

NEWS OF NEBRASKA.

Democrats Meet at Lincoln.

Lincoln, Neb., May 13.—J. B. Douglas, chairman of the First congressional Democratic committee called a convention to meet at Lincoln, Thursday, June 15.

Requisition for Perry Meyers.

Lincoln, May 13.—Governor Mickey issued a requisition for Perry Meyers, accused of rape at Falls City, Neb., who is now at Los Angeles. Two weeks ago Lieutenant Governor McGilton, as acting governor, declined to grant the requisition.

Nebraska Workmen Finish Session.

Omaha, May 12.—After three days business session the grand lodge of Ancient Order of United Workmen adjourned. The following officers were elected: Grand master workman, O. J. Van Dyke; foreman, J. D. Brayton; overseer, T. F. Martin; recorder, S. R. Barton; receiver, W. A. Greenwald.

Magney Grand Chancellor.

Omaha, May 11.—George A. Magney of Omaha was elected grand chancellor at the closing session of the grand lodge, Knights of Pythias. The retiring grand chancellor's recommendation for an increase in the per capita tax was voted down. Mrs. Sarah Dimzick of Fremont was elected grand chief of the Rathbone Sisters.

Double Tragedy at Lincoln.

Lincoln, May 11.—Peter Kathelzer, a traveling wheelwright, shot and killed Lieutenant Grace Townley, a member of the Volunteers of America. Kathelzer then shot himself twice and died an hour later. The dead girl, who is eighteen years old, came here from Omaha, where her relatives live. Kathelzer, who came from Sioux City, was a suitor, but Miss Townley discouraged him.

Property Stolen at Rulo.

Kansas City, May 13.—The priests' robes which were found in the home of James Patton, the Kansas City peddler who was shot by the city marshal at Glenwood, Ia., have been identified as those stolen from the merchandise store of Herman Boehme at Rulo, Neb. The police received a circular a few weeks ago from Rulo, giving a description of robes, cassocks and surplices which had been stolen from that city.

Chamberlain Case May 29.

Lincoln, May 13.—In the district court C. M. Chamberlain, former banker of Tecumseh, appeared and reported that he was able to secure but \$22,200 of the bond of \$25,500 required. The judge then continued the matter to May 29.

On that date there will be a hearing on the eighteen indictments now pending against Chamberlain in an effort on the part of the defendant to have some of them quashed.

Fred Hans is Acquitted.

Ainsworth, Neb., May 15.—The jury in the Fred Hans case, after being out all night, returned a verdict of not guilty. It was April 9, 1901, when F. M. Hans, a detective in the employ of the Chicago and Northwestern railroad, went to the house of David O. Luce, a wealthy ranchman, a widower with three small children, residing eighteen miles north of Ainsworth, and killed him. Luce was accused of wantonly shooting horses.

Bankers Union in Court.

Lincoln, May 13.—Chief Justice Holcomb of the supreme court issued an alternative writ of mandamus to compel State Auditor Searle to issue a license to the Bankers' Union of the World, or show cause for not doing so. The Bankers' Union of the World is a fraternal insurance order of Omaha and the action is brought by Dr. E. C. Spinney, its president. The state insurance department a month ago refused a license because of alleged violations of the insurance laws.

Jury Finds Chandler Guilty

Broken Bow, Neb., May 10.—The jury in the case of John E. Chandler, charged with cattle stealing, after being out several hours returned a verdict near midnight of guilty. James B. Rhodes, also mixed up in the cattle stealing of last November went into court and pleaded guilty to the charges against him, after withdrawing his previous plea of not guilty. Judge Hostetler says he will dispose of several cases before passing sentence upon Chandler and Rhodes. Much sympathy is expressed for Chandler's family.

NEBRASKA CROP BULLETIN.

Heavy Rainfall Retards Progress of Work and Some Corn Washed Out.

Lincoln, May 17.—Copious rainfalls occurred in the central and eastern sections and light falls in the western. In many places the rainfall was quite excessive and greatly retarded the progress of all farm work. Considerable damage was reported by hail to gardens and fruit, especially in the central and southwestern sections.

