SMYTH SUES STARCH COMPANY

Attorney General Begins Proceedings Against Nebraska City Concern.

EFFORTS TO BREAK UP THE STARCH TRUST

Claims that the Argo Company in Transferring its Property Ceased to Perform Duties for Which it Was Incorporated in State.

LINCOLN, Sept. 19.—(Special.)—Attorney General Smyth is again swinging his trust-smashing bludgeon and today he aimed a ferocious blow at the Argo Manufacturing company of Nebraska City and the United Starch company of New Jersey. Through the agency of the supreme court he means to prevent the United Starch company, of which he claims the Argo Manufacturing company is a part, from doing business in Nebraska. It has been intimated that the commencement of the proceedings was provoked by J. Sterling Morton's criticism of Attorney General Smyth and his attitude toward the trusts. The attorney general declares that the United Starch company was formed for the purpose of controlling the starch market and in his petition he alleges that Carl and Joy Morton are among its principal stockholders.

The information filed by Attorney General Smyth is in the nature of a quo warranto and in substance charges that on or about August 28, 1899, the Argo Manufacturing company of Nebraska City, the American Glucose company and the Oswego Starch company of New York state and the Sioux City (Ia.) Starch Works company formed an illegal combination for the purpose of controlling and creating a monopoly of the starch business throughout the United States. The supreme court is asked to adjudge and decree that the defendant United States Starch company is an unlawful trust and that it be enjoined from the further transaction of business in Nebraska.

Contents of the Petition.

The petition opens by reciting that the Argo Manufacturing company is a corporation organized under the laws of Nebraska and that from the time of its creation on June 2, 1894, until it became a part of the trust it was engaged in the business for which it was incorporated—the manufacturing of starch and other grain products and the owning and feeding of stock. After alleging that on August 28 it became a part of the United Starch company, the attorney general exhibits a section of the articles of incorporation of the latter, which provides that the objects for which the corporation was formed are the manufacture of corn or other grain products and otherwise dealing in starch, glucose and dextrine, in buying, selling and feeding cattle; purchasing, erecting and operating box factories and planing mills; also to purchase, sell or assign shares of the capital stock, or bonds, of any other corporation. These articles of incorporation were filed with the secretary of state in New Jersey.

The attorney general next asserted that in violation of law and in abuse of its corporate powers the Argo Manufacturing company sold and transferred to the United Starch company all of its personal and real property, including its business and rights of every kind, for the consideration of $125,000, and by doing so ceased to do any of the business or perform any of the duties for which it was organized and which were imposed by its articles of incorporation.

Nature of the Octopus.

Directing his attention to all of the companies that are alleged to have entered the combination, the attorney general asserts that some time prior to August 28, the exact date of which he is unable to give, Joy Morton, as president, and A. T. Richardson as secretary, both of the Argo Manufacturing company, and T. P. Kingsford, Hiram Duryea, J. D. Higgins, Gilbert S. Graves, Charles R. Flint and J. C. Young, owners or stockholders of the Oswego Starch company, the American Glucose company and the Sioux City (Iowa) Starch company, formed an association with the illegal intent and purposes of preventing and precluding competition, to create a monopoly in their business throughout the United States, to fix the price of their products, to prevent others from conducting or carrying on the starch business and to create and carry out restrictions in trade. The petitioner states in this connection that the association thus formed constitutes a trust within the meaning of the law and that its acts, intents and purposes constitutes an unlawful conspiracy against business and trade. The petitioner further avers that for the purpose of more effectually carrying out and executing the objects and purposes the members of the association formed a corporation under the laws of New Jersey and fixed the capital stock at $6,000,000, which was divided into 60,000 shares of $100 each and in pursuit of their unlawful intentions arbitrarily fixed the price of starch and other products manufactured by the various companies.

The court is next informed that the ostensible incorporators of the United Starch company were Samuel B. Lawrence, Henry G. Everdell, Leavitt J. Hunt, George E. Spencer and Oscar E. Guberman, but that all of these men simply acted for other members of the association and received only two shares of stock each. The officers of the company are named as follows: T. P. Kingsford, president; Hiram Duryea, first vice president; Carl Morton, second vice president; J. D. Higgins, secretary and treasurer, and Gilbert S. Graves, H. H. Duryea, Charles R. Flint, J. C. Young, Carl Morton, Joy Morton, Hiram Duryea, John D. Higgins and T. P. Kingsford, board of directors.

Attacks the Organization.

