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**NEWS OF A WEEK  
TOLD IN BRIEF**

**MOST IMPORTANT EVENTS GATHERED FROM ALL POINTS OF THE GLOBE.**

**GIVEN IN ITEMIZED FORM**

Notable Happenings Prepared for the Perusal of the Busy Man—Summary of the Latest Home and Foreign Notes.

**PERSONAL.**

Secretary of Agriculture Wilson started on an extensive tour of the west in the interest of the work of his department.

Congressman James S. Sherman arrived at Utica, N. Y., and was given a great welcome, with music, fireworks, parade and speechmaking.

Herbert J. Hagood, president of "Hagoods, Incorporated," the brain brokers at 305 Broadway, New York, and Ralph L. Kilby, Mr. Hagood's private secretary and a director of Hagoods, were arrested on charges of fraud.

Joel Chandler Harris (Uncle Remus) is seriously ill at "Snap Bean Farm," his home in the suburbs of Atlanta.

Commander Robert E. Peary completed his plans for another attempt to reach the north pole.

Lieut. Gov. George H. Prouty was nominated for governor of Vermont by the Republican state convention.

William H. Taft cleaned up the business of his office as secretary of war, turned over the portfolio to Luke Wright, and turned his attention to the presidential campaign.

Bert M. Fernald of Poland, Me., was nominated for governor of Maine by the Republican state convention.

Ferdinand Dudenhofer, formerly a state tax collector in New Orleans, was found guilty of embezzling about \$66,000 of state funds.

Robert Jardine, ten years old, is accused at Lesueur, Minn., of the deliberate murder of another child.

Mrs. Philip N. Wood of St. Louis was elected president of the General Federation of Women's Clubs.

Bishop Henry C. Potter of New York was reported to be near death.

Steven J. Adams, fire chief of Budapest, Hungary, is serving as a fireman in New York city to learn American methods.

Robert Ohmsted, Jr., cashier of the Marine Trust company at Atlantic City, N. J., was arrested charged with a defalcation of \$20,500. He made a confession in which he says that he played the stock market.

The shah of Persia proclaimed a general amnesty in order to restore tranquility at Teheran.

Secretary of State Elihu Root went to William Muldoon's health institution at White Plains again for a course of medicine, ball throwing, hand walking and riding, cold shower baths and plain cooking.

John W. Gates visited St. Charles, Ill., to say good-bye to his mother before leaving for Europe. He bought a stock farm for \$25,000 and gave it to E. J. Baker.

Ralph A. Aldrich, wanted at Nevada, Ia., on a charge of forging notes amounting to nearly \$12,000, was arrested in Springfield, Ill., and admitted he was guilty.

**GENERAL NEWS.**

At least 200 miners are believed to have lost their lives in a fearful disaster in the Rikovsky mine at Yusovo, Russia, caused by an explosion of gas.

A Milwaukee man who hanged himself left a request that his body be cremated and the ashes given to a young woman for tooth powder.

Three small children of Mr. and Mrs. Adams Claus were burned to death in a fire which destroyed the family home at Windsor, Col.

The federal authorities have forbidden the issuance of "passports" to travelers by the office of the governor of Ohio.

Mexico will ask the United States to punish severely the local authorities of Del Rio, Tex., and possibly others of the state under whose authority they acted, on the grounds that the officers knowingly failed in their duty by allowing persons who partook in the Las Vacas raid to return to the Texas side of the river and to bring with them their wounded.

Justice Bischoff of the New York supreme court decided that making oral, individual bets on races was not against the law.

More than 600 persons were lost by the upsetting of boats in a storm at Batavia.

The grand jury at Indianapolis returned an indictment against Henry V. Marshall, president of the Western Construction company, charging him with presenting a false and fraudulent claim against the city for asphalt street paving done by his company.

Miss Mary Joy Newland of Detroit was married to Count Limberg of Prussia.

The Sherstnova, who was confined in the International tribunal of Egypt, was shot and killed by one of the sentinels who discovered her signaling with a mirror to some of her co-prisoners.

Women suffragists made a riotous demonstration at the parliament buildings in London and some of them were arrested.

The mobilization of all British warships in home waters for the annual maneuvers brought together 301 vessels with 63,000 officers and men.

