

THE BIG CONVENTION

IRRIGATIONISTS' FLOCKING TO THE CAPITAL CITY.

Secretary Heintz of the National Congress Already Present—Tells of the Congress and Says He Expects an Important Session—Big Men Expected.

C. M. Heintz, of Los Angeles, Cal., secretary of the executive committee of the Sixth national irrigation congress, is in Lincoln. He was much interested in seeing what Lincoln looked like, as it is to be the congress city.

In speaking of the congress in which he is so deeply interested that he carries the listener with him when he talks, Mr. Heintz said:

"The coming congress promises to be the most important in the history of its organization. Over 600 papers outside the state of Nebraska have been advertising Lincoln for the past three months as the convention city of the national congress and we have promises of attendance from all over the country."

DESERTS HIS YOUNG WIFE.

Perfidy of a Table Rock Man Arouses Indignation.

Last Sunday about 2 p. m. a small group gathered around a tiny grave in the Table Rock cemetery and the sexton filled the new-made grave, while the indignant people were loud in their criticisms of the father.

Big Cart for Mexico.

A huge cart standing on South 11th street, Lincoln, attracts much attention of passers-by. The cart is not like anything on earth or under the sea.

Republican Files Protest.

Jos. R. Webster of Lincoln filed a protest Saturday with Secretary of State Porter against the use of the party name "silver republican" on the official ballot.

CONDENSATIONS

The city council of Humboldt has passed a curfew law. The bill will ring at 8 o'clock.

On complaint of ex-Chief Melick eleven gamblers were arrested Saturday night in Lincoln.

State Treasurer Meserve has called in general fund warrants amounting to \$26,000. Interest on them will cease Oct. 4.

The Nebraska woman's suffrage association will hold its annual meeting in Lincoln Thursday and Friday, Sept. 30 and Oct. 1.

Joseph D. Kirk, charged with committing statutory rape on the person of Bertha Tomkins, was acquitted by the trial jury at Springview, on the ground that he was physically unable to commit the crime. He was 60, the girl sixteen.

Hon. W. H. Taylor, a prominent merchant of Exeter was flimflamed out of \$5 by a couple of very smooth swindlers. They came the "change" racket on him.

Chas. J. Menter, an old resident of Omaha, committed suicide by shooting himself in the mouth. Despondency is supposed to have been the reason why.

Two truants who were detained at York on suspicion of having been connected with some recent robberies, were released by the sheriff. Nothing could be found to implicate them.

WOOLWORTH FOR JUDGE.

National Democrats Put Up a State Ticket.

About 100 sound money democrats assembled in Omaha last Wednesday and nominated a full state ticket. Forty counties were represented.

The platform renews allegiance to the national platform adopted at Indianapolis; denounces the republican tariff as on the same line as the theory of populism that an ounce of silver is always worth the same as a bushel of wheat; condemns the hypocrisy and double dealing of the republican party as to its bimetallic commission; congratulates the country upon the rapid subsidence of the free silver vagary; and condemns the extravagance and misuse of public funds by various republican administrations of the state.

They adopted the name of national democrats, and as an emblem selected a star. They nominated James M. Woolworth of Omaha for supreme court judge, J. Sterling Morton of Nebraska City and Judge Crawford of West Point for regents.

SHERIFF TAKES THE BIRDS

Shipment of Prairie Chickens Levied Upon at O'Neill.

The fore part of the week Sheriff Hamilton lived upon the F. E. & M. V. passenger train at O'Neill and took from the express car a barrel containing ninety-five prairie chickens and six quail. The game was distributed among the poor of the city.

A Suspicious Death.

James A. Paterson, an old resident of Little Salt precinct, died at his home, three miles northwest of Raymond on Wednesday last. As Mr. Paterson had not been ill the circumstances of his death were deemed suspicious and the coroner was notified.

Several neighbors were summoned to testify. They knew very little. A hired man who was working on the farm also testified. It developed from their stories that the deceased had intended to go to Omaha to see about some sheep. His wife objected, and they had a heated argument.

From the stories of the neighbors it was learned that Mrs. Paterson's actions have been somewhat erratic and some of them doubted if she were responsible.

Mr. Patterson was about seventy years of age. He had considerable property and stood well in his neighborhood, where he has lived for a long time. He leaves several children.

Indian Congress.

Senator Allen has written Mr. Roosevelt concerning the proposition to have an Indian congress at the Omaha exposition. It is proposed to have a wigwam at which will be kept representatives of the various tribes of the United States.

Lincoln Man Hurt.