Another alleged illegal act is cited in the execution of an agreement by which it was provided that all the property, business and rights of the various companies should be appraised and that each stockholder or owner in the companies be given a share of stock in the combination equal in value to his original interest as fixed by the appraisal.

Concerning the capitalization of the company it is alleged that of the $6,000,000 of capital stock issued only $1,000,000 was paid for in cash, the balance being paid for by constituent companies of the trust by conveying to the United Starch company all of their property and rights of every kind. This transfer, it is alleged, was made in pursuance of the illegal agreement and is null and void and that therefore the title and right of possession to all of the property transferred lies with the companies that formed the combination.

In closing the attorney general asks that the agreement by which the Argo Manufacturing company sold and transferred its property and rights be adjudged not to have passed, but that the same are still, with the right to immediate possession thereof, in the defendant, the Argo Manufacturing company, and further that the United Starch company be excluded from doing business in Nebraska.

The supreme court on application of Mrs. A. M. Davis today allowed an alternative writ of mandamus compelling the auditor to issue warrants on vouchers for supplies furnished the Home for the Friendless in this city. The claims amount to nearly $5,000 and are for supplies furnished the institution during the Holcomb administration.

The prosecuting attorney of Douglas county was today granted premission to file information against Charles Moore, who was tried and acquitted on the charge of murdering John D. Molins in Omaha, July 10, 1899. The proceedings are reopened for the purpose of deciding several legal questions and not with the intention of again placing Moore in jeopardy.

Court Takes a Recess.

The supreme court adjourned at 5 o'clock this afternoon after handing down decisions in twenty-one cases, all of which were submitted at the last term. The decision and sentence of Cardwell by the district court of Sheridan county was affirmed. This finally disposes of that case and will result in Cardwell being immediately committed to the penitentiary. He was found guilty on the charge and sentenced, but the case was appealed to the supreme court on error.

Rehearings were granted in the cases of The Bee Publishing company against the World Herald and Douglas county against Albyn Frank. The application of Attorney General Smyth for an order allowing him to examine the books and records of the Standard Oil company was overruled for the reason that it was prematurely presented.

During the morning session the cases of the State against the Burlington and Elkhorn railroads were joined and submitted on oral argument. John M. Woolworth presented the case for the defending companies and Attorney General Smyth argued on behalf of the state.

Decisions were rendered in the following cases: Clifford against Hall County, reversed and dismissed; Chamberlain Banking House against Woolsey, reversed and remanded; Flynn against Riley, affirmed, Sullivan not sitting; Trester against Pike, remittitur; Bangs against Gray, affirmed; Carstens against Eller, affirmed; McClave against McClave, affirmed; Hyde against Hyde, affirmed; Passumpsic Savings Bank against Maulick, affirmed; Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company against Burr, reversed and remanded, with direction to cause receiver to collect rents's remitted; Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company against Burr, affirmed; Persons against McDonald, affirmed; Newman against Phillips, affirmed; School District Central City against Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad Company, affirmed, Sullivan, J., not sitting; Bolin against Fines, reversed and dismissed, Sullivan, J., dissenting; Schaberg against McDonald, affirmed; Williams against State, reversed and remanded; Hahn against State, affirmed; State ex rel Seth Thomas Clock Company against Board of County Commissioners, Cass county, reversed and remanded, with directions to issue peremptory writ of mandamus; Brownell against Fuller, affirmed; Cardwell against State, affirmed; Barker against Wheeler, remittitur.

Orders on Motions.

The following orders on motions were made by the court during the sitting today: Citizens' State Bank against Iddings, motion for leave to file supplemental answer overruled; Stuart against Burchan, motion to revive overruled without prejudice to a future application; Philadelphia Mortgage & Trust Company against Oyler, motion to dismiss overruled, motion for leave to file additional transcript as part of record sustained; Grant County against Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad Company, motion to dismiss sustained; Stevens against Hencau, motion to dismiss sustained; Toworx against McFarland, leave granted to file amended petition in error; Whalen against Kitchen, motion to dismiss sustained; Sanders against Deneese, conditional order of dismissal made absolute unless briefs are served and filed by October 2, 1900; Schmuck against Hill, motion to dismiss proceedings in error overruled; Whalen against Kitchen, motion to dismiss appeal overruled; Deering against Grebe, motion to substitute party, appellee, allowed; Bankers Building and Loan Association against Ferlander, motion to dismiss appeal sustained; Batcheller against Ashland Mill and Elevator Company, motion to reinstate denied; Batcheller against Ashland Mill and Elevator Company, motion to reinstate denied; Armstrong against Mayer, motion for mandamus on justice of the peace denied without prejudice; Brown against Sloan, motion to quash bill of exceptions sustained; Moore against Jacobs, motion to strike out part of record sustained; Geos against Krug Brewing Company, order of June 19, 1900, made absolute unless plaintiff's briefs are served and filed by October 10, 1900, motion to consolidate sustained; Fisk against Thorpe, motion to quash bill of exceptions sustained, motion to strike transcript overruled; Thurman against Omaha, motion to dismiss denied; Warner against Ferres, alleged bill of exceptions stricken from record.