The Equitable Life Assurance society is to erect in New York an office building of 62 stories, 900 feet high.

Ten passengers were injured, none fatally, in Pittsburgh, when the controller of a street car exploded, the red-hot debris of the mechanism being blown into the car.

Denver, Col., was commended by the board of directors of the National Education association as the place for the next annual convention of the association.

Fire in Stamping Ground, Ky., destroyed a hotel and three residences. Four persons were badly hurt and two dwellings wrecked by a "black hand" bomb at McKeesport, Pa.

An American citizen named Barrington has been arrested at San Jose, Guatemala, as a spy and may be put to death, according to mail advices received in San Francisco.

Nine men were killed in a collision between fast trains near Knobnoster, Mo.

All the battleships of the Atlantic squadron assembled in San Francisco harbor ready to start on their trip across the Pacific.

Francis G. Bailey, the president of the Export Shipping company of New Jersey, who, together with his brother, Albert W. Bailey, Charles H. H. Myers and Capt. Albert Oxley were placed aboard the Norwegian steamer *Utsa* at Puerto Cortes, Honduras, in custody of Lieut. P. W. Heery of the New York police department, made his escape in a small boat.

The Minnesota Republican convention nominated Jacob F. Jacobson of Madison for governor and adopted a platform indorsing the work of the Chicago convention and pledging the party in Minnesota to continue the work of railway regulation.

Count Zeppelin outdistanced all world records for steerable balloons. He remained in the air for 12 hours and traversed the greater part of northern Switzerland, attaining an average speed throughout of 34 miles an hour.

Mrs. Frances Thompson, wife of a Fargo, N. D., school teacher, was found strangled to death, gagged and bound hand and foot with a clothes-line, in her apartments in a rooming house in Chicago.

August Boltzner, aged 65, one of the most prominent business men of Joliet, Ill., was killed while resisting two holdup men in his grocery store.

Wilbur F. Parker, a well-known real estate man of St. Louis, committed suicide.

The Idaho board of pardons commuted the sentence of Harry Orchard, who was under sentence to hang for the murder of former Gov. Frank Steunenberg, to imprisonment for life.

One man was killed, three were seriously injured and a half-dozen were slightly hurt in a railway collision at Des Moines, Ia.

Thomas Hill, a well-known landscape artist, committed suicide at his home at the entrance of Yosemite valley.

Lorenzo Dow Harvey, Ph. D., superintendent of public schools and superintendent of the Stout Training school of Menomonie, Wis., was elected president of the National Education association at Cleveland.

Twenty-two starving French seamen were cast away on Antipodes Island Pegasus.

Oliver P. Ensley of Indianapolis, former county treasurer, was indicted on a charge of embezzling \$22,500.

Walter J. Barnette of San Francisco was sentenced to ten years in the penitentiary for having hypothecated bonds and securities to the amount of \$205,000 belonging to the estate of Ellen M. Colton, of which he was special administrator.

Mae C. Wood, the Omaha woman who sued United States Senator Thomas C. Platt for divorce, was indicted by a grand jury in New York on charges of perjury and forgery.

The 280 employees of the Remington typewriter works at Iilon, N. Y., received \$14,000 as the semi-annual bonus distributed by the company to its employees.

Annie Wilson, nine years old, told in a New York police court of successfully committing more than 50 burglaries.

Attacked by a band of 50 insurgents, government troops at Palomas, Mexico, a small town in Chihuahua, killed one rebel and wounded several others. The revolutionists fled to the mountains, pursued by the soldiers.

Mrs. Louisiana Hobbs Douglass, one of the numerous wives of the alleged bogus "Lord" Oswald Reginald Douglass, was granted an absolute divorce from "Lord" Douglass at Norfolk, Va.

Two men were killed, and three badly injured in the collapse of a livery stable in Minneapolis.

At Friedrichshafen Count Zeppelin's airship stood brilliantly the longest and most searching test it has yet undergone. It remained in the air for six hours and three-quarters, attaining an average speed of 34 1/4 miles an hour throughout.

In order to escape trial on a charge of being implicated in the robbery and killing of Frank E. Rowser, millionaire banker of Lincoln, Ill., William Weber of Springfield entered a plea of guilty to another charge of robbery and was sentenced to the penitentiary.

