

NEBRASKA NEWS

G. A. R. ENCAMPMENT AT HASTINGS FINISHES DELIBERATIONS.

1909 ENCAMPMENT AT YORK

Eli Barnes of Grand Island Elected Commander—Veterans Were Enlisted From Nineteen States During the War.

The thirty-second annual encampment of the G. A. R. concluded its labors at Hastings and adjourned after selecting officers for the ensuing term. It was voted unanimously to hold the next encampment at York. The following department officers were elected by the Grand Army:

Commander, Eli Barnes, Grand Island; senior vice commander, Dr. Brothers, Beatrice; junior vice commander, W. H. Stewart, Geneva; assistant adjutant general, A. M. Trimble, Lincoln; medical director, Dr. Spaulding, Omaha; John Deiver, Syracuse, chaplain.

Delegates to national encampment: J. Burwell, Juniata; C. E. Adams, Superior; L. D. Richards, Fremont; George C. Humphrey, Grand Island; O. C. Bell, Lincoln; C. S. Lucas, Central City; A. J. Frantz, Hastings; John A. Dempster, Omaha; C. O. Shields, Shelton; R. D. Pine, Lincoln.

All newly elected officers were installed by General A. V. Cole, past commander. Of the 424 veterans registered, the representation of states, by enlistment, was as follows:

Illinois, 125; Iowa, 50; Indiana, 37; Ohio, 54; Pennsylvania, 42; Wisconsin, 23; Minnesota, 1; Michigan, 16; Missouri, 11; New York, 27; New Jersey, 3; Maryland, 3; Kansas, 2; Colorado, 1; Nebraska, 6; Kentucky, 4; West Virginia, 2; Tennessee, 1; California, 1; New England states, 15. Nineteen states were represented.

The Relief Corps elected the following executive committee: Mrs. Mary Houser, David City; Mrs. Mary Butler, Ewing; Mrs. Josie Bennett, Harvard; Mrs. Belle Newell, Lincoln; Mrs. Sarah Sweet, Creighton. The following were chosen delegates to the national encampment: Mrs. Agnes Mlover, Blue Springs, delegate-at-large; Mrs. Elda Treadwell, Beatrice; Mrs. Frank Hill, Hastings; Mrs. Minnie Bell, Lincoln; Mrs. Matthews, Omaha, alternate delegate-at-large.

The Ladies of the G. A. R. elected the following: President, Mrs. Hannah Coates, Aurora; senior vice-president, Mrs. Lizzie Metcalf, Omaha; junior vice-president Mrs. E. F. Foster, Ord; chaplain, Mrs. Dolphine, Thornton, Kearney; treasurer, Mrs. Nora Kidder, Scribner; council of administration, Mesdames Caroline Putnam, Lincoln; Mrs. M. E. Richmond, Minden; Mrs. Clara Lyons, Omaha. Mrs. Nora Kidder was elected delegate-at-large to the national meeting. Other delegates are: Mrs. C. Putnam, Lincoln; Mrs. Esther Tophan, Minden; Mrs. Fannie Wilson, Kearney.

The W. R. C. elected officers as follows: Harriet Luce, of Republican City, president; Mrs. Kate G. Boyd, of Hastings, senior vice president; Emma J. Ducker of Red Cloud, junior vice-president; Addie I. Hough, of Omaha, treasurer; Ella Corbin, of Beaver City, chaplain.

GROUND TO DEATH BY TRAIN

Robert Stanley Falls Under Cars While Stealing a Ride.

Union Pacific train No. 54, with George Overmyer as conductor, was the cause of the death of Robert Stanley of Artonville, Minn., Thursday. Stanley and a partner had been riding freight trains from Salt Lake City, where they had been working all winter, and were enroute home, but were ditched near Gardner, about fifteen miles west of Columbus, when they tried to ride No. 54 in. In trying to open the side door of a box car while the train was in motion, Stanley lost his hold and tumbled, falling under the wheels and was ground to death. From the statement of the man who was accompanying Stanley it is learned that he has a married sister living at Artonville. The remains were taken to Columbus.

Utica Men Must Face Trial.

Some of the citizens of Utica who participated in the assault upon Evangelist Miller March 21 while holding revival meetings at that place, must answer in court. At the time it was said prosecution would be instituted, but no one made formal complaint and the county attorney took no action on his own account. When the case was presented to the grand jury the indictments were not slow in issuing. Those indicted are Messrs. Dayton, Ragan and Ernest Hurlbert. Mr. Miller was assaulted for remarks made about Utica women at Kensington.

OPERATION BRINGS REASON.

Mind of Sick Woman Restored By a Doctor.

After being violently insane three years, Mrs. Michaelson, an inmate of the Norfolk Insane asylum on Platte Center, Nebraska, has almost completely recovered her reason as the result of a surgical operation for gall stones. Dr. G. A. Young, superintendent of the asylum believes her mind may be completely restored. It is said to be the first case of the kind on record. Mrs. Michaelson had been in the violent ward. She was found to be suffering from gall stones and Dr. Young removed 415 small stones from the gall bladder. When she came out from under the anesthetic Mrs. Michaelson's demented condition was no more. It is said cases have been known where insane patients have been left cured after an attack of typhoid fever.