Corn is nearly all planted in the southeastern part of the state, but planting has been delayed in all sec-

tions by the heavy rains. In many places listed corn was washed out and much replanting will have to be done.

Wheat and oats continue in very good condition and fair growth was made during the last week. Oats are reported a thin stand. Grass has grown well and pastures are in good condition. The full extent of damage done to fruit by the hail cannot yet be determined, but apple trees promise to yield well.

Flood Danger Decreasing.

Lincoln, May 16.—With the exception of a washout near Archer, on the Aurora line, the Burlington is reported in excellent condition. No danger is apprehended from the Platte at Ashland. Much annoyance has resulted from the washouts along the Billings line.

Wreck on the Rock Island.

Lincoln, May 13.—Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific freight train No. 9 ran into an open switch at Meadows, near Louisville, Neb. The injured are: Engineer Thomas Graville, Fairbury, scalp wound, serious; Fireman Ben Stuart, Lincoln, cut and bruised; Fireman E. E. Brown, Fairbury. Lyman Borham, Leslie Borham, G. W. Curtis and Guy Davis of Tekamah, Neb., were riding in a horse car on their way to Wichita, Kan. They were all injured.

School Children Planting Corn.

Lincoln, May 15.—Deputy State Superintendent Bishop has received many requests for seed corn from school children desirous of entering the corn growing contest to be held at Lincoln in January. Prizes will be given. Under the rules governing the contest each applicant is sent a package containing approximately 500 kernels of seed corn. The corn from this seed is to be entered in the contest, which, it is hoped by the officials, will have the effect of awakening added interest in nature study and agriculture among the children of the public schools. The prizes will be announced later.

ALGOE HELD FOR BLACKMAIL.

His Wife Figures in Suit Against Editor Rosewater of Omaha.

Omaha, May 17.—Morris S. Algoe, a railroad man, has been arrested on a charge of attempted blackmail. The complainant is Edward Rosewater, editor of the Bee. He sets forth that on various occasions the defendant had approached Rosewater and used various means of intimidation in order to extract \$1,750 from the plaintiff.

Algoe on his release from jail swore out warrants for the arrest of Chief of Police Donahue and Editor Rosewater. The charge preferred against the chief of police is that he threatened to have Algoe arrested for blackmail unless the latter surrendered the sum of \$250. The complaint against Rosewater charges unlawful relations with Lillian Algoe, the wife of the complainant. Damages in the sum of \$5,000 is asked by Algoe in a suit filed in the district court.

FIGURES DECEIVED GARFIELD.

Omaha Packer's Man Declares Profit on Steer is \$8.

Omaha, May 16.—That the packers, by a peculiar method of bookkeeping and by juggled figures, deceived Commissioner Garfield into the belief that the profit on a beef steer did not exceed 98 cents, is the published statement of a confidential man in a South Omaha packing concern. The actual profit, he declared, is \$8.

Comparative tables are given, showing the debit and credit accounts on a bunch of seventy-one cattle actually sold in South Omaha Friday. The first table shows the figures as they appear on the packers' books and in the second table the figures are revised to show the actual values. The differences appear in charge for labor, which is declared in the second table to be 75 cents per carcass, instead of \$2.75, as in the first, and in credits for the byproducts. According to the packers' figures, the offal is credited at 35 cents per carcass, whereas, the man declares, "one beef liver alone is worth more than the credit allowed for all the offal."

SERIOUS FLOODS IN NEBRASKA.

Elkhorn River is the Highest for Fifteen Years.

Lincoln, May 15.—Floods and washouts prevail in Nebraska as a result of heavy rains. At Grand Island, Hastings and Harvard over four inches of rain fell in twenty-four hours.

At Norfolk, the Elkhorn river is the highest for fifteen years. Railroad tracks and wagon bridges have been washed out or damaged and there is danger that the business portion of Norfolk may be flooded. A leak in the dyke which protects the town caused an alarm of fire to be sounded. The break in the dyke proved to be small and was soon repaired. The waterworks station is partly full of water and the electric light plant is similarly situated. Many cellars are full of water.

