothing but sympathy nowadays for the man who goes about asking, "How's business?" The time when people stood on street corners and talked about hard times, scarcity of money, of runs on banks and of failures is but a recollection of the past and so changed and improved are the conditions today that it has almost been forgotten. "Everybody knows that business is good," is the ready response to all inquiries concerning the condition of trade. Statistics show that people eat more, work more and spend more than they did four years ago, and that they loaf less or not at all. Street corners are no longer crowded with people who have nothing to talk about but hard times. Instead of looking for work they are looking for help. A merchant may display a "Man Wanted" sign in his window now without fear of being besieged by an army of unemployed.

Bradstreet's Idea of Improvement.

"Why, of course business has improved in the last four years and improved greatly, too," said Fred C. Howe, superintendent of the local Bradstreet's agency. "It is unnecessary to go into details, for everybody in Lincoln knows that there is more business, that there are more retail stores, more wholesale stores and more factories here than there were four years ago. The reports that we get from local firms show that in every instance the total volume of business last year was greater than the year before, and that that year's business was greater than the preceding one, and so on. There have been no recent failures for any large amount. One of the best indications of the prosperous condition of business is the feeling of confidence that is everywhere manifest among the larger dealers. They are taking in new goods, enlarging their business and putting more men on the road. Within the last two or three years there have been a number of new businesses started in this city and all are doing well. A few of the most prominent are a wholesale and retail hardware store, a wholesale and retail cloak store, a wholesale dry goods house and there are a number of others equally successful. Another indication of prosperity is the fact that eastern capitalists have invested heavily in Lincoln during the last few years. The Lincoln Traction company and the Lincoln Gas and Electric Lighting company, both recently reorganized by eastern investors, serve to illustrate the feeling entertained concerning business prospects in this city.

"Most all of the business houses are employing more men than four years ago and the jobbers have enlarged their territory. One firm that had not over seven or eight men on the road in 1896 now has forty-three and the territory covered extends from Alaska to Mexico.

"It is also noticeable," continued Mr. Howe, "that business is again moving west on O street, our principal business street. Vacant stores and buildings on this thoroughfare are being rented and it is only a question of time until all of the buildings constructed there during the boom days will be paying property to their owners."

Wholesaler's Opinion of Trade.

"Has business improved since 1896? The best answer to that question is the figures shown by our trade in 1898 and in 1899," said J. L. Kennard, manager of the Western Glass and Paint company. "In the latter year our sales were more than three times as heavy as they were in 1896. Not only that, but the general condition of trade was much healthier. There were fewer failures and less trouble with collections. During 1895 and 1896 we found it necessary to examine carefully every order and the dealers were not sensitive about having credit refused them. Our territory extends over Nebraska, parts of Kansas, South Dakota, Colorado, Idaho, Wyoming and Montana, and we are in touch with the trade in a way that enables us to notice a very decided change in the feeling that exists. Collections are easy and a very large percentage of our bills are discounted. One of the noticeable changes is the increased number of business men who pay cash for their purchases. Another thing that is noticeable is that the trade pays more attention to quality than to price, always demanding the best grade of goods.

"I attribute this improvement to the fact that every man is at work, consequently buying more goods. There is no doubt that a man at work eats more than an idle man and when people have money they live better, and the demand created for all food supplies makes a better market, and consequently the farmer gets a better price for his product. Statistics show us that the home consumption of corn and wheat is materially increased in good times when the laboring classes are all employed. When the farmer gets more money for his products he spends more money and lines of trade feel it. We feel it in the new houses that are being built and in the repainting of old ones."

Every Line is Doing Better.

There is not a line of business represented in Lincoln that is not in better condition today than four years ago. Dealers in farm implements all report an unusually large business and, what indicates more than anything else the general prosperity of the state, is the fact that a large proportion of the sales are made on a cash basis. More contracts for public improvements have been made by the city council during the last twelve months than for any similar period for over seven years. Streets in the downtown section are being repaved with asphalt, the equipment of street railway, gas and electric lighting companies is being extensively enlarged and improved and new stores are opening up all over the city. Four years ago it would have been a perilous undertaking for a person to circulate a paving petition, even though the streets needed repaving as badly then as they do now. During the last year not a paving petition has been circulated that has not been signed by the required number of property owners, and of the eight paving contracts awarded by the council all but two call for asphalt, the most expensive paving material.