G. W. Mitchell of Lincoln, while waiting to take a late train home from Omaha Friday night, was pushed against a moving Burlington train by two men who were quarrelling and had one foot severely crushed under the wheels of the way car.

Palm—Samuelson.

Rev. Oscar Palm, pastor of the Swedish M. E. church at Davey, was happily mated to Miss Anna Samuelson of Lincoln, on Wednesday evening. The ceremony was performed by Rev. A. J. Lofgren, presiding elder, in the Swedish M. E. church of Lincoln.

BREVITIES.

S. W. W. Wilson of Columbus, who accidentally shot himself Tuesday, Sept. 21, died later of the wound.

The state fair managers believe they made enough this year to pay the indebtedness of 1897 and the deficiency of 1896, and have a small balance left.

Pickpockets reaped a rich reward during fair week in Omaha. At the fair grounds Friday the police located in a slough twenty-one pocketbooks and seven trunks which had been stolen and rifled of contents.

DUN'S REVIEW.

Europe Sending Gold to Pay for American Grain.

NEW YORK, Sept. 27.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s Weekly Review of Trade says: "Gold imports have begun direct from England and from France, besides the arrival of \$4,000,000 at San Francisco from Australia for wheat exported. The gold received there and started from Europe amounts to \$6,500,000 in four days, and the advance of its rate by the Bank of England to 2 1/2 per cent seems little likely to check the movement, in view of heavy merchandise balances due this country and a rise in the rate of interest here.

Bradstreet's says: "There is a check to the onward sweep of demand in staple lines noticeable throughout the country for the past six weeks. The yellow fever quarantine, which extends from Texas to Georgia, has brought wholesale business to a practical standstill throughout the greater portion of the region embraced by the Gulf states."

MURDER MYSTERIES.

Atrocious Crimes Committed in England Daily and the Police Baffled.

LONDON, Sept. 27.—Daily for a week past there has been an atrocious murder and the alarm is increased by the fact that the perpetrators of the crimes have all baffled the police.

Mrs. Bryan, wife of Dr. Bryan of Northampton, was killed in a railroad car. The Rev. Dr. Aubrey Price, a well known divine, was killed by burglars at his home Monday. A little boy was kidnapped and murdered in the suburbs. A rich miserly woman was found cut to pieces at her home in Bethel Green.

EUROPE WILL CHECK SPAIN

Four Powers Want a Peace Policy—Their Course Decided On.

PARIS, Sept. 27.—The Gaulois today says that it learns that during the recent visit of the Emperor William of Germany to Buda Peth, the Emperor Francis Joseph and the German ruler discussed the "interference" of the United States in the affairs of Spain, and the Austrian emperor pointed out the serious embarrassment which this "interference" had caused the queen regent and the government of Spain.

The Gaulois adds: "Probably Germany and Austria will do all in their power to prevent the situation becoming embittered, although unwilling to interpose too directly. Similar views are said to have been exchanged between France and Russia. So, if the occasion arises, the European powers will find themselves in agreement in insisting that a policy of conciliation and peace must prevail."

EARTHQUAKE IN MAINE.

Ellsworth, Belfast and Other Towns Shaken Up—People Frightened.

ELLSWORTH, Me., Sept. 27.—An earthquake shock was felt here at 1:21 o'clock this afternoon with a rumbling from the southward. Houses were shaken, windows and dishes rattled, and the vibration lasted ten seconds. The sky was clear and the thermometer was 72 above zero.

BELFAST, Me., Sept. 27.—An earthquake shock was felt in Belfast at 1:05 o'clock to-day. Two rumblings were felt, the first lasting about five seconds and the second about ten seconds. Houses were shaken and stores and dishes rattled. People rushed from their houses in many instances.

Scheming Against England.

PARIS, Sept. 27.—The Politique Coloniale publishes a dispatch from St. Petersburg to-day saying that, as a result of an exchange of views between the chancelleries of St. Petersburg, Paris, Berlin, Vienna, Rome and Constantinople, the sultan of Turkey will address the powers shortly upon the subject of Great Britain's evacuation of Egypt and that Russia, supporting the sultan, will invite a conference at Constantinople or St. Petersburg, with the object of settling the question upon the basis of the autonomy of Egypt under the suzerainty of the sultan.

Toronto Theater on Fire.

TORONTO, Ont., Sept. 27.—Fire originating in the rear of the Musee theater last night communicated to the theater. The actors were prepared for the performance and there was a wild scramble. An engine ran over Bertie E. Scott, 11 years old, killing him instantly. Seven firemen and half a dozen citizens were also more or less injured.