George B. McClellan was declared to have been duly elected mayor of New York over W. R. Hearst, in 1905, by Justice Lambert, and by the justice's orders the jury returned a verdict to that effect.

Judges Sanborn, Hook and Adams, in the United States circuit court at St. Paul, made an interlocutory decree whereby they temporarily suspend and enjoin the enforcement of the order of the Interstate commerce commission which reduced the charge of certain railroad companies for the transfer of live stock from the terminal of their roads in Chicago to the Union Stock yards from \$2 to \$1 per car.

The Swiss Aero club's balloon *Cogne* has succeeded in crossing the Alps. This feat has often been attempted, but never before accomplished.

**CONVENTION IS NOW UNDER WAY**

**Democrats Begin Work of Nominating Candidates and Formulating the Principles of the Party**

Denver, Col., July 7.—Chairman Thomas Taggart of the Democratic national committee formally called the national convention to order almost precisely at noon.

The opening prayer was made by Rt. Rev. James J. Keane, archbishop of Wyoming, and after a short interval Urey Woodson of Kentucky, secretary of the national committee, read the call for the convention.

A period of delay followed during which the delegates exhibited symptoms of impatience, although the spacious auditorium, crowded as it was to the very doors, was delightfully cool, and the committee on rules made its report and the officers of the convention were announced, as follows:

Temporary chairman—Theodore A. Bell, California.  
General secretary—Urey Woodson, Kentucky.  
Assistant general secretary—Edwin Sefton, Washington, D. C.  
Sergeant-at-arms—John I. Martin, Missouri.  
Chief assistant sergeant-at-arms—J. C. Fenn, Indiana.  
Chaplain for opening day—Rt. Rev. James J. Keane, archbishop of Wyoming.  
Chief doorkeeper—Eugene W. Sullivan, Illinois.  
Parliamentarian—H. D. Crutchfield, Kentucky.  
Official stenographer—M. W. Blumberg, Washington, D. C.  
Bell Rouses Enthusiasm.

The eloquent speech of Temporary Chairman Bell was listened to with the deepest attention, but the enthusiasm of the audience found vent in long-continued applause when the

was suspended a portrait, one of Thomas Jefferson and the other of Andrew Jackson. On each side of these pictures a large American flag was draped. These flags are 40 by 60 feet in dimensions. Beyond these pictures, at each end of the wall, and hanging above the gallery, was suspended a pendant, ten feet in diameter, upon which bunting was draped. Upon these pendants a tiger was painted. The back of the platform was banked with palms. Twenty stuffed American eagles, with extended wings, were suspended over the platform, each bird carrying in his bill red, white and blue silk ribbons that were draped back to the wall.

Large Amount of Bunting Used. In the auditorium the balcony extends all the way around the huge building, but the galleries are limited to each end. The front of the balcony and the fronts of the galleries and boxes were draped with bunting, 55,000 yards being necessary to complete this part of the decorative scheme. At intervals of five feet shields, three feet high, were placed.

Thousands of yards of bunting were used in draping the corridors of the building and the walls of the balcony and galleries. Delegates were supplied with small American flags to wave when their feelings reached a pitch that compelled an extraordinary demonstration.

Fifteenth, Sixteenth and Seventeenth streets, three of the main thoroughfares in the city, were revelations in color. On Fifteenth and Sixteenth streets there are eight iron ornamental electric poles to a block, four on each side of the street. On these streets the poles were draped

**THE STATE CAPITAL**

**MATTERS OF INTEREST TO ALL CITIZENS.**

**WILL NOT DISTURB PENSIONS**

State Board of Public Lands and Buildings Will Not Take the Old Soldiers' Money.

As to Pension Money.

The rule requiring members of soldiers' homes in Nebraska to pay a percentage of pension money to the cash funds of the homes, a rule that was bitterly contested in the courts, has been suspended by order of the board of public lands and buildings pending further orders of that board. The supreme court held that such a rule was legal. Land Commissioner Eaton, chairman of the board, sent notice to commanders of state homes under date of June 27 not to take any part of pension money until further orders from the board.