Retail merchants are doing business on a solid basis and have discontinued the practice that was so generally followed during the period of panic of offering a discount for cash. The establishments known then as "cash stores" are now running in competition with other stores and they find it unnecessary to advertise "cash sales only." There is a demand for a better grade of goods and less obstinacy concerning prices.

The general increase in the volume of trade is well illustrated by a comparison of hotel registers of the years 1896 and 1899. A 50 per cent increase is shown over the former year and in some instances it is even more. The two principal hotels have been reconstructed and improved and their capacity enlarged.

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FIRE IS SET BY BURGLARS

Gordon Journal Office Almost Totally Destroyed—Only Small Sum Stolen.

GORDON, Neb., Sept. 3.—(Special Telegram.)—The Gordon Journal printing office was almost totally destroyed by fire about 3:30 o'clock this morning, the loss sustained being fully $1,000, partly covered by insurance in the Nebraska Mercantile Mutual of Lincoln. The building and contents are almost a total loss. Robbery was no doubt the immediate cause of the fire. A small chest containing the funds of the Woodmen of the World lodge was kept in the building by the printer who is the secretary of this lodge and this was stolen and the funds, between $20 and $30 in silver coin, taken out. The skeleton of the chest was found in the ruins in a remote spot from where it was kept, but the silver money had all vanished except a silver quarter, which was found with the chest lock uninjured. The thief effected an entrance through a rear window and in making his escape either carelessly or purposely set fire to the building. It required the heroic efforts of the fire company to save even a portion of the building and contents. The Journal office had but recently put in a fine cylinder press, gasoline engine, new type and other material to the value of $1,000, besides having been enlarged and remodeled into an ideal printing office. The editor, H. G. Lyon, will rebuild at once and continue in the business. The paper will be issued this week on time. This is the most destructive fire the town has ever experienced.

WHITE MAN KILLS OMAHA INDIAN.

News Reaches Lyons of the Murder Upon Reservation.

LYONS, Neb., Sept. 3.—(Special.)—An Omaha Indian from the reservation last evening brought the news that an Omaha Indian named James Wood was killed upon the reservation Saturday by being almost cut to pieces with a knife in the hands of a white man, whom he did not know. He claims Wood when drunk is very quarrelsome and he supposed the murder was the result of a drunken quarrel.

An Indian policeman from the agency reports that the Indian, named Wood, who was disemboweled by a white man, was still alive this morning. Three other Indians who brought him to the agency were cut, but not seriously. The man who did the cutting walked here, arriving at 2 p. m. Sunday. He hired a liveryman to take him eight miles into the country. He told the liveryman that he had paid Wood a portion of a lease on land and having further business to transact with him Saturday he hunted Wood up and found him at Neary's ranch with three other Indians. After quarreling, the Indians all jumped on to him, but he succeeded in getting away. He ran a mile, but was overtaken and surrounded and compelled to cut his way out with a pocket knife. The white man's name was not ascertained. Last year he made his home with Ott Copple on the reservation. The police report the man captured at Bancroft today.

Schools Open at Harvard.

HARVARD, Neb., Sept. 3.—(Special.)—Our school bell has this morning announced the opening of our public schools for the coming year, with the following list of teachers: Prof. W. B. Backus, superintendent; Miss Ada F. Abbott, principal High school; H. C. Swallow, assistant principal; Mrs. L. M. Wilcox, grammar; Miss Carrie Ketcham, grammar; Mrs. L. M. Moore, intermediate; Mrs. Ida E. White, primary; Miss Carrie Budlong, primary.

For the five outlying schools, Harvard district being six miles square, Anna Keebler, Sabra Rider, Minerva Stone, Nellie Spicer and Sadie Robertson have been employed. The monthly pay roll amounts to about $620 for teachers alone.