New Factory in Nebraska.

SOUTH SIOUX CITY, Neb., Sept. 19.—(Special.)—This city has secured a fanning mill factory which will employ twenty men and will start about October 1. The officers of the company are: C. H. Lewis, president; Henry Wood, vice president; J. N. Woodward, secretary; Pierce Ratleff, treasurer, and O. B. Orr, general manager.

County Fair Opens.

WAHOO, Neb., Sept. 19.—(Special.)—The Saunders county fair opened in this city Tuesday and will continue three days. The exhibits are not numerous, but very fine as to quality. The attendance is fair today and if the weather continues fine it will be much larger tomorrow and Friday.

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POYNTER WINS AT BEATRICE

Fusion Quarrels Over State Institutions Are Probably at an End.

LANG WILL GIVE WAY TO DR DEARING

Former Superintendent Thanks the People of Beatrice and the State for Consideration Shown Him—States His Plans for Future.

BEATRICE, Neb., Sept. 19.—(Special Telegram.)—After two days of legal sparring between Poynter and Lang's attorneys and listening to testimony which was practically a rehash of the former airings of the fracas at the Institute for Feeble Minded, Judge Stull granted the writ of mandamus prayed for by Poynter and his attorneys.

The writ, which was published in Sunday's Bee, asked that Lang be required to vacate the institution as superintendent immediately to Dr. Dearing. The formal transfer will occur tomorrow, when Lang will turn over the keys to Dr. Dearing, closing as far as the courts are concerned the fight between Poynter and Lang.

Dr. Lang stated this evening that he was ready to go and that he would make no attempt to override the court's decision.

"I am a law-abiding citizen and will give possession peacefully now that I am required by the court to do so. I would have gone long ago had Poynter only acted the man. I want to thank the people of Beatrice and of the state for the kind consideration shown me in this matter and to say that while I am no longer superintendent of the institution and practically not in politics I intend to take a little interest in the campaign from now until election."

LINCOLN, Sept. 19.—(Special Telegram.)—Secretary Fred Jewell left tonight for Beatrice to represent Governor Poynter in the execution of the writ of mandamus against Benjamin F. Lang, issued today by Judge Stull of the district court in Beatrice. Both Governor Poynter and Dr. Dearing are out of the city and cannot get to Beatrice until tomorrow evening.

PLAN FOR ROOSEVELT'S COMING.

Holt County Republicans Will Welcome Him at O'Neill.

O'NEILL, Neb., Sept. 19.—(Special.)—The McKinley and Roosevelt club of O'Neill held a meeting last night to make arrangements for the Roosevelt meeting here on October 4. If reports from the country are to be relied upon there will be a very large crowd here to greet Governor Roosevelt.

The World-Herald scare head special in last Sunday's issue announcing the political flop of "Colonel" Neil Brennan was read at the meeting and created much merriment. The Herald has announced Mr. Brennan's flop no less than four or five times within as many weeks and it has got to be a standing joke here, not only among republicans, but populists as well. Mr. Brennan's conversion to the Bryan cause is of no recent date. He voted for Holcomb last fall and has not affiliated politically with republicans for a number of years. He was for silver four years ago, although he supported McKinley in a perfunctory manner. One of the first symptoms of his having become a full-fledged populist, and presumably when he first "saw the way the trusts that deal in wire, nails, oils and many other things were plundering his customers and gradually making every business man practically an errand boy for the trusts"—was some time ago, when he was circulating a petition among the merchants of this city, trying to get them to raise the price of gasoline from 20 cents to 25 cents per gallon.

The republicans of this county are shedding no tears over the loss of Mr. Brennan and do not feel, as the Herald states, "that the bottom has fell out of the old ship in this county."

The republican vote in this county will be larger this year than it has been any year since 1892 and for every man the fusionists can point to as having voted for McKinley in 1896 and now supporting Bryan there can be found ten who supported Bryan in 1896 and are now supporting McKinley.

