



Dallas, Texas, was chosen by the Elks grand lodge, in session at Philadelphia, as the next place of meeting.

Cablegrams say that during the past six months one million persons have died in India of bubonic plague.

John H. Bankhead has been elected United States senator from Alabama to succeed the late John T. Morgan.

Governor Davidson of Wisconsin has signed a two-cent fare bill.

An Associated Press dispatch from Guthrie, Okla., says: "The constitutional convention adjourned until September 16, the day before the general state election. Nine changes were made in the document to conform to the suggestions of Attorney General Bonaparte, who averred the original document was not republican in form, as provided for in the enabling act. The constitution was signed by all the members present and will be filed tomorrow with the secretary of state."

Dr. Edward J. Taylor, dean of the Hastings law college and of the university of California, has been chosen mayor of San Francisco.

The fifteenth national irrigation congress has been called to meet at Sacramento, Cal. September 2.

Lawrence Y. Sherman, lieutenant governor of Illinois, speaking before the Illinois state bar association at Galesburg criticised Mr. Roosevelt for his efforts to invade the rights of the states and the St. Louis Globe-Democrat says that the denunciation was cheered.

Senator Elkins of West Virginia suggests George B. Cortelyou as the republican nominee for president and says he can have the New York delegation.

Several witnesses for the defense in the Haywood-Moyer trial at Boise, Idaho, were arrested and will be tried for perjury.

An explosion of powder occurred on the battleship Georgia in Cape Cod Bay, Mass. Ten men were killed and sixteen were injured.

The national traveling men's protective association in session at Detroit elected the following officers: President, Louis LaBeaume, of St. Louis; vice president, L. C. Deets, Des Moines; secretary treasurer, A. L. Sheetz, Omaha, Neb. The 1908 convention will be held at Lake Placid, N. Y.

William A. Paxton, a prominent citizen of Omaha, Neb., died suddenly at his home.

Hector Henry Mallot, the novelist, died at Paris.

A Houston, Texas, dispatch carried by the Associated Press follows: "Dr. William Brumby, state health officer who is here today, says the governor will shortly issue a proclamation declaring tuberculosis is a contagious disease. The proclamation will put the railroads on notice, and it will be a statutory offense punishable by a fine of \$500 to haul a person afflicted with a contagious dis-

ease into the state. If an interstate traveler demands that the carrier bring him to Texas the health officer will require that the railroad notify the authorities at destination, and the patient will be required to submit to an examination, and if not satisfactory the patient will be subject to deportation."

The New York World says: "Under the direction of Abraham L. Erlanger who, with Marc Klaw, is the directing head of the American theatrical syndicate, the initial steps were taken yesterday in the formation of the greatest amusement combination the world has ever known. The deal, when completed, will unite the theatrical interests of America, Germany, Austria, France and England."

During the progress of the Elks parade in Philadelphia there were 3,000 prostrations from heat.

A Muskogee, I. T., dispatch to the Denver News says: "An attempt by Henry T. Asp, a railroad attorney of Guthrie, to address the republican county convention here today converted the meeting into a howling, fighting mob. Pistols were brandished, knives flashed and chairs were wielded right and left, resulting in bruises and minor injuries to several persons. Officers with drawn pistols, who threatened to shoot into the crowd if the fighting did not stop, failed to quell the disturbance. United States Deputy Marshal Bud Ledbetter appeared on the scene and practically took charge of the meeting. Ledbetter, who is a democrat, saved Asp from being mobbed and prevented bloodshed. Asp, pale and trembling, was taken from the meeting. The trouble started when the anti-Frantz and anti-statehood forces of which Asp is a member, attempted to address the meeting before the organization was perfected. The Frantz forces were victorious in the test vote for temporary chairman and the other element then subsided and quiet was restored."

A Raleigh, N. C., dispatch carried by the Associated Press says: "The Southern Railway company was today fined \$30,000 and Thomas J. Green, ticket agent of the company fined \$5 in the state court here for selling railroad tickets in excess of that provided by the recent state law for a uniform rate of two and a quarter cents a mile in North Carolina. The court required Green to promise not to sell tickets at the illegal rate. Green made the promise and paid the fine."

Referring to the pending elections in the Philippines the Minneapolis Journal says: "In the city of Manila, with a population of 220,000, only 7,300 persons, including 800 Americans, have registered for the coming elections. That is one voter to every thirty of population, whereas, the proportion here is about one to six. It is estimated that of the 7,000,000 population of the islands, less than 60,000 will participate in the election of the first legislative assembly."

The Korean emperor has abdicated and the Japanese now appear to be in control of the Korean empire.

William January, a man who was recently pardoned by the president after having been a fugitive from

justice, has been released from the federal prison at Fort Leavenworth.

The telegraphers strike at San Francisco has been settled. The men have returned to work and the differences will be arbitrated.

The New York appellate court in an opinion written by Justice Gaylor held that William R. Hearst is entitled to have the ballot boxes reopened and the ballots recounted in the New York mayoralty contest of 1905.

The grand lodge of Elks, in session at Philadelphia, elected the following officers: Grand exalted ruler, John K. Tener of Charleroi, Pa.; grand treasurer, Edward Leech, New York; grand esteemed loyal knight, W. T. Leickie, Dowagiac, Mich.; grand esteemed lecturing knight, Bayard Gray of Frankfort, Ind.; grand esteemed leading knight, John D. Shea, Hartford, Conn.; grand secretary, Fred Robinson, Dubuque, Ia.; grand trustees, Thomas B. Mills, Superior, Wis., Thomas F. McNulty, Baltimore, and Charles C. Schmidt of Wheeling, W. V.; grand tyler, James Foley; grand inner guard, F. M. Taylor. During the sessions of the grand lodge it was decided to establish a flag day for Elks on June 14. A resolution was adopted calling for the appointment of a committee to devise ways and means to prosecute outside users of the Elks' emblems. A subsequent resolution calls for the appointment of a commission to confer with congress to find means to prevent the use of the emblem. The Memphis lodge was authorized to prosecute the negro Elks of that city. In this connection a resolution was passed reprimanding the Newark, N. J., lodge for electing a man said to

structs the grand ruler to order the Newark lodge to investigate the man's antecedents and if it be found that he is of negro extraction to expunge his name from the rolls.

AN "INCH" OF RAIN

Few people have an adequate idea of the amount of water that descends from the clouds during a rainstorm. We read in the weather bulletins that two or three inches of rain sometimes fall in a day, and that in our last rainy spell nearly five inches fell in forty-eight hours; but these figures really convey very little information to our minds and give us no idea at all of the prodigality of nature.

An acre contains 6,272,640 square inches of surface, and an inch of rain means, therefore, the same number of cubic inches of water. A gallon contains 277.27 cubic inches of water, and an inch of rainfall means 22,622 gallons to the acre, and, as a gallon of water weighs ten pounds, the rainfall on an acre is 226,220 pounds. Counting 2,000 pounds to the ton, an inch of rain means over 113 tons per acre. An acre is about half a St. Louis block, so that a rainfall of an inch means a downpour of about 226 tons of water on every city block. Multiply this by five, the number of inches of rainfall during the wet spell in the last week in May, and no one can wonder that the gutters were insufficient to carry off the water. The occasional overflow of a sewer in the lower part of town is regarded as a very remarkable thing, but the wonder really is that there is not an overflow every time it rains.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

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