Democrats Hold a Rally.

NORTH LOUP, Neb., Sept. 3.—(Special.)—The democrats held a rally at the town hall Saturday evening, September 1. A fair sized audience attended. The speaker was F. J. Warren of Grand Island. About two-thirds of those present were women and a good many republicans were present.

Mr. Warren gave the usual tirade against imperialism and the wickedness of President McKinley. He held up an awful picture of a horrible bottomless pit of monarchy into which this country was to be plunged if Bryan was not elected.

Drowns in Three Feet of Water.

ST. PAUL, Neb., Sept. 3.—(Special.)—This morning the report reached here that Mrs. Christ Henrickson of Kelso precinct, this county, had committed suicide by drowning herself in Oak creek near her home.

The sheriff, acting as coroner, called a jury and went to the place named and found the facts as above stated. She had managed to drown herself in three feet of water. Her married life had not been a happy one and despondency is believed to have caused the rash act.

Make Plans for Campaign.

TRENTON, Neb., Sept. 3.—(Special.)—The chairman of the republican county central committee has called the committeemen of the precincts to meet in convention here September 6 for the purpose of meeting the county candidates to make arrangements for conducting the coming campaign. The nominees are good, strong men and their party will leave nothing undone for their success.

Prohibitionist Convention Called.

OAKLAND, Ia., Sept. 3.—(Special.)—The prohibitionists of Pottawattamie county, Iowa, will meet in mass convention at the city of Oakland, at 2 o'clock p. m. Saturday, September 8, for the purpose of placing in nomination a county ticket and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before it.

Overhaul a Jail Breaker.

BUTTE, Neb., Sept. 3.—(Special Telegram.)—Word was received today that Fred Brailey, charged with rape, who broke jail Friday night, has been captured at Armour, S. D. Requisition has been applied for to bring him back.

STATE FAIR GATES ARE OPEN

Splendid Weather and a Good Crowd Mark the First Day.

MANAGERS LOOKING FORWARD TO SUCCESS

Magnificent Array of Exhibits and Special Attractions to Entertain Visitors Who Crowd Grounds and Buildings.

LINCOLN, Sept. 3.—(Special.)—Nature could not have provided better weather for the opening day of the Nebraska state fair. Bright sunshine and a cool breeze, with neither dust or rain, was all that could be desired. "It's typical state fair weather," said Secretary Furnas, "and when fair begins this way it is a sign that we will have fair weather for the next four days. Fair weather and fair week make a good combination."

Visitors began to arrive at the grounds at 8 o'clock this morning. Some came in street cars, some in railroad cars, some in carriages and other conveyances and a few walked. People passed in and out of the grounds until nightfall and, although the attendance was large, it was insignificant in comparison with the expected crowds of the next four days. The attendance on the opening day of the state fair is always smaller than on any of the following days. Some of the exhibits remained to be placed in position today, but in most of the buildings the last work of preparation was completed yesterday.

Day's Special Attractions.

The special attractions today consisted of two open air concerts by the Pawnee City band, a reception by Spabin Abune, a Filipino chief, bicycle and motorcycle races and a public demonstration in the preparation of food from Nebraska cereals by Mrs. Harriet S. MacMurphy of Omaha, who also delivered the first of a series of lectures on household economy. All of these features, with the exception of the bicycle and motorcycle races, will be repeated tomorrow afternoon and continue each afternoon for four days.

The state fish hatcheries building was the central attraction today. The poultry building came next in popularity and honors were divided evenly between the agricultural, historical, mercantile and art buildings. One of the most interesting exhibits on the grounds is that of Nebraska native grown fruit. Nearly every known variety of fruit grown in the northern states is represented and each specimen appears large and beautiful enough to win a premium. Tomorrow will be a big day in the horticultural building. Two carloads of fruit will be given away to visitors. The assortment ordered for this free distribution consists of five tons of grapes, two of peaches and twenty of apples.