As to the alleged conversation as stated by the Herald as having taken place between Mr. Dietrich and Mr. Brennan, your correspondent took the trouble to interview the only two men present besides Senator Prout, candidate for attorney general, at the meeting of Messrs. Dietrich and Brennan and both pronounced the alleged conversation as stated in the Herald as a mess of falsehoods, no such conversation having taken place. One of the men stated: "The Herald insulted the intelligence of its readers when it presumed that people would believe a candidate for the office of governor would make any such statements as those credited to Mr. Dietrich."

Norris Brown at Beatrice.

BEATRICE, Neb., Sept. 19.—(Special Telegram.)—Hon. Norris Brown of Kearney spoke to a large and enthusiastic audience at the Auditorium in this city tonight. The large hall was packed to suffocation and the hallways and entrance was a solid mass of people assembled to hear the speaker. Mr. Brown formally opened the campaign for the republicans in this county. A grand parade and torch-light procession preceded the speaking. The crowd that attempted to get into the Auditorium to hear the speaker tonight was nearly as large as the one assembled to hear Bryan when he spoke here a short time ago.

Source of Campaign Material.

PIERCE, Neb., Sept. 19.—(Special.)—The World-Herald of Thursday of last week contained a dispatch from Plainview giving a glowing account of the Poynter rally at that place the evening previous, in which it said that after the speech some farmers wearing Dietrich buttons tore them off and joined the Bryan club. The next issue of the World-Herald contained an interview from Fred Jewell, the governor's private secretary, in which he reiterates what was sent by the fusion correspondent. August Millnitz, the populist commissioner, was in this town a couple of days afterward and C. A. Reimers asked him if any Dietrich farmers tore of their buttons. Mr. Millnitz said: "No, I didn't see anyone tear off their buttons." It might also be added that the populist editor of the Plainview News failed to say anything about Dietrich farmers tearing off their buttons in his report of the meeting, so the people down here believe it was nothing but a lie, pure and simple, sent to bolster up the failing cause of fusion in Nebraska. Thus far not a republican has espoused the cause of Bryanarchy, while scores of fusionists have announced that they will support McKinley and Dietrich.

Republicans at Wayne Organize.

WAYNE, Neb., Sept. 19.—(Special Telegram.)—A McKinley and Roosevelt club was organized here tonight with about 150 members enrolled. Charles Beebe was elected president, Grant Mears vice president, Fred French secretary and D. S. McVicker treasurer. An executive committee was also chosen. A large room has been engaged for quarters during the campaign and it is expected that the club membership will be increased to over 300.

Burkett Speaks at Sterling.

STERLING, Neb., Sept. 19.—(Special Telegram.)—This has been a great day here for the republicans. Congressman Burkett came in on the afternoon train and was met at the depot by the Sterling band and fifty members of the McKinley and Roosevelt club on horseback, who escorted him to the hotel and tonight Tyler opera house was packed beyond standing room. In his speech he discussed the issues in a very plain and satisfactory manner which seemed to be pleasing to all and no doubt made many votes. The Glee club accompanied him and favored the audience with several appropriate songs.

Republicans Unite for Work.

GENEVA, Neb., Sept. 19.—(Special.)—The republicans met in convention yesterday and organized by electing Robert J. Sloan chairman, H. C. Bruner, secretary and John Bosserman assistant secretary. The following persons were put in nomination: F. W. Sloan, county attorney; Hon. Charles A. Fowler and George Swartz, representatives. The following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

Be it resolved by the republicans of Fillmore county in convention assembled, that we congratulate ourselves and our fellow countrymen generally upon the superb nominations of the Philadelphia republican convention in renominating for president the redeemer of every ante-election pledge, the opener of mills, the stimulator of markets—that president who has given to America prosperity at home and prestige abroad—William McKinley, and further, in naming for vice president that stalwart American type, a western citizen by choice, the greatest living governor by election, Theodore Roosevelt, that convention inspired confidence in all the people and made November's coming verdict—"Victory for McKinley and Roosevelt a certainty."

We endorse the excellent platform adopted at Philadelphia and will support its candidates without waiting for the aid or consent of any convention on earth.

We endorse the strong and statesmanlike platform adopted at the recent Nebraska state convention and the candidates nominated thereon; and,

Be is further resolved, That we pledge ourselves to do all in our power to elect our ticket, national, state, district and county, to the end that the first four years of the coming century may be as beneficent to the laborer and farmer as were the closing four years of the nineteenth century.

Republican Primary at Leigh.