Between Scribner and Oakdale, 1,000 feet of Northwestern railroad track has been washed out. Portions

of bridges and one mile of track between Norfolk and Columbus are gone.

Half of the temporary wagon bridge across the Platte river near Fremont was carried away by a torrent which came down that stream from the west, flooding the lowlands west of town.

The Burlington has a bad washout of track on its line between Grand Island and Cairo, and the southbound Pacific coast express was delayed there nearly eight hours. Near Wayne, Logan creek overflowed and the train from the east could not reach that place. There was a heavy rain last night in Lincoln and southeast Nebraska.

Get 1,141 Birds in Two Days.

Elgin, Ill., May 17.—When Elgin's annual crow hunt ended after two days of carnage, during which butcher birds and hawks as well as rooks were slaughtered, 1,141 birds were brought to the police station in this city for count. During the two days there were 176 hunters in the field.

SNYDER DEATH LIST GROWS.

Four More of Tornado Victims Succumb to Their Injuries.

Snyder, Okla., May 15.—Four more of the persons injured in Wednesday night's tornado died—Miss Mize, Mr. Paulson, John McCart and Miss Buser—bringing the total number of dead to 117. A number of persons are missing and several of the injured are in a critical condition. Sightseers made trouble for the guards and nurses. Much more welcome were 150 men who came from Hobart with tools and building material and gave their free services to putting partially wrecked houses into habitable condition. Relief is coming from many quarters—money, bedding, clothing and food. This assistance is urgently needed and supplies are being distributed judiciously. A pocket book containing \$32 was picked up nineteen miles from Snyder. It belonged to Mrs. James, who was killed, and it was carried twenty-three miles in the storm. clear away debris, bury the dead and care for the sick, and the fate of the farmers struck by the storm has not been fully investigated. Estimates of the number killed outside of Snyder range from twenty-five to forty. Two men dead and another barely alive were found in a heap of rubbish piled against freight cars near the station. They had been there since last Wednesday night at 8:15 o'clock, at which time every clock in town stopped. Statements that 400 persons were injured are correct, but most of these suffered only slight bruises. Forty-five persons are receiving hospital treatment.

Nearly 100 corpses were buried here, removing the most gruesome evidences of the tornado which nearly destroyed the town. Couriers who have come over the route of the storm say they saw several places where houses and barns had stood, but not a sign of habitation remained.

22 DEAD IN BURNED TR. IN.

Three of Harrisburg Wreck Victims in Critical Condition.

Harrisburg, Pa., May 15.—None of the thirty-four victims of the South Harrisburg railway collision and dynamite explosion was able to leave the Harrisburg hospital. With the exception of George Loeffler of Pittsburgh, Miss Anton Pfler of Cleveland and Harold Elfreth of Philadelphia, all are believed to be out of danger. Loeffler is in a critical condition and may not live. The other two are expected to recover. The railroad officials say the report of the death of a Mr. Shaw of Pittsburgh was incorrect and was due to a mistake of a Harrisburg physician in reporting the death of another victim. This makes the number of deaths twenty-two instead of twenty-three. The company can find no trace of E. D. Edson, the New York lawyer, whose body is thought to have been burned to ashes in the wreckage.

Wreck Inquiry Concluded.

Harrisburg, Pa., May 17.—The taking of testimony by the coroner's jury in the cause of the South Harrisburg disaster on the Pennsylvania railroad last Thursday, in which twenty-two lives were lost and more than 100 persons were injured, was concluded. Among the witnesses heard were the members of the freight crew, the survivors of the express train and experts on airbrakes and explosives. The testimony showed that a freight train was first wrecked by a sudden application of air and that it was the wrecked cars of this train into which the Cleveland and Cincinnati express crashed. It was also shown that the freight train had been flagged and in stopping, two cars were "buckled;" that one of the freight cars contained 20,000 pounds of low grade powder, which was exploded from a blaze starting from the wrecked engine and not by concussion.

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