"It is explained," said Dr. Young, "physical disturbances irritated the nervous system, bringing out whatever tendency there was of insanity. Removing the disturbance cleared up the nerves."

LONG TRIP WITH BROKEN LEG.

Rule Man Rides Length of Nebraska with Undressed Injury.

Levi Anderson, an old soldier and widower about 60 years of age arrived at Rulo, Neb., Thursday night after having traveled from the western line of Nebraska with a broken and badly bruised leg. Last March he went West and took a 640-acre homestead near the Wyoming line. Being lonesome on his claim, he undertook to hitch up his western bronco and take a drive. The horse would not be harnessed, Mr. Anderson says, and in some manner either kicked or struck him on the leg and broke it. This roused the ire of the old soldier, and without securing aid, he harnessed the horse, hitched it up and drove it 30 miles alone to a railroad station.

On his homeward trip, Mr. Anderson came through many cities, but had nothing done until he got among his friends, about 48 hours after the accident happened. He was carried to his home on a stretcher, and physicians were called to dress and set his injured limb. Although badly bruised, inflamed and broken, the doctors think the leg will mend in time and that Mr. Anderson will be able to be about again. Mr. Anderson draws a pension of \$40 a month.

GOOD FIGHT FOR HIS LIFE.

South Omaha Saloonkeeper Fatally Shot by Holdups.

John Wrede, a saloonkeeper at South Omaha, was shot four times and fatally wounded by two men who were trying to hold him up Friday night. One of the men was captured. There was no one else in the saloon when the men entered, and covering the saloonkeeper with their revolvers demanded his money. Instead of complying Wrede picked up his own gun and a rapid exchange of shots followed, in which Wrede was hit four times in the body, two of the shots passing through his lungs. After emptying his revolver, Wrede closed with the smaller of the robbers and succeeded in locking him in the toilet room, where he was later found by the police. The other man fled. The captured bandit gave his name as Gerald Smith and that of his companion as Charles Blair, and said they arrived from Los Angeles a week ago.

Mail in Car Was Burned.

Many letters and packages were ruined Wednesday night at Maxwell, Neb., when a car of mail on the Union Pacific fast mail train No. 9 was partially destroyed by fire and water. The car contained storage mail and had no clerk in attendance. It was going through with the doors locked. Nearing Maxwell trainmen noticed smoke coming from the car and the train was speeded up to the nearest sidetrack, where the engine was detached and by means of the first hose from the engine the fire was soon extinguished. By the time the siding was reached the entire car was ablaze.

Lightning at Nebraska City.

William Weithamer of Nebraska City was knocked out of bed and made deaf by a bolt of lightning during the severe electrical storm that struck Nebraska City Wednesday night. Mr. Weithamer occupied lodgings over the store building at the corner of Central and Twelfth streets, when the bolt selected his room as its goal. While he is able to walk, and is out, he is unable to hear. Physicians believe this will be only temporary.

Threatened a Bank Cashier.

James J. Fee, who called at the Merchants National Bank, Omaha, March 10, and threatened to blow up the bank unless Cashier Luther Drake produced \$5,000 in cash, was found guilty of blackmail. His defense was insanity. Several witnesses testified that Fee acted queerly and one testified that he was eccentric, but not insane.

NEWS OF THE WEEK

Most Important Happenings of the Past Seven Days.

Interesting Items Gathered From all Parts of the World Condensed Into Small Space for the Benefit of Our Readers.

Congressional.

Representative Reeder of Kansas made a successful fight in the house recently against a bill increasing the extent of homesteads in non-irrigable land states.

The bill requiring publicity for campaign contributions has been passed by the house by a vote of 160 to 125.

Representative Victor Murdock of Kansas gained applause from both sides in the house in a speech against the ship subsidy bill in which he criticized the speaker and the house leaders for putting legislation through under gag rules.

The adjournment of congress has been postponed to May 27, and may be still later.

The senate without division adopted a joint resolution creating a national monetary commission to be composed of nine senators and nine representatives.

The senate has passed the general deficiency and military academy bills, the last of the big appropriation measures.

A bill has passed the house establishing a bureau of mines in the department of the interior.

The caucus of house republicans decided that it would be unwise to pass an anti-injunction bill at the present time.

The house and senate conferees were still far apart on an emergency currency measure and at a final conference decided to introduce a bill providing for a currency commission to be composed of nine senators and nine representatives.

The special house committee investigating the charges brought by Representative Lilley of New Jersey against the Electric Boat company have reported to the house that the charges were unwarranted.

The senate has passed a bill to prevent desecration of the flag.

The senate has passed the omnibus public building bill.