LEIGH, Neb., Sept. 19.—(Special.)—The republican primary was held in this precinct last night. Delegates to the county convention were elected and a precinct ticket nominated. The nominations were as follows: Henry Neuhaus, road overseer; W. J. Pauck, assessor, and Anton Nelson, constable. After the primary adjourned a republican club of seventy-five members was organized. This is the first political meeting of the campaign and there were on the republican roll six names who supported Bryan in 1896. Charles H. Stockdale was elected president of the club, Julius Pieper secretary, and V. W. Graves treasurer. The club is in readiness to receive the delegates and speakers who will be present at the county convention to be held in Leigh next Friday. Hon. C. H. Dietrich, candidate for governor; Hon. John B. Hays, candidate for congress from the Third district, and Hon. Church Howe Fitch of Chicago are billed to speak at the convention and republican rally in the evening.

Wakefield Republicans Organize.

WAKEFIELD, Neb., Sept. 19.—(Special.)—A McKinley and Roosevelt club was organized here last evening with J. O. Milligan as president, William M. Wheeler, secretary and D. Matthewson, treasurer. The meeting was enthusiastic and 150 members are enrolled as a starter, which number will be largely increased. Hon. John R. Hays, the next congressman from this district, was present and in an hour's speech completely punctured the policy of the populized democratic party. Captain J. H. Brown, candidate for state senator, also addressed the meeting and starts today to make a precinct canvass of the Eighth senatorial district. Republicans expect to carry Dixon county for every man on the ticket by good, safe majorities.

Chatlin Speaks at Lyons.

LYONS, Neb., Sept. 19.—(Special.)—Hon. R. H. Chatlin of Terre Haute, Ind., Monday evening addressed the largest gathering of people that has met here so far for a campaign rally. Mr. Chatlin was here under the auspices of the Roosevelt Rough Riders' club and addressed the meeting, which was held in the opera house and was filled to overflowing.

Mr. Chatlin confined his remarks to the issues that have been brought out by the fusionists in this campaign. Imperialism, the speaker said, in the minds of those who wished to be rightly informed would on investigation prove a bugaboo, which was sprung by the fusionists at this time wholly to mislead.

Andrews Speaks at Harvard.

HARVARD, Neb., Sept. 19.—(Special.)—At the Stokes' opera house last evening a large audience greeted Hon. W. E. Andrews, who gave one of his plain and telling talks on the present issues of the day. Mr. Andrewes in his two hours' address could only touch on some of the leading "isms" in Bryan's "list of paramount issues," but those he did touch upon were shown to be without substance and gotten up for political purposes only. Most excellent music was furnished by the band and male quartet, with good delegations from other towns, among which were candidates on the legislative ticket.

Republican Caucus at Schuyler.

SCHUYLER, Neb., Sept. 19.—(Special.)—The republicans of the city and precinct of Schuyler held their caucus in the armory last night, which was held for the purpose of selecting delegates to the county convention at Leigh Friday, September 21. The attendance was very large and the selection of delegates much easier than it was supposed it would be to get thirty-one who would be willing to go twenty-six miles across a hilly country to attend a county convention. The delegation will be accompanied by the best band in the city.

Fusion Convention at Clarkson.

HOWELL, Neb., Sept. 19.—(Special Telegram.)—The fusion convention met at Clarkson today. John C. Sprecher was nominated for state representative, C. J. Phelps for county attorney, John S. Craig was renominated for commissioner of the Third district. Sprecher is at present deputy state oil inspector for the Third district and at one time was a member of the state senate. Phelps was a candidate for supreme judge in 1896 on the gold bug ticket.

Republican Club is Large.

CEDAR RAPIDS, Neb., Sept. 19.—(Special.)—The republicans of Cedar Rapids met to complete the organization of a McKinley and Roosevelt League Republican club. There are now 176 members of the club. There will be 250 or 300 join the club. We have a glee club and they furnished the meeting with some good campaign songs. Every republican is enthusiastic and ready to help elect the ticket.

Women Work for McKinley.

WAHOO, Neb., Sept. 19.—(Special.)—The Ladies' Ida McKinley Republican club met and elected the following officers for the ensuing year and organized for the campaign: Mrs. J. A. Anderson, president; Mrs. John Holmes, vice president; Mrs. T. J. Pickett, secretary; Miss Ethel Collins, treasurer; E. E. Lyle, drillmaster, and Miss Carrie Cook, assistant.

Republican Convention Called.

SOUTH SIOUX CITY, Neb., Sept. 19.—(Special.)—The republican county convention has been called to meet at Dakota City September 29 to place in nomination a candidate for county attorney. The aspirants for the office are Fred Wood and Judge R. E. Evans, both of Dakota City.