The board met and discussed the making of some new regulations, but no agreement was arrived at. One member suggested a rule that all inmates of the homes who are able to earn a livelihood or who have means of support be discharged from the home, at the discretion of the board, and that this rule also apply to the admission of soldiers, the intent of the suggested rule being that

**HALF MILLION IN TREASURY.**

Treasurer Brian is Negotiating for Large Block of Bonds.

State Treasurer Brian has \$500,000, according to his monthly report, available for investments in securities, and with two prospective deals on, he hopes to have the sum invested within a few days. He has permitted this large amount of money to accumulate for the purpose of buying a large block of bonds which are about to be placed on the market. Should he fail in the bond men and buy what they have on hand. He has on deposit in state depositories \$599,606.63, all of which is drawing 3 per cent interest, and \$46,205.72 net in depositories on which no interest is being received. Because the state depositories have all the state funds they are permitted to receive under their bonds this money is on hand, but will be deposited immediately after Mr. Brian makes his investment.

The permanent school fund contains \$421,096.56 at the close of the month. The total investments of the state now aggregate \$7,653,377.49, and this amount will be largely increased within the next ten days if the bond deal now in view matures. Following is the detailed report of the trust funds invested:

Permanent school fund.....	\$6,998,299.57
Permanent university.....	154,486.92
Agricultural college endowment.....	444,000.00
Normal endowment.....	56,600.00
Bonds of all kinds.....	\$7,653,377.49
Warrants of all kinds.....	666,689.50
	\$7,653,377.49
Statement showing receipts and	

The reason why you shouldn't say appropriated instead of took is because it gives the smooth gentleman more time to get away in.

**GATOR ON THE RAMPAGE.**

Edifying Story That is Vouched for by the Georgia Ananias.

"Yes," said the fisherman, "the man had fished all the forenoon, an' hadn't got a nibble, so he took another swaller out the jug, pulled off his boots, an' lay down on the river bank an' went to sleep. As soon as he went to snorin' good, a alligator had been watchin' him all the mornin' crawl up an' swallered his boots, likewise the jug, with 'bout half a gallon in it. I reckon. The cork came out, an' of course, the 'gator got the full benefit o' the whisky, which so turned its head that it lashed the water with its tail till the river was a foamin' mass, after which it crawled up on the bank agin an' made despr't efforts to climb trees an' turn double-somersaults, an' do all manner of impossible things!"

"Why didn't it swallow the fisherman, instead of his boot?" some one asked.

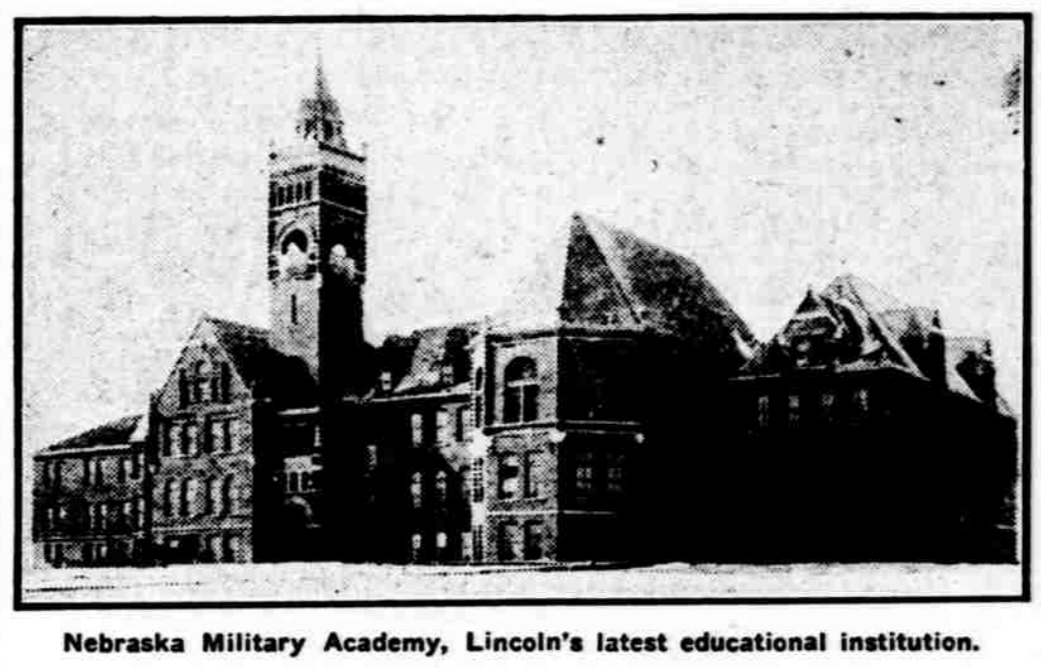
"Gators, gentlemen," said the storyteller, "can't stand over'thing. They must draw the line some're."—Atlanta Constitution.