Person on the Police Force.

TOPEKA, Kan., Sept. 27.—Rev. Mr. George H. Williams, a Campbellite preacher, is a member of the Topeka police force. While on duty last night he performed a marriage ceremony, stopped a dog fight, broke up a charivari party and pulled a joint, all within an hour.

New Mortgage Law Declared Void.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Sept. 27.—The supreme court has handed down a most important decision declaring that the new mortgage law passed by the last legislature is null.

LATEST CUBAN STATUS.

SPAIN MAY ACCEPT OUR MEDIATION.

State Department Officials Do Not Believe That the Situation Will Become Seriously Strained—Will the Two Sides Consent to the Possible Terms?

WASHINGTON, Sept. 28.—The possibility of a rupture between the United States and Spain growing out of the representations recently made to the Madrid authorities by Minister Woodford is regarded as very remote by state department officials. At the time Mr. Woodford's instructions were written it was the opinion of administration officials that a tender of the good offices of the United States would be rejected by Spain. Their views have changed on this point.

Should the Spanish government reject the offer of the good offices of the United States tendered by Mr. Woodford, it will then be necessary for President McKinley to consider what shall be the further course of this government. The statement from Madrid that he will make an ostentatious proclamation to the world of the disapproval of the Cuban regime by suspending diplomatic relations with Spain and withdrawing the United States minister, cannot be confirmed here, and it is believed to be premature, at the least.

MADRID, Sept. 27.—The arrival of United States Minister Woodford from San Sebastian has created a sensation. The program of the United States has been ascertained.

It does not contemplate a declaration of war if Spain rejects mediation, but, according to the report, an "ostentatious proclamation to the world of disapproval of the Cuban regime by suspending diplomatic relations with Spain and withdrawing the United States minister."

Unusual measures were taken to protect Minister Woodford on his journey from San Sebastian to this city, but the trip was quite uneventful. A party of gendarmes, commanded by a sub-lieutenant, guarded the Southern express on which he was a passenger.

Secret police were posted at the station, and the prefect of police was in waiting to escort him to his hotel. The drive through the streets was marked by no special incident, though several people saluted him, receiving a bow in return.

A NEW ELDORADO.

State of Washington is Richer Than the Klondike.

SEATTLE, Wash., Sept. 28.—The first authentic news concerning Washington's new Eldorado, near Mount Baker, is brought to Seattle by E. W. Saportas, president of the Information and Registry bureau.

"There is in Mount Baker and its surrounding heights enough gold," says Mr. Saportas, "to keep prospectors busy for the next ten years. All the stories of the fabulous discoveries are corroborated. I met many men who came from Mount Tomohoy (Tomboy) and they all reiterated the stories that have been told concerning the great strike of \$10,000 to the ton, made in Bear mountain, in Tomohoy. Sterbrook and several others have found ore equal to the discovery in Bear mountain."

A special correspondent of the Evening Times sends word from Summas as follows: "The gold discoveries in the mountains of Whatcom county are beyond any doubt the richest in the annals of the Pacific coast, or even in Alaska. So say the most experienced prospectors, whom I have just accompanied to the scene of the recent bonanza."

FOR BREACH OF PROMISE.

A Comely Young Widow Wants \$30,000 From a Wealthy Missourian.

MOBEKLY, Mo., Sept. 28.—In the Randolph county circuit court Mrs. Lucy Whitmore has sued Julius Miller, whose property is estimated at \$100,000, for \$30,000 for alleged breach of promise, alleging that Miller had promised to make her his wife May 3, but had failed, notwithstanding her readiness, and that he had recently, by marriage to Miss Agnes Rapp of St. Louis, put it out of his power to keep his word. The plaintiff is a comely young widow and a sister of the defendant's second wife. Her maiden name was Mattheu and she lived near Higbee.

Disappointing Rye Crop.

NEW YORK, Sept. 28.—A disappointing rye crop is indicated by final returns to the American Agriculturist. Instead of some 28,000,000 bushels, expected from some earlier indications, the crop of the United States now figures out about 25,000,000 bushels, 1,000,000 more than last year, and 2,000,000 bushels less than in 1895 and 1894.

South Dakota Bank Robbers Caught.

HELENA, Mont., Sept. 28.—The three men in jail at Billings have been positively identified by the cashier of the Butte County bank at Bellefourche, S. D., as members of the gang that robbed the bank June 28, getting several thousand dollars and severely wounding some of the bank people. Two of the men call themselves Frank and Thomas Jones and claim to be brothers.