Excursion to Hear Roosevelt.

WYMORE, Neb., Sept. 19.—(Special.)—Arrangements have been perfected with the Burlington road for a special train from here to Beatrice on October 1, at which time Governor Roosevelt will speak there. There is much enthusiasm here over the prospect of an opportunity to hear Roosevelt and the present indications are that more than 1,000 people from this city and surrounding country will go into Beatrice on this train.

Fusion Conventions at Clarkson.

SCHUYLER, Neb., Sept. 19.—(Special Telegram.)—The democratic and populist conventions of Colfax county were held at Clarkson today, all but one precinct being represented in the former and all in the latter. John C. Sprecher of Schuyler was nominated by the populists for representative, John S. Craig for commissioner of District No. 1. C. J. Phelps of Schuyler was nominated by the democrats for county attorney. Nominations in each convention was ratified by the other. Senatorial delegates were chosen and it was voted in each convention to support democrats from Platte county. Congressman Robinson and J. J. Carey, fusion candidate for commissioner of public lands and buildings, were present, the former addressing a mass meeting after the convention was over.

Fusion Primaries Held.

HUMBOLDT, Neb., Sept. 19.—(Special.)—The local fusionists held the precinct primaries last night and the first blood in the scrap between ex-Mayor A. K. Fellers and J. H. Beery for the representative nomination was won by the former, who secured the delegation from this precinct. Mr. Beery lives just outside the city limits in Humboldt township and will secure the delegation from there probably at the caucus tonight. Friends of each candidate are active, but as they are located so closely together geographically only one can win, and the contest will have to be decided by the county convention next week. Both of the aspirants are old-line democrats, Mr. Beery being rather on the socialist order.

Republican Rally and Barbecue.

TECUMSEH, Neb., Sept. 19.—(Special.)—All roadways led to Cook yesterday, the occasion being the big republican rally and barbecue. The speakers were Congressmen Burkett, C. H. Dietrich, F. N. Prout, Charles Weston, William Stueffer and others, and music was rendered by the Tecumseh band and a male quartet from Lincoln. It was a big event and the cause of republicanism was given added strength in consequence.

Plattsmouth Schools Open.

PLATTSMOUTH, Neb., Sept. 19.—(Special.)—The Plattsmouth public schools opened this week with an enrollment of 1,150 pupils. In the High school building there were 263, an increase of 33 per cent over that of last year. The teachers in the High school are: Miss Ollie Cass, Mary Jackson, Mary Davis, Harriet Packard and Miss Woods. In the Central school they are: Bird Baker, Myrtle Levings, Margaret Farley, Fern Miller, Maud Mason, Gertrude Foxwell, Emma Tresham, Elizabeth Beach, Anna Heisel and Laura Kinkead. In the Columbian building are: Mrs. Thomas, Mabel Hayes, Gene Marshall, Nettie Hawksworth: First ward, Rose Wintersteen, east Second ward, Mrs. Bartlett; west Second ward, Miss Swoboda; east Fourth ward, Mattie Williams and Lottie Smith; South Park, Bertha Kennedy; Mercerville, Mary Trility. Superintendent McHugh predicts that this will be the most successful school year in Plattsmouth.

Many Present at Conference.

NORFOLK, Neb., Sept. 19.—(Special Telegram.)—The conference opened this morning at 8:30, Bishop S. M. Merrill of Chicago presiding. After administration of the Lord's supper the roll call was made, showing seventy-five present out of the 135 conference members in the district. More delegates arrived during the day. J. B. Priest of Albion was elected secretary and J. P. Yost of Columbus, statistical secretary.

After the appointment of standing committees on church extension, education, missions, Sabbath schools and kindred subjects H. C. Jenning of Cincinnati, of the Methodist Book concern, addressed the conference, after which Presiding Elders D. K. Tyndall of the Grand Island district and William Gorst of the Neligh district gave reports of the work in their districts. Rev. Hart followed with a statement of the work of the Church Insurance association. The afternoon was devoted to statistical reports of membership, admissions, funds raised and work done in all departments of the different churches.

Charged with Horse Stealing.

LEXINGTON, Neb., Sept. 19.—(Special.)—Bud Blunck, an alleged horsethief, was captured today eighteen miles northeast of Lexington. It is stated that he took the horses from the L. S. Blenkiron ranch, sixteen miles south of Atkinson. The foreman of the ranch trailed him to Broken Bow and there found he had a brother near Lexington. He then came by way of Grand Island to Lexington and the deputy sheriff, James McMinn, went with him to the brother's and the foreman of the ranch identified Blunck as the one who had taken the horse.