In the state fish hatcheries building are exhibited sixteen varieties of the finny tribe, including only those fish that live in Nebraska waters. The building is in charge of Robert S. Oberfelder, president of the State Board, who also presides over a fish hospital and administers to the sick and wounded. There are twenty large glass tanks and one twenty-foot tank in this building, containing 10,000 fishes. The varieties represented are black bass, croppies, large and small-mouthed bass, catfish, channel catfish, sunfish, tench, wall-eyed pike, German carp, mirror carp, buffalo carp, perch, rock bass, rock trout and falo carp, perch, rock bass, brook trout, rainbow trout and goldfish.

Fine Country for Fish.

"Nebraska would be one of the greatest fishing states in the union if we could stop illegal fishing," said Mr. Oberfelder, after describing his exhibit. "We have a law, but we cannot enforce it. Illegal fishermen seine the streams and therein lies all the trouble. There are about 200 lakes in Nebraska in which fish of various kinds can live and thrive. The most common fish are the black bass, trout and croppy. There is good trout fishing for a distance of about seventy-five miles along the White river and its tributaries from Long Pine to Andrews and also at Kimball, in Kimball county. The lake in that county was stocked five years ago, when everybody predicted failure, and now there are fish in that water that weigh over three and one-half pounds. Black bass fishing has been very good this year at Lodge Pole and Colton, in the western part of the state. Other waters in the vicinity have been stocked heavily and in a few years the fish will take a fly. That country then will be the paradise of sportsmen."

In one of the large tanks in the fisheries building is a huge channel catfish that tips the scales at not less than 160 pounds. It is a vicious fellow and is considered the wildest fish in the building. It jumped out of its tank this morning and broke a thin iron railing in falling and it is now confined to its aquarium by a series of bars across the opening at the top. The fish was caught in the Platte river, after a fierce battle, by Mr. Oberfelder and Adam Sloup, superintendent of the hatcheries at South Bend. They assert that the infuriated fish pulled their boat through the water for three miles before they could finally land it.

Large Exhibit from Schools.

The educational exhibit is one of the chief attractions of Mercantile hall. Large collective exhibits have been entered by the public schools of Omaha, Lincoln, Beatrice and Nebraska City and the Home for Deaf and Dumb at Omaha. The schools of Dallas, Tex., are also represented by a large exhibit.

In the bicycle races this afternoon, which were witnessed by several hundred people, Rezen Bennett of Omaha established a new state record by riding a mile paced by a motorcycle in 1:57 2-5. This is the fastest time ever made on a bicycle in Nebraska. Bennett is a young rider, but his work here today places him among the fastest men of the west. Bennett also won first place in the one-mile open and third place in the two-mile handicap. An innovation was offered this afternoon in the form of a two-mile motorcycle race. The speed of the machines surprised every one present, the two miles being made in 3:27.

Following are the summaries:

Event No. 1—One mile novice: Time: 2:39. Ed Snow, Lincoln, first; Jesse Langdon, Lincoln, second; Frank Melick, Lincoln, third.

Event No. 2—One-half mile open: Time: 1:12 3-5. R. G. Bennett, Omaha, first; Ed Snow, Lincoln, second; D. M. Shultz, Omaha, third.

Event No. 3—Two-mile handicap: Frank Melick, Lincoln, 90 yards, first; D. M. Shultz, Omaha, scratch, second; R. G. Bennett, Omaha, scratch, third; F. W. Sheeler, Omaha, scratch, fourth.

Heavy Rainfall for August.

COLUMBUS, Neb., Sept. 3.—(Special.)—The total rainfall for the month of August was 7.40 inches, as registered by the government gauge in this city. The records show this to be the heaviest rainfall for August in the last seven years. Corn is ripening very fast and some very good looking specimens have been exhibited here recently. Corn which was listed is much the best this season. Creamery and dairymen are reporting a good business; pastures were never better at this time of year.

Charge Farmhand with Horsestealing

CHAPPELL, Neb., Sept. 3.—(Special.)—John Plough, a hired hand of William Brown, was arrested Thursday night and brought here today on the charge of horsestealing, having in his possession at the time a horse and saddle belonging to Mr. Brown. At his preliminary hearing today he was bound over to the district court in $200 bonds, but being unable to give bonds was committed to jail until court convenes in December.