Romance and Reality. "Let the youngsters have their romance—an' it'll be all the better for 'em if they get a party good dose on it; but don't hide from 'em the fact that that's somethin' in the shape of trouble a-waitin' for 'em up the road," said Mr. Billy Sanders. "Not big trouble, tooby shore, but jest big enough to make 'em stick closer together. It ain't no use to try to rub out the fact that life is what it is. It's full of rough places, an' thar are times when you have to leave the big road an' take a short-cut through the bamboo briars for to keep from slippin' in a mudhole. The briars hurt, but the mudhole never smifflicate you. It ain't no use to deny it, trouble is seasonal. I never know'd it to hurt anybody but the weak-minded, the willful an' them that was born to the purple."—Joel Chandler Harris, in Uncle Remus Magazine.

Up to His Tricks. Lord Rosslyn, at a dinner in New York, said of a notorious London spendthrift:

"When he was at Oxford he wired once to his uncle, whose heir he was: 'If you don't send me a hundred by Saturday, I'll blow my brains out.' 'His uncle wired back: 'You telegraphed me that before, and when I forwarded you my best revolver, you went and panned it.'"

Why He Kicked. Stella—My fiance refused to let me take charge of a booth at the church fair last week. Mabel—What were you going to sell? Stella—Kisses at a quarter apiece.



Nebraska Military Academy, Lincoln's latest educational institution.

soldiers who are able to work or who have large pensions or other means of support be not admitted, and those of this character be discharged whenever the board finds it necessary to make room for purely indigent veterans. The suggestion was not accepted by the board.

In the discussion it was stated that the former commandant, Mr. Askwith, of the Grand Island soldiers' home, had never enforced the old rule regarding the payment of all pension money over \$12 a month to the support of the home. It was enforced at the Milford home. Commandant Presson said when he went into office the pensioners there voluntarily came to him and paid over all in excess of \$12 a month. An investigation of the accounts of the Grand Island home showed that little pension money had ever been collected there. The present board supposed the rule had been enforced. In his letter to commandants Commissioner Eaton explained that the board believed the old rule had been enforced and the board thought its new rule would be satisfactory to all concerned because it was more liberal than the old rule. He said the board desired to treat the veterans with fairness and had modified the rule. The court had upheld the legality of the contention that the board has control of the homes and can make any reasonable rule it sees fit, but that for the present the pension rule will be suspended.

disbursements of the state treasury for June, 1908:

Funds.	Balance June 1.	Balance June 30.
General.....	\$ 27,580.32	\$ 13,452.90
Permanent school.....	170,944.50	421,096.56
Temporary school.....	339,908.89	48,248.81
Permanent university.....	50,167.04	29,917.62
Agricultural college endowment.....	45,074.71	48,444.67
Temporary university.....	6,469.92	2,982.62
Penitentiary.....	83.52	82.52
State library.....	41,198.78	4,663.18
Keary Normal library.....	765.69	142.85
Orthopedic hospital.....	27.94	37.94
Forest reserve.....	2,288.93	24.28
Institutions cash.....	12,216.19	10,212.87
Hospital for insane.....	1,226.65	1,675.42
State library.....	90.84	1,955.09
University cash.....	35,551.32	34,817.99
Peru Normal library.....	9,968.04	2,192.28
Normal endowment.....	59.20	21,188.92
Normal interest.....	2,039.74	2,149.91
Agricultural and Mechanical Arts.....	6,689.17	.61
U. S. Experiment station.....	6,282.12	1,592.94
Totals.....	\$762,650.26	\$615,896.25

Escaped Convict Brought Back.

