

A MODEST MANIPULATOR.

The Early Struggles and Mature Methods of Jay Gould, as Told By Himself.

His Generous Labors Saved the Union Pacific From Early Bankruptcy.

The Southwestern System and the Enormous Extent of Territory Covered.

Watered Stock and its Value—Labor and Capital Should Live Down Together.

New York, September 21.—Senators Blair and Call waited patiently for Jay Gould to appear before them this morning to testify as to the relations of capital and labor. A large audience was in attendance. As Gould delayed his appearance the committee heard statements from Geo. W. Weston, a lawyer of this city, who appeared in opposition to the theory of Henry George and Moody. Just as the witness was beginning the testimony Gould entered. Weston merely stated the tendency to monopolize the land.

Gould then took the stand and being sworn, Senator Blair requested him to give the history of his early life and first business adventures, and to go on and give the story of his progress to the present time. Gould seemed to be somewhat staggered at the request, but turning with a smile toward the reporters he began in a low voice:

"I was born at Baxbury, Delaware county, this state, May 27, 1836. My parents had a small farm and ten or twenty cows, which I assisted tending. I attended school about fifteen miles distant, and when I was about fourteen years old obtained a situation in a neighboring village. I was interested in mathematics; would get up at 3 o'clock in the morning and study six or eight hours. I made a specialty in Latin and Greek. I had a large mind, and I was very ambitious. I made surveys afterwards of Delaware and Albany counties and made in the contracts about \$200. I then went into tanning with a partner, Pratt, and finally entered into partnership with Chas. M. Lupp, who committed suicide.

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THE REUNION.

Twenty-five Thousand People Enjoying the Hospitality of Hastings.

The Dress Parade a Brilliant Success.

Special Dispatch to THE BEE.

HASTINGS, September 5.—The arrivals at Camp Sheridan continue. All the available rolling stock of the railroad is brought into requisition. Box and stock cars are used for transporting people.

The old veterans pronounce this the most elaborate, best conducted and largest attended reunion ever held in Nebraska.

The grand dress parade to-day was a magnificent affair, over 1,700 veterans participating, which were led by brass and martial bands, comprising some two hundred and fifty music pieces, all playing Hail Columbia and other appropriate airs in unison.

The delayed tents arrived to-day and are now up, making ample accommodations. Little or no military tactics are displayed save that of the drum majors, but every one seems intent on having a jolly good time.

In fact I never met so vast a concourse of people where so little dissipation was indulged in or where so much good friendly feeling was manifested. The camp fire to-night is the rousing event of the camp and excitement runs high.

The usual toasts and toasts of trials are indulged in, and the great tumult will continue all night for the benefit of nervous sleepers.

A tight-rope walker, the Lincoln Glee club, a comedy company and the fascinating wheel of fortune, are here to entertain the public.

THE PRESS ACCOUNT.

HASTINGS, Neb., September 5.—The Nebraska G. A. R. reunion is the most remarkable occurring in the north-west; 25,000 people were in the grounds to-day, swelling by thousands to-night.

Unusual attraction but abundant crops and delightful weather make people inclined for a holiday.

THE CORN CROP.

An Increase in the Northwest and a Decrease in the South.

CINCINNATI, September 5.—A special report of the corn crop, by Charles B. Murray, editor of The Cincinnati Price Current, published to-morrow, makes the outlook in the western states favorable for a gain of 75,000,000 bushels over last year.

In the south and elsewhere there will be about an equal amount of loss, so the entire crop promises to be about the same as last year.

In many sections of Indiana, Illinois and Iowa the yield is higher, owing to a reduction in the west, which is late in maturing. Estimates show a reduction of 15 per cent compared with last year, and an increase of 5 per cent in Indiana, 10 in Illinois, 15 in Iowa, 5 in Missouri, 30 in Kansas and 10 in Nebraska, and a decrease in every southern state of 20 per cent over last year.

DAKOTA SEPARATIONISTS.

SIOUX FALLS, D. T., September 5.—Delegates to the constitutional convention assembled at Germania hall at 12 o'clock yesterday.

The meeting was called to order by John R. Gamble, of Yankton. Forty counties are represented in the 46th parallel were represented by 117 delegates out of a total of 150 provided for in the call, making a fine looking body of men.

After roll call, prayer was offered, whereupon Judge J. P. Kidder, of the supreme court of the territory, administered the oath to delegates assembled. A motion proceeded to temporary organization was carried. By unanimous consent A. C. Mallatze, Watertown, was chosen temporary chairman; C. H. Winsor, of Sioux Falls, secretary.

Committees were appointed on rules. Upon reassembling little business was undertaken out of courtesy to the Black Hills and other delegates who were unable to arrive. The committee on officers reported, suggesting as officers of the convention a president, secretary, first and second assistants, sergeant-at-arms, doorkeeper and pages. The report was adopted. The convention adjourned until to-morrow.

STEAMERS AGROUND.

ASTORIA, Oregon, September 5.—The steamer Queen of the Pacific, with the Villard party aboard, ran aground this afternoon, at Clatsop Spit, inside the Columbia. All construction of this system of roads was completed last year, and represented about ten thousand miles of track.

The earnings of the lines when he took possession of them was about seventy thousand dollars a month.

Under the government system the management would be subjected to great changes. Mr. Gould said that the public services would be better accomplished by private enterprise. He would not object to the government taking hold of the telegraph system of Western Union, provided it would pay what it was worth, but in his opinion it would not be a success.

Uniform tariffs on goods under private enterprise, as well under government supervision and the Western Union's policy tended to accomplish this.

Mr. Gould said the value of stock in a corporation depended upon its earning power. There might be water in the Western Union, but the same could be said of all kinds of property which had increased in value.

He thought the government had no right to fix a limit to which the profits of a company could go, so long as the rates were not unreasonable, and had no right to take away private property without just compensation.

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