W. H. Suppe of Galena, Kan., is under arrest for complicity in the Eldorado, Kan., bank robbery.

A SUNDAY LYNCHING.

Eight Hundred Men Without Masks Hang a Negro Before a Courtroom.

HAWESVILLE, Ky., Sept. 28.—In the broad open glare of a Sunday sun, in the midst of a protracted revival, not a mask to be seen, and in the presence of 800 infuriated people, Raymond Bushrod, a negro, Sunday evening at 5 o'clock was made to pay the penalty of his assault on 14-year-old Maggie Roberts. He was swung from a limb in the court house yard.

Bushrod was from Rockport, Ind. Several months ago he was taken in and treated kindly by Willis Clark, a farmer in the upper part of the county, only to betray Clark and steal his watch. For this he was released two weeks ago from the county jail, after having served a sentence of 156 days. He was in town Saturday and drinking. In the afternoon he set out afoot, going west on the Texas railroad. Three miles below town, near Petri station, he met Maggie Roberts, daughter of Ben Roberts, a prominent farmer. He ran her down and assaulted her. Then he beat her with an iron coupling pin and left her on the railroad grade to die.

Bushrod was given an opportunity for confession and prayer. His confession was complete. He stated that he was guilty, and that this was the third offense, one successful effort having been made upon his 60-year-old aunt. After offering up his last supplication, a long and fervent prayer on bended knee, the signal to haul away was given. The applause as he went up was deafening.

In about four minutes he was pronounced dead, and Coroner Mitchell, viewing the body, cut it down and summoned a jury, whose verdict was that Bushrod came to his death at the hands of unknown parties.

After the lynching, the mob's leader, an Indian, made a little talk in which he pointed to the gruesome corpse, saying: "Here is the protection we offer our wives and daughters."

No action by the authorities against any member of the mob is likely.

During the entire time of the lynching not less than 200 women were on the hill and hillside overlooking the public square, and when his dangling form went up cheers upon top of cheers from them rent the air. In fact, the women gave a double assurance to the ones engaged that the proper punishment was being meted out.

CHEROKEE LEADER KILLED

C. F. LaMar Murdered in St. Louis—Shain for His Money.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Sept. 28.—The body of Benjamin Franklin Lamar, an Indian Territory politician and a leading farmer, living at Fairland, I. T., with the skull crushed, was found early this morning in front of the Gaiety theater, a Fourth street dive.

Lamar came to St. Louis several days ago with a party of friends to see the sights and attend the fall festivities. His friends say that he had been drinking until midnight last night and occupied with a number of persons a box at the theater in front of which his dead body was found. He had a large sum of money when last seen, but none of this was in his pockets when found.

Five attaches of the theater have been arrested by the police, but nothing positive connecting them with the murder has developed. The police are now looking for a woman named Fanuie Wolf, with whom he was seen drinking late last night.

In the vicinity of the stairway near which Lamar was found were evidences of a severe struggle. A dozen rings had been broken out of the banister and the victim's hat and a half burned cigar lay near by. The body was face upward, stretched out at length. The whole forehead, nose and face bones were crushed in. On the top of the head was a ragged wound, nearly three inches long. Near the body was a new watch and chain, to which was attached a gold Masonic charm.

Lamar was 45 years of age. He was a prosperous farmer and one of the leading politicians of the Indian territory. He was one-eighth Indian and a representative in the Cherokee council for several terms. Last summer he was a candidate for the Cherokee senate, but was defeated. He was a Mason of high degree and a trustee of the Fairland Building association. He was also a member of the Ancient Order of United Workmen.

An Amusement in India.

SIMLA, Sept. 28.—General Westmacott has completely demolished the headquarters of the Haddah Mullah in the village of Jarobi, blowing up all the fortifications. General Jeffrey reports that he has arranged an armistice of two days to enable the tribesmen to submit, which they appear anxious to do.

Grasshoppers Flying Near Hiawatha.

HIAWATHA, Kan., Sept. 27.—Farmers of Irving township report that myriads of grasshoppers are flying south, some dropping on the way. They fear that the pests are making ready to locate in Brown county and hatch out in the spring.

Minnesota Train Robbers.

MOOREHEAD, Minn., Sept. 28.—The west bound passenger train on the Northern Pacific railway was held up three miles north of here at an early hour yesterday morning. It is said the express car carried a large sum of money, which the robbers failed to secure, owing to a blunder in cutting off the cars. When the robbers discovered that they had not cut deep enough into the train to secure the express safes they rapidly despoiled the crew of watches and money and made their escape.