A convict named Ingram from Lancaster county, who escaped from the Nebraska penitentiary nearly nine years ago, is back in the penitentiary once more to serve one month of an unexpired term. As he lost two months' time by escaping, he will have to serve three months instead of the one unexpired month that was before him when he left. He was serving a term of one year for burglary and was employed as a trusty about the grounds when he decided to desert the place. He lost no time in committing a burglary in Kansas and was sentenced to ten years in the state prison at Lansing, Kas. At the expiration of his service there he was brought back to make good the sentence of the law in Nebraska.

Sheldon Will Serve.

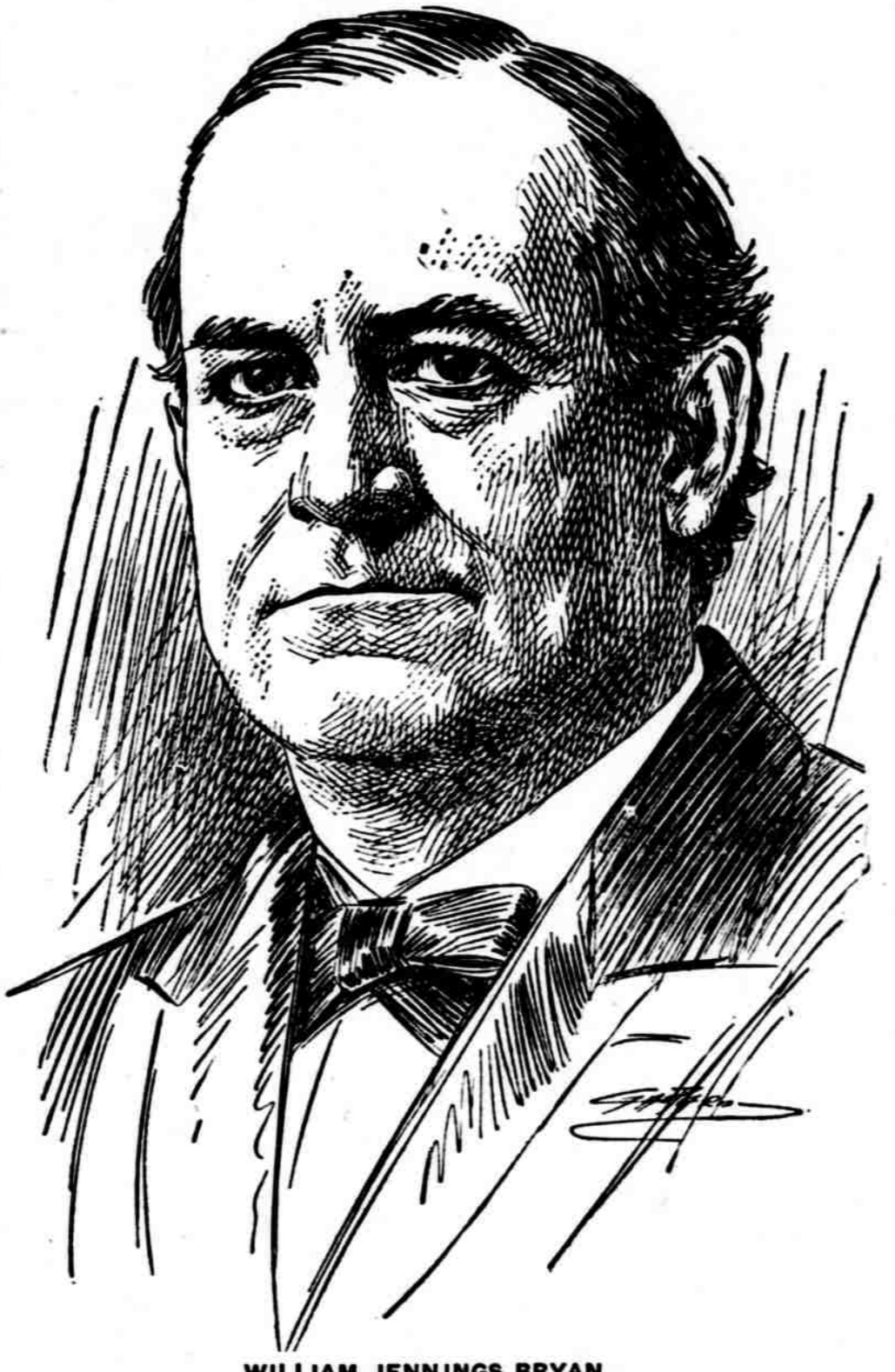
Governor Sheldon of Nebraska has agreed to serve as one of the vice presidents of the international congress on tuberculosis that is to be held in Washington under the auspices of the national association for the study and prevention of tuberculosis, from September 21 to October 12. The arrangements for Nebraska's participation in the congress and in the exhibition to be held in connection with it are in the hands of a committee of which Dr. A. S. Von Manfeldt of Ashland is chairman. Dr. Charles O. Giesse of Holdrege is treasurer and Rev. Stephen P. Morris of Omaha is secretary of the association.