ROBBERS LEAVE WORK UNDONE

Start Work on Safe at Treton Postoffice but Fail to Finish.

TRENTON, Neb., Sept. 3.—(Special Telegram.)—An attempt was made last night to rob the postoffice here, which is in Thomas & Thomas' drug store, but for some reason it was not successful. Dr. A. H. Thomas is the postmaster. E. F. Hall, deputy postmaster, made the discovery when he went to distribute the morning mail and found a great variety of blacksmith's tools upon the floor by the safe, which were taken from the local shop. The instigators of the crime seemed to have had previous experience and knowledge of safes.

A hole was drilled in the safe door near the combination, the object seemingly to be to break the bar between the lock and combination so the safe would open readily, but the work was left undone. Quite an amount, including the stamps, was in the safe. A small amount was taken from the store drawer by being broken into and pried off. No clue is known. Some suspicious characters were in the city yesterday.

August Rainfall Breaks Record.

LINCOLN, Sept. 3.—(Special Telegram.)—The monthly report of the United States weather station shows that more rain fell during August in Nebraska than during any corresponding period in the history of the station. The total rainfall for the month in this county was 9.07 inches. The greatest previous rainfall for that month was 5.51 inches, in 1893. The average temperature during the month was 79 degrees, the highest since 1889.

Schools at Lyons Open.

LYONS, Neb., Sept. 3.—(Special.)—The Lyons public schools opened this morning with a good attendance, with the following teachers installed: Prof. J. F. Gaffney, principal; Mr. Shallcross of Bellevue college, assistant; Miss Grace Leith of Maple Creek, grammar department; Miss Jane Telyea of Tekamah, intermediate; Miss Alma Libbey of this city and Miss Grace Thomas of Coleridge, first and second primary.

Gage County Mortgage Record.

BEATRICE, Neb., Sept. 3.—(Special.)—The report of mortgages filed and released in Gage county during the month of August is as follow:

Farm mortgages filed, 33; amount, $46,917. City and town mortgages filed, 13; amount, $5,703. Number of farm mortgages released, 56; amount of farm mortgages released, $61,899. Number of city mortgages released, 17; amount, $7,572.

Nominations at Chappell.

CHAPPELL, Neb., Sept. 3.—(Special.)—At the republican convention, held here today, Simon Hopper was nominated for commissioner of the Second district, this being the third time Mr. Hopper has been before the people for this office and is nearly sure of election the third time.

George C. McAllister was nominated for county attorney, having no opposition.

Candidates Address Old Settlers.

NEBRASKA CITY, Sept. 3.—(Special Telegram.)—The citizens of this city and surrounding country observed Labor day today by attending the old settlers' picnic, which was held in Morton park. The attendance was very large. Hon. E. J. Burkett and G. W. Berge, candidates for congress from the First district, were present and delivered appropriate addresses.

Trenton Schools Open.

TRENTON, Neb., Sept. 3.—(Special.)—The Trenton schools opened this morning with a large attendance. Prof. W. Pate, late of Danbury, has charge of the schools and indications point to this year being one of the best ever held. Prof. W. L. French, principal for the last three years, has taken charge of the Orleans schools.

Raise Money for Park.

YORK, Neb., Sept. 3.—(Special.)—The York park committee has secured contributions for the purchase of a park to the amount of $600. Conditionally that the city raise the balance, the city officials, mayor and councilmen have agreed to pay out of their salaries $250. The balance will be raised in a short time.

Columbus Schools Open.

COLUMBUS, Neb., Sept. 1.—(Special.)—The city schools commenced the fiscal year this morning. A meeting was held in Superintendent Williams' office Saturday, at which time the teachers were assigned. Most of today was spent in organizing the classes and tomorrow the work will begin in earnest.

Nebraskans Go Visiting.