BARRIOS' BIG REWARDS.

One Hundred Thousand Dollars for the Heads of Insurgent Leaders.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 28.—The latest news from Guatemala, received in this city, states that a price of \$100,000 has been placed on the heads of Prospero Morales, the revolutionary leader, and his aide, Manuel Fuentes. It is also stated that an order to this effect has been promulgated by President Barrios.

NEW YORK, Sept. 27.—A dispatch to the Herald from La Libertad, Salvador, says: "The latest news received in this city from Guatemala is that several engagements have taken place between the government and rebel forces near Quetzaltenango and that each fight has resulted in the defeat of the government troops."

CALLED TO ORDER BY DEBS

About Two Hundred Persons Attend the Chicago Conference.

CHICAGO, Sept. 28.—About 200 representatives of labor organizations gathered in Orpheum hall to-day for the national labor conference called by the St. Louis labor convention. Members of many organizations affiliated with the American Federation of Labor were present, but all said they were not there in an official capacity. President E. V. Debs of the Social Democracy was called to the platform and explained the objects of the conference. He appealed to the representatives of all labor organizations to work together toward the amelioration of the present condition of the laboring classes.

CONDUCTORS CONFER.

Your Recent Discharges on Reports of Spotters Being Looked Into.

ST. LOUIS, Sept. 28.—The grievance committee of the Order of Railway conductors of the Gould system is in session here to-day considering the recent discharge of four conductors on information furnished by "spotters."

In discussing the matter, President Turner said: "The committee will consider the justice of the charges which were preferred against the discharged conductors, and if they are found to be true, the matter will be dropped. If we find that it is simply a case of the word of the 'spotter' against that of the conductor, we shall ask for the reinstatement of the men."

HADDAD MULLAH BEATEN.

India's Rebel Leader's Village Captured—Orakzais Again in Khyber Pass.

LONDON, Sept. 27.—According to special dispatches from Simla, the British, who on Wednesday captured Badamanai pass, held by the haddah mullah with a large force of Mohmands and Shinwaris, have pushed on from the pass and without opposition have occupied Jarobi, the village and headquarters of the haddah mullah, who has fled. It is believed that the capture of the village and the flight of the priest will break the back of the opposition of the tribesmen.

SIMLA, Sept. 27.—Renewed activity is reported among the tribesmen in the Khyber region. The Orakzais have been persuaded to return and hold the pass while the Afridis are reconnoitering in the Chinese and Bazaar valleys. Syed Akbar, with representatives of the various tribes, has gone to try to persuade the ameer's commander-in-chief, who is an Orakzai, to help his co-religionists.

LOVERS DIE TOGETHER.

A Blacksmith of Shamokin, Pa., Kills His Sweetheart and Himself.

SHAMOKIN, Pa., Sept. 27.—The bodies of Arthur W. May, aged 34, and Miss Cora Kasman, aged 18, were found in the blacksmith shop of Joseph Smink this morning. May had shot his sweetheart and then himself through the head. The murderer and suicide was a blacksmith, and up to the time of his death had been employed by Smink. The couple had been lovers for some time, and last week they arranged to go away and be quietly married. The parents of the young woman objected, and this caused a postponement. Then the pair made up their minds to end their troubles by dying together, and met last night and made all arrangements. The girl left her home early this morning and went direct to the blacksmith shop where May was waiting for her.

Mount Takes a Firm Stand.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Sept. 28.—Since the Ripley county grand jury adjourned on Thursday without indicting the members of the mob that lynched five men last week, Governor Mount to-day announced that he would order another grand jury called next week and would send Attorney General Ketcham himself to conduct the investigation.

Much Valuable Timber Burned.

RAPID CITY, S. D., Sept. 28.—C. W. Green, special agent of the interior department, who has charge of public timber, who has just returned from the Big Horn country, reports fifty-four square miles of the heaviest timber destroyed. The estimated loss is over \$500,000. The fire was extinguished by a snow storm.

Uncle Sam's Art Criticized.

MARINETTE, Wis., Sept. 28.—The Rev. Matthew Evans, formerly pastor of the Asbury Methodist Episcopal church in Milwaukee, stirred the Methodist Episcopal conference to its depths Sunday by the introduction of strong resolutions on the temperance question, wherein he favored a relaxation of effort in advocacy of prohibition. The resolutions also touched upon the semi-nude pictures which grace some of Uncle Sam's paper money, and the remarks of Mr. Evans brought down upon him the strictures of some of his brethren, who believed his language too strong.