



Alaska held its first territorial election August 14. Two delegates to congress were chosen; one is to serve for the unexpired term of the Fifty-ninth and one for the Sixtieth congress.

Alexander B. Chisholm, paying teller of the First National bank of Birmingham, Ala., has been arrested on the charge of embezzling \$97,000.

An Associated Press dispatch under date of Paris, August 13, follows: "In a statement today W. J. Bryan states that he alone is responsible for the information contained in his letter to National Committeeman Roger Sullivan of Chicago in which he demanded Mr. Sullivan's resignation because of alleged irregularities in connection with Sullivan's political action. Mr. Sullivan refused to resign and declared that Mr. Bryan had been misinformed by Messrs. Dunlap and Thompson and others of a rival faction. Mr. Bryan declared in the statement made today that while he was 'anxious to give Sullivan a chance to retire without a fight, it is probably just as well that he refused, for, if we must fight to purify the party organization the sooner it begins the better.'"

A newspaper dispatch from Los Angeles, Cal., follows: "Samuel M. Hendrick, ninety-nine years and four months old, today joined the Los Angeles bricklayers' union. Hendricks has been a contractor in this city for twenty years. He wants to do some journeyman work and decided to join the union. One of his five children, a girl, was born four years ago."

Mrs. Pearl Cragle, famous as a novelist, writing under the nom de plume of "John Oliver Hobbes," is dead.

The republican state convention for Texas nominated the following ticket: Governor, Dr. Carey A. Gray, Fanning county; lieutenant governor, Frederick Holfheinz, Guadalupe county; attorney general, Charles W. Ogden, San Antonio; comptroller, Wentworth Manning, Vanzant county; treasurer, George M. Booth, Williamson county.

A newspaper dispatch from New York follows: "That the Consolidated Gas company must supply its consumers with gas at 80 cents a thousand feet, as provided in the law passed by the state legislature at its last session, was decided by Justice Gigerich in the supreme court, when he granted a peremptory writ of mandamus compelling the company to furnish gas to a consumer at the 80 cent rate. The justice held that the company is entitled to a reasonable profit on the actual value of its property, but not on such value plus the amount of some former capitalization."

Stephen J. Kostka, a young Chicago musician, gave his own life in rescuing from the waters at South Haven, Mich., two young women. The lad was a stranger to the women, but when he saw their peril, he rushed to their relief.

The committee on insurance law of the American Bar association recommends that the federal government

take charge of the insurance business.

The New York state railroad commission recently made a report on the traffic of the local transportation lines of New York City for the quarter ending June 30. It showed that there was an increase of 29,925,163 in paying passengers carried over the corresponding quarter for 1905 and that the total number of cash fares was 332,384,850.

The G. A. R. held its annual encampment at Minneapolis, Minn., and chose the following officers: Commander-in-chief, R. B. Brown, Zanesville, Ohio; senior vice commander, William Armstrong, Indianapolis; junior vice commander, E. B. Fenton, Detroit; chaplain-in-chief, Archbishop John Ireland, St. Paul; surgeon general, W. H. Johnson, Lincoln, Neb.

The Nebraska socialist convention met at Lincoln and nominated for United States senator, John R. Roe of Omaha; for governor, Ezra Taylor, of Broken Bow.

The city of Valparaiso, Chile, was wrecked by an earthquake August 17.

Judge J. J. Thomas of Seward was nominated for congress by the democratic congressional convention for the Fourth Nebraska district.

Representative Nicholas Longworth, son-in-law of the president, has been elected to succeed Seymour Eaton as secretary of the international policyholders' committee.

NEBRASKA STATE FAIR

The Nebraska state fair, which opens in Lincoln, September 3, promises to be the largest and best in the history of the association. The livestock accommodations have been exhausted despite the erection of new sheds, pens and stalls. The harness events promise to be of unusual merit and the other attractions will be greater than ever before. The railroads have arranged to care for the great crowds by running special trains and Lincoln is prepared to entertain more people than ever before. The growth of the Nebraska state fair has been phenomenal, and it is now conceded to be one of the largest, if not the largest, state fairs in the union. Every department of exhibits will be full to overflowing, and the state's fish exhibit this year will be larger than ever. A catfish weighing nearly 100 pounds will be the chief feature. The dates of the fair are September 3 to 7.

TEXAS DEMOCRATS

The democratic state convention for Texas met at Dallas, August 15. The platform as adopted endorses the administration of Governor Lanham; demands that the next legislature enact a law prohibiting lobbying; favors a law against the issuing of free passes, except in specified cases and makes a request that the governor keep the next legislature in session if necessary by extraordinary call until such a law is passed.

It demands a law prohibiting corporations from contributing to the campaign expenses of any party or individual; demands amendments compelling corporations to pay in at least half their capital stock before

beginning business and the balance within two years.

A recommendation is made for a home for indigent or decrepit wives of confederate soldiers and sailors and that a state department of agriculture be established.

Senators Bailey and Culberson were endorsed, and complimentary reference was made to Mr. Bryan. The following state ticket was nominated:

Governor—T. M. Campbell.
Lieutenant governor—A. B. Davidson.

Attorney general—S. V. Davidson.
Comptroller—J. W. Stephens.
Treasurer—Samuel Sparks.
Superintendent of public instruction—R. B. Cousins.
Railroad commissioner—L. J. Storey.

Chief justice of the supreme court—R. R. Gaines.

Judge court of criminal appeals—J. W. Henderson.

G. A. Cardin of Dallas was chosen chairman of the state executive committee.

THE SECRETARY'S HAT

The Hon. John D. Long is a native of Buckfield, Me., and the people call him "Johnny" when he returns thither on his annual vacations. A few summers ago, when secretary of the navy, he paid a visit there, and called upon some of his old friends, and among them a widow who had won the appellation of "Aunt" Bridgman in the neighborhood where she lived.

Secretary Long wore a tall hat that day, and when he came into the house, darkened to exclude the flies and the heat, he put his hat, top down, on a table. When he picked it up, after concluding his call, he found that he had placed it squarely in the center of a sheet of flypaper, and the paper was stuck on so firmly that "Aunt" Bridgman was obliged to trim the sheet around the edges of the hat with a pair of scissors, as she would trim a custard pie. Secretary Long left the house with the flypaper adhering to the top of his hat.—Boston Herald.

NO GOOD ONES

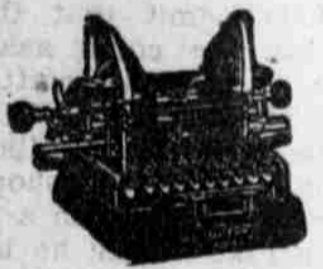
President Roosevelt used to talk about good trusts and bad trusts, but he seems to have had poor luck in finding the good ones, and should soon begin to believe with the rest of us that there are no good trusts.—Fremont (Neb.) Herald.

A PRACTICAL STEP

A practical step has been taken by the New York assembly for the preservation of Niagara Falls from further spoliation by the passage of a constitutional amendment providing that hereafter no license or privilege for the diversion of the water of the Niagara river above the falls from its natural channel shall be granted, except for sanitary, domestic or fire purposes. The right to divert the

water existing prior to the adoption of the amendment is not to be impaired. A supplemental measure restricts the amount of water to be taken from the falls to the amount that any corporation is now legally authorized to take. Corporations violating these provisions will forfeit their charters and the right to transact business in the state. This is all that can be accomplished by New York to save the falls without destroying vested rights.—Philadelphia Ledger.

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