YORK, Neb., Sept. 3.—(Special.)—Sixty-two York people took advantage of the low excursion rates to attend the Grand Army of the Republic meeting at Chicago. A large number will avail themselves of the home visiting excursions to their old homes in Iowa and Illinois.

Diphtheria Discovered in Tilden.

TILDEN, Neb., Sept. 3.—(Special.)—A well defined case of diphtheria has appeared in the family of Albert Burke and the school trustees, acting on the advice of the Board of Health, ordered the public schools, which were opened this morning, closed indefinitely.

School House Doors Open.

PLATTSMOUTH, Neb., Sept. 3.—(Special.)—County Superintendent W. C. Smith stated that there were 100 public schools in Cass county and that fully three-fourths of those in the rural districts opened the fall term of school today.

Cuming County Mortgages.

WEST POINT, Neb., Sept. 3.—(Special.)—Cuming county is still keeping up the record in regard to the amount of mortgages on real property filed and released. For the week ending Saturday the amount filed was $2,000 and those released during the same time $7,400.

Want Court Term Continued.

BEATRICE, Neb., Spet. 3.—(Special.)—The fall term of the district court for this county will probably be continued over until after election. A largely signed petition to that effect is to be presented to the judges.

Nebraska News Notes.

A $2,000 schoolhouse will be erected at Ruskin.

A. H. Backhaus has taken charge of the Stuart Ledger.

The Fillmore county fair came out behind financially.

The Howell creamery has closed down until next spring.

The hay crop in Colfax county is reported to be poor.

The Nebraska City presbytery will meet at Auburn September 4.

An incendiary fire consumed the grain stacks of George Calvin, near McCook.

Chancellor Andrews of the state university will speak at the Furnas county fair on Children's day, September 14.

A. Wood River family was recently increased by twin girls. The family cow, not to be outdone, brought up from the pasture twin calves.

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STREET FAIR READY TO OPEN

North Platte Puts on Holiday Dress for Its Visitors.

LONG PROGRAM FOR THE OPENING DAY

Streets Are Gaily Decorated and Booths for Concessions and Exhibitions Are Nearly All Up and Ready for Business.

NORTH PLATTE, Neb., Sept. 3.—(Special.)—The city is filled today with the bustle of preparing for the street fair, which begins tomorrow morning and continues through the rest of the week. Most of the booths are already up and work on the others is being rushed with all dispatch.

The owners of concessions and entertainment exhibitions are all on the grounds and only a few of them have not yet finished putting up their canvas-covered frames.

City in Holiday Attire.

Visitors are beginning to arrive in small groups and the entire town is putting on a holiday appearance. The festive rubber ball attached to an elastic string, the noisy tinhorn, the attractive merry-go-round and other sure signs of public gaiety have been here for several days.

Al the store and shop windows have been handsomely decorated and present a most pleasing picture to the vision of the passerby. The finishing touches have also been put on a few of the booths and North Platte will soon disclose a carnival of color to the eye as well as of noise to the ear.

The program for Tuesday, the opening day, is as follows:

Railroad Men's Day: 9 a. m., Buffalo Bill Gun club trap shoot at Athletic park; 10 a. m., band concerts at stands Nos. 1 and 2; 11 a. m., grand fantastic parade, with 200 costumed characters on horseback; 1 p. m., greased pole contest at court house park; 1:30 p. m., concert by Gordon Cornet band; 1:30 p. m., catching greased pig, South Dewey street; 2 p. m., slack and barb wire walking and trategc acts by the world renowned Prof. Johnson, on Dewey street; 3 p. m., balloon ascension and parachute drop by Prof. Winterringer; 3:30 p. m., tennis, on North Platte singles, and semi-finals at Rectory courts; 4 p. m., the comedy acrobats, the Marteis, in revolving ladder, balancing ladder and other wonderful feats; 7:30 p. m., military exhibition drill by Company E, Second regiment, at postoffice square; 7:30 p. m., band concert at postoffice square.

ASSAULTS BLAIR COUNCILMAN

John Schmahling is in Critical Condition as Result of Brutal Attack.