Bitten by a Spider.

CHADRON, Neb., Sept. 19.—(Special.)—R. K. Purns, one of the wealthiest men of this region and one whom Dawes county is much indebted to for the interest and money he has put into irrigation, was seriously, if not fatally, bitten by a spider Monday night while asleep on his ranch east of town. He was at once removed to the Chadron hospital, where it was found that he had been bitten in three different places over the liver. It was at first thought that he could not live, but at a later hour there is some hope for his recovery.

Rain Does Much Damage.

SOUTH SIOUX CITY, Neb., Sept. 19.—(Special.)—One of the heaviest rains of the season fell here today, doing great damage, especially to those who were in the midst of haying. The rain commenced at 7 o'clock in the morning and continued until noon. After the storm The Bee correspondent drove to the large swamp south of town, which contains 13,000 acres of hay, and this was completely covered with water to a depth of four feet. This rain is felt mostly by the farmers who winter thousands of head of cattle every winter.

Blair's Help for Galveston.

BLAIR, Neb., Sept. 19.—(Special Telegram.)—The Galveston relief fund raised on subscription by William McCormick, Dr. W. H. Palmer and the Woman's Aid society amounts tonight to $173.

The Washington county fair opened here today and will continue for three days. Owing to threatening rain yesterday and this morning many entries were delayed until today. The track is in good condition and the display of farm products and stock are good.

New Building at Wymore.

WYMORE, Neb., Sept. 19.—(Special.)—Work was begun here this week on a new brick business block in the heart of the city, which is being erected by Mrs. C. E. Jones of Omaha, who owns considerable property here. The building is to be 25x136 and two stories high and will be modern in every respect. It is the intention to have the building ready for occupancy by December 15.

Prepare for Street Fair.

WAYNE, Neb., Sept. 19.—(Special Telegram.)—Extensive preparations have already been made for the street fair and it is expected that several thousand people will be here during the carnival. There will be many attractions. The work of building booths is in rapid progress.

Hastings is Liberal.

HASTINGS, Neb., Sept. 19.—(Special.)—In pursuance to a call by Mayor Fisher a mass meeting was held in the court house Monday night to appoint committees to raise funds and clothing for the Galveston sufferers. The committees were out but a short time when they had secured nearly $300. It is also understood that several large boxes of clothing will be sent from here.

Wahoo Raising Fund.

WAHOO, Neb., Sept. 19.—(Special.)—Wahoo is raising money for the Galveston sufferers. Mayor Heaton called a meeting of the citizens and the following soliciting committee was named: Charles Perky, Otto F. Steen and H. Gilkeson.

Peruna Cures Summer Catarrh.

Anna P. Nichols, Vice Grand Dexter Rebekah Lodge, in a letter from 906 Main street, Kansas City, Mo., says:

Anna P. Nichols, Kansas City, Mo.

"My friends recommended Peruna so highly that I purchased a bottle to try it and have never been sorry.

"At times my system became entirely run down. I could not sleep well and lost my appetite. Since I have used Peruna I feel like a different woman and hardly know what it is to be sick. I congratulate you on the merits of your wonderful medicine and wish you continued success."

Mrs. Greger, Bagby, Tex., says: "Peruna has done so much good for me that I am able to do my own work."

H. A. Scott, Burt, Tenn., writes:

"I feel very thankful to my Maker and your great medicine that I am cured. I would not be without Peruna in the house."

Miss Elizabeth L. Williams writes from Gellad, Tex.:

"I wish to tell you what a great friend I have found in Peruna. A year ago I was taken with the dreadful disease, catarrh. At the time I did not know what it was. I tried everything that I could think of, or that anyone would tell me. I consulted two doctors but neither of them did me any good, and I was constantly growing worse all the time.

"I was in college at the time, and after coming home I found in our house a Peruna almanac, and looking over it I found questions that fitted my case. I wrote Dr. Hartman at once. He wrote me that I was suffering from catarrh, and told me what to do.

"I have taken several bottles of Peruna and now I am entirely well. Peruna has not only cured me of catarrh, but also of female complaints, of which I suffered a great deal. I shall always keep Peruna, and I do highly recommend it to every one in the land, especially to young girls and women.

"I feel that I owe a world of gratitude to Dr. Hartman and Peruna."

A constant drain of mucus from the system is known as systemic catarrh. This may occur from any organ of the body. Systemic catarrh is more common in spring and summer than in the winter. A course of Peruna now will do much more good than in the inclement weather of winter.