State Fish Exhibit.

Superintendent W. J. O'Brien of the state fisheries at South Bend called on the state board of agriculture for the purpose of asking for improvement of the fisheries building on the state fair grounds. He desires to give a credible showing for hatcheries supported by the state and finds it necessary to have some large aquariums in the exhibition building. The original plans called for large ones in the front of the structure where they can be viewed, but for some reason were never put in.

Rhodes Scholarship Examinations.

Announcement is made that the qualifying examination for the Rhodes scholars to be elected for 1910 will be held toward the end of October, 1909, instead of in the month of January as heretofore. It is believed that an examination held in October will interfere less than one held in January with the regular work of American university students, and that the earlier selection will give better opportunity for the selected scholars to direct their work on lines most advantageous for the course at Oxford.



WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN.

speaker made a telling point or mentioned the name of some one or other of the acknowledged leaders of the party.

All in Red, White and Blue. Red, white and blue were the only colors used in decorating the auditorium, and the decorations were declared to be the most elaborate ever seen in a Democratic convention. A unique feature was 52 huge stars artistically arranged on the ceiling. These stars represented the states, territories and insular possessions, the names appearing in blue letters on a white background in the center of each star. The points of the stars were red and white.

Directly over the speaker's platform, against the wall of the building near the junction with the ceiling, was a large shield, 16 feet high, carrying six flags 12 feet long draped in artistic folds. In addition to this main shield there were four other shields. The six flags on these shields were eight feet long.

Fine Portrait of Washington.

Just below the main shield hung a mammoth portrait of George Washington, 14 by 16 feet in dimensions. Red, white and blue bunting was draped from the sides of the shield to the bottom of the portrait of the "Father of His Country."

Directly under the last shield, on each side of the Washington portrait,

with red, white and blue bunting. Wires were stretched across the street from these poles and from each wire two American flags were suspended. The flags hung over the street and were "weighted" to prevent them from becoming tangled and torn by the wind.

On Seventeenth street the scheme was the same, except there were only six poles to each block, two at each corner and two at each alley.

Business Houses Decorated.

At each crossing two wires were strung diagonally across the intersection, from which red, white and blue incandescent lights hung. The business houses along the three streets were handsomely decorated with bunting and flags. Elaborate and costly electric display signs had been put in place on the buildings, and at night Fifteenth, Sixteenth and Seventeenth streets were a blaze of light.

Electric display signs are one of the main features of business life in Denver. Every merchant has an electric sign, and as all of the streets that cross the three thoroughfares described are live business streets, the committee on illumination did not find it necessary to add much in the way of light to these avenues of trade. However, the business houses were handsomely decorated with bunting and flags, so the entire business section of Denver was a mass of color when the big convention opened.

Didn't Take It Seriously. Bingley—Here is an English physician who says that talking too much makes women nervous, and he suggests that some way should be found to induce them to keep quiet.

Dingley (thoughtfully)—That's an old gag, isn't it?—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Cabbage in Flats. Lettuce is said to cause measles and scarlet rash. It is known beyond cavil that boiled cabbages have caused rashes in flats.

A Picture Story. Two hunters are seen walking all over the moving picture. They think they are following bear tracks.

Suddenly the foremost hunter stops with a start. "By gum!" he shouts, "them ain't bear's tracks at all; them's the slide man's dirty thumb marks."—Bohemian.

Full-Blooded Indians. Of the 284,000 Indians left in the United States only 60,000 are full-blooded.

OBITUARY. Murat Halstead, one of the leaders in American journalism for over half a century and widely known as a vigorous editorial and magazine writer, died at his home in Cincinnati in his seven-ninth year.

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