BLAIR, Neb., Sept. 3.—(Special Telegram.)—At a late hour Sunday afternoon City Councilman John Schmahling was brutally assaulted and beaten over the head and kicked in the side by Archie McManigal. Both are residents of Blair. About four weeks ago Schmahling boxed Mc Manigal's boy's ears for throwing water on his little daughter from the fountain in the city park and for this McManigal sought revenge.

Schmahling has a broken nose and a deep cut on the nose above the broken place, the cut being made by some instrument. He is considered to be in a rather critical condition, suffering from severe bruises in the side over the heart. McManigal enjoys the unenviable reputation of an all-around saloon fighter, while Mr. Schmahling is one of the most respected citizens of Blair. As yet no arrests have been made and much indignation is felt by the citizens at the neglect.

FARMER DRAGGED TO DEATH

Nebraska Man is Killed in a Horrible Manner Under a Hay Rake.

LODGE POLE, Neb., Sept. 3.—(Special Telegram.)—L. D. Thomas was killed twenty miles north of here on the ranch of his son-in-law, Walter Bower, this morning. He was raking hay and the team ran away, throwing him under the rake and dragging him about 300 yards. Both legs were broken and his head crushed. He was dead when the team was caught. He was 76 years old and came here from Kansas four years ago.

GULL NAMED BY THE REPUBLICANS.

Unanimous Choice of Representative Convention Held at Wauneta.

WAUNETA, Neb., Sept. 3.—(Special Telegram.)—At the republican representative convention held here today J. W. Gull of Hayes Center, Neb., was the unanimous nominee of the party. Most of the delegates from the various counties were present and the convention was the most harmonious of any ever held in this section.

The convention selected the following committee: Chase county, R. A. Holmes of Champion; Hays county, E. L. Gandy of Hays Center; Hitchcock, J. H. Browne of Culbertson; Dundy county, J. S. West of Benkelman. Mr. Gull was given the privilege of selecting his chairman and secretary of the committee. He named W. V. Van Petten of Stratton as chairman and O. Hayward of Palisade as secretary.

Narrow Escape of Humboldt Man.

HUMBOLDT, Neb., Sept. 3.—(Special.)—Earl Byers, a young man of this city, had a narrow escape this morning from death as the result of a most peculiar and painful accident. While pushing a loaded wheelbarrow out of the yard he slipped and fell against the load, on the top of which were some broken fruit jars. The jagged pieces of glass cut a gash several inches long in his throat, missing the jugular vein by only half an inch. The wound was not deep enough to do much damage, although the surgeon had to take a half dozen stitches to close it. The victim was a nephew of Mrs. J. W. Campbell, with whom he made his home.

Tecumseh Students Commence School.

TECUMSEH, Neb., Sept. 3.—(Special.)—The Tecumseh schools opened for another year's work this morning. The attendance was good and it is believed will increase for the next few weeks. Following is the corps of instructors: Superintendent, C. N. Anderson; principal, C. C. Danforth; assistant principal, Miss Alma Hosick; room 5, Miss Alice Sanders; room 4, Miss Sarah Bowen; room 3, Miss Nora Douglas; room 2, Miss Idemna Swan; principal grammar school, B. E. Dill; assistant, Miss Helen Wright; west ward, Miss Nellie Schlee; east ward, Miss Margaret Scott.

Republican Club at Valentine.

VALENTINE, Neb., Sept. 3.—(Special Telegram.)—Republicans met tonight and organized a McKinley and Roosevelt club with a membership of 130. Following are the officers: E. J. Davenport, president; M. V. Nicholson, vice president; W. S. Barker, secretary; D. E. Sherman, treasurer; C. S. Reece, Charles Sparks and L. L. Bivens, executive committee. The meeting was harmonious in every respect and republicans are united and enthusiastic.

Labor Day at Plattsmouth.

PLATTSMOUTH, Neb., Sept. 3.—(Special.)—Labor day was generally observed in Plattsmouth as a legal holiday, the postoffice, county offices, etc., being closed. Neither the Evening News or the Daily Post were issued today. Old Glory floated to the breeze from the flagstaff on the court house all day.