"Health and Beauty" sent free to women only, by Dr. Hartman, Columbus, Ohio.

MUNICIPAL LEAGUE MEETS

Sixth Annual Convention at Milwaukee Opens with a Good Attendance.

MILWAUKEE, Sept. 19.—The sixth annual meeting of the Municipal league opened here today with 100 delegates in attendance. In the absence of President James C. Carter of New York First Vice President Charles Richardson of Philadelphia presided.

This convention is the starting point of active work in the adoption of the so-called municipal program adopted at the Columbus convention last year. The program recommends the adoption of three branches of activity—enlarging the power of cities by providing so far as possible for home rule, enforcing carefully devised restrictions against the abuses of municipal powers and regulating the granting of franchises.

Welcoming addresses were delivered on behalf of the state and city, which were responded to by Charles J. Bonaparte of Baltimore, chairman of the executive committee.

Clinton R. Woodruff of Philadelphia, secretary of the National Municipal league, then read a paper on "A Year's Municipal Development." The report of the treasurer, George Burnham, jr., of Philadelphia, was then submitted.

The following officers were elected late this afternoon: President, James C. Carter, New York; first vice president, Charles Richardson, Philadelphia; second vice president, Samuel B. Capen, Boston; third vice president, Thomas M. Strong, Portland, Ore.; secretary, Clinton Rogers Woodruff, Philadelphia; treasurer, George Burnham, jr., Philadelphia. Charles J. Bonaparte of Baltimore was elected chairman of the executive committee.

Tonight, designated as "Wisconsin night," was devoted to a large public meeting at the Pabst theater.

Stockman Kills Father and Son.

ARDMORE, I. T., Sept. 19.—At Iona, a small place east of here yesterday, Postmaster Dismuke was shot and instantly killed by Sam Ashton, a well-to-do stockman. Dismuke's son rushed to his father's aid and was also shot. He died today. Ashton is under arrest.

FORECAST OF THE WEATHER

Prognostication for Thursday and Friday is for Fair Weather, with Variable Winds.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 19.—Forecast for Thursday and Friday:

Nebraska and Kansas—Fair Thursday and Friday; variable winds.

Illinois—Fair in western, clear in eastern portion Thursday; Friday, fair; fresh south to west winds.

Western Texas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Indian Territory and Arkansas—Generally fair Thursday and Friday; variable winds.

Iowa—Fair Thursday and Friday, probably warmer Friday; westerly winds becoming variable.

Missouri—Generally fair Thursday and Friday; variable winds.

North Dakota and South Dakota—Fair and warmer Thursday; Friday, fair; variable winds.

Colorado—Fair and warmer Thursday; Friday, fair; variable winds.

Montana—Fair Thursday and Friday; warmer Thursday in southern and eastern and western portions; westerly winds.

Local Record.

OFFICE OF THE WEATHER BUREAU, OMAHA, Sept. 19.—Official record of temperature and precipitation compared with the corresponding day of the last three years:

	1900.	1899.	1898.	1897.
Maximum temperature	72	86	80	76
Minimum temperature	55	66	62	59
Average temperature	64	76	71	67
Precipitation	.37	.00	T	.01

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

Normal temperature for the day	62
Excess for the day	2
Total excess since March 1	560
Normal rainfall	.10 inch
Excess for the day	.27 inch
Total rainfall since March 1	22.83 inches
Deficiency since March 1	1.61 inches
Deficiency for cor. period 1899	3.84 inches
Deficiency for cor. period 1898	2.16 inches

Reports from Stations at 8 p. m.

STATIONS AND STATE OF WEATHER.	Temperature at 8 p. m.	Maximum temperature.	Minimum temperature.	Precipitation.
Omaha, clear	66	72	60	
North Platte, clear	62	70	46	
Cheyenne, clear	58	82	50	
Salt Lake, clear	64	68	50	
Rapid City, partly cloudy	52	80	52	.12
Huron, cloudy	52	56	50	T
Williston, partly cloudy	50	52	44	.04
Chicago, cloudy	62	62	50	.10
St. Louis, cloudy	70	70	52	.32
St. Paul, cloudy	54	58	42	.12
Davenport, partly cloudy	62	66	50	.30
Kansas City, clear	74	80	52	.12
Helena, clear	52	64	40	.00
Havre, clear	66	68	50	.00
Bismarck, cloudy	48	48	40	.06
Galveston, cloudy	84	88	74	T

T indicates trace of precipitation.

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