Lincoln Observes the Day.

LINCOLN, Sept. 3.—(Special Telegram.)—State, county and city offices were closed today in recognition of Labor day. All banks and many of the business houses closed this afternoon. Catholic workingmen participated in a picnic at Lincoln park and were addressed by T. J. Doyle and J. B. Strode, but no public Labor day exercises were held.

Howard Speaks in Otoe.

NEBRASKA CITY, Sept. 3.—(Special Telegram.)—Ex-Congressman W. M. Howard of Alabama opened his campaign work tonight in this city in behalf of the mid-road populist cause, speaking to a large and enthusiastic crowd of sympathetic populists and pouring hot shot into the ranks of the fusionists. He will speak at Wahoo Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Republican Club at Adams.

ADAMS, Neb., Sept. 3.—(Special.)—A McKinley club is now being organized here. Sixty names are now on the list.

WEATHER MENU FOR TWO DAYS

Today is Likely to Be Warmer in Nebraska, While Wednesday is Somewhat Doubtful.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 3.—Forecast for Tuesday and Wednesday:

Nebraska—Fair Tuesday, warmer in eastern portion; Wednesday, fair, except probably showers in extreme northern portion; cooler in western portion; southerly winds, becoming variable.

Illinois—Fair Tuesday, warmer in northern portion; Wednesday, fair; winds becoming fresh southeasterly.

Arkansas—Generally fair Tuesday and Wednesday; warmer Tuesday; southerly winds.

Oklahoma and Indian Territory—Generally fair Tuesday and Wednesday; warmer Tuesday; southerly winds.

New Mexico—Showers Tuesday, warmer in northern portion; Wednesday, fair; southerly winds.

Western Texas—Fair Tuesday and Wednesday, probably preceded by showers Tuesday in western portion; variable winds.

Iowa—Warmer Tuesday; Wednesday, fair; variable winds.

Missouri—Fair Tuesday; warmer in northeast portion; Wednesday, fair; variable winds.

North Dakota—Fair and warmer Tuesday; Wednesday, cooler, probably showers, variable winds.

South Dakota—Fair Tuesday, warmer in eastern portion; Wednesday, cooler, with probably showers in western portion; southerly winds, becoming variable.

Kansas and Colorado—Fair Tuesday, warmer in western portions; Wednesday, fair; winds mostly southerly.

Wyoming—Fair Tuesday and Wednesday; winds mostly southerly.

Montana—Fair Tuesday, cooler in northern portion; Wednesday, fair in eastern portion; northerly winds.

Local Record.

OFFICE OF THE WEATHER BUREAU, OMAHA, Sept. 3.—Official record of temperature and precipitation, compared with the corresponding day of the last three years:

	1900.	1899.	1898.	1897.
Maximum temperature	82	91	88	91
Minimum temperature	56	66	73	71
Average temperature	69	78	80	82
Precipitation	.00	.00	.00	.00

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

Normal temperature for the day	70
Excess for the day	1
Total excess since March 1	505
Normal rainfall	.10 inch
Deficiency for the day	.10 inch
Total rainfall since March 1	20.99 inches
Deficiency since March 1	2.46 inches
Deficiency for cor. period 1899	2.56 inches
Deficiency for cor. period 1898	3.50 inches

Reprts from Stations at 8 P. M.

STATIONS AND STATE OF WEATHER.	Temperature at 8 p. m.	Maximum temperature	Precipitation
Omaha, clear	74	82	.00
North Platte, partly cloudy	82	84	.00
Cheyenne, cloudy	74	82	.00
Salt Lake, clear	78	86	T
Rapid City, cloudy	86	90	.00
Huron, clear	74	80	.00
Williston, clear	82	84	.00
Chicago, clear	68	70	.00
St. Louis, cloudy	78	82	.00
St. Paul, clear	72	76	.00
Davenport, clear	74	80	.00
Kansas City, clear	78	82	.00
Helena, clear	80	80	.00
Havre, clear	80	82	.00
Bismarck, partly cloudy	80	86	.00
Galveston, clear	84	88	.00

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