Miscellaneous

Disastrous floods caused by phenomenal rains are reported in Oklahoma. Every railroad in the state was tied up by washouts and the destruction of bridges. The natural gas main supplying the southeastern part of the state was broken and cities in that section were without light or heat. At Muskogee 20 inches of rain fell in ten hours.

Rev. J. F. Lubeley, pastor of a Catholic church at Salisbury, Mo., was stabbed and perhaps fatally injured in his church by Joseph Schuette, a member of his congregation. It is thought that Schuette became suddenly deranged.

Three airship accidents occurred in one day recently. Sixteen persons were injured by the falling of an airship in California, Dr. Bell's "White Wings" fell at Hammondport, N. Y., and Roy Knabeushen's airship fell at Toledo, O.

Before the Banker's club of Chicago William J. Bryan made a plea for an emergency currency for state as well as national banks and sounded a warning that the people would demand a government bank unless absolute security for deposits was assured them.

A bill in equity has been filed in the federal court at Boston by the government to break the merger of the New York, New Haven & Hartford and Boston & Maine railroads.

Fifteen persons were injured in a collision of trolley cars on Brooklyn bridge recently.

Heavy losses of sheep and lambs are reported from Montana in the recent blizzard. The snow was two feet deep on the level and five feet in drifts.

For the support of the army and navy of the United States, the purchase of supplies and munitions of war, for the fiscal year to end June 30, 1909, the American people will spend \$219,359,830, to which should be added \$3,700,000 for fortifications.

Harry Dunsweiler, a soldier in the engineering corps at Fort Leavenworth, was drowned recently while receiving instruction in the building of pontoon bridges.

The historic old Christ church in Philadelphia, erected under a provisional charter granted by King Charles II to William Penn in 1695 was recently struck by lightning and damaged to the extent of \$15,000.

In their eagerness to cut operating expenses many of the railroads of the country are curtailing the use of block signals.

The Indiana Railroad commission has been enjoined from enforcing its recent order reducing express rates on inter-state business.

Three persons were instantly killed, five fatally, injured and 45 others seriously hurt in a trolley accident in Philadelphia recently.

The published story that serious difference has arisen between the president and Secretary Bonaparte is positively denied at the White House.

More than 40,000 deaths have resulted from the severe famine prevailing in British East Africa.

The assessed value of all railroad property in Kansas as fixed by the state tax commission is \$356,064,599.80.

The vice president and cashier of the failed International bank at Coalgate, Ok., have been arrested charged with violating the state banking law.

A convention of the Lakes-to-the-Gulf Deep Waterway association has been called to meet in Chicago October 6, 7 and 8.

The state of Kansas has been awarded a verdict for \$142,000 against the United States Fidelity & Guaranty company on its bond guaranteeing the First National bank of Topeka which failed.

Five young women and two young men were drowned in the White river near Clarendon, Ark., by the sinking of a launch of which the gasoline tank exploded.

Several students of the Oklahoma university were injured recently in a head-on collision near Ripley.

James Brimmingstall is under arrest in Dowagiac, Mich., charged with six murders, four of them said to have been committed in Kansas and Missouri.

J. J. Straub, a seaman on the battleship New Jersey, was killed in a street car accident in Bellingham, Wash.

Severe wind storms swept over portions of Clay and Saline county, Kan., recently causing the death of four persons and the destruction of much property.

The one hundred and twentieth general assembly of the Presbyterian church in the United States is in session in Convention hall at Kansas City.

Fifty persons were killed and more than 100 injured in a recent railroad wreck in Belgium.

A new bridge under construction on the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad at Baychester, N. Y., was wrecked by an explosion of dynamite. Labor troubles are blamed for the outrage.

Gov. Hughes has signed the bill making it a felony to conduct a bucket shop in New York.

The Ruef jury at San Francisco has disagreed, standing six to six.

Passengers on a train between Mexico and Vera Cruz were recently held up by two negroes and robbed of \$10,000.

The Chinese of San Francisco are to build a \$50,000 school in that city where their children may be educated in their native tongue.

Gov. Folk, Senator Stone, James A. Reed and D. R. Frances were named as delegates-at-large to Denver by the Missouri state Democratic convention. They were instructed to vote for William J. Bryan for president.

President Roosevelt has signed the bill restoring the motto "In God We Trust" on United States coins.

In a duel with shotguns between farmers near St. Joseph, Mo., James Payne and Amos Thompson were fatally wounded.

Senator T. C. Platt was on the stand in the Wood-Platt divorce suit in New York. The senator admitted making an attempt to buy off Mae Wood.

Kansas Populists are to hold a state ratification meeting at Emporia on June 11.

The May price of corn was quoted at 79 cents a bushel on the Chicago board of trade recently.

The first encampment of the combined departments of Oklahoma and Indian territory G. A. R. was held recently in Guthrie.

The Kansas Federation of Catholic clubs met recently at Hays City. Delegates from all parts of the state were in attendance.

The United States navy is asking for 3,000 recruits by July 1.

A home-made wireless telegraph instrument in the Richmond, Mo., high school recently was in communication with various wireless stations in the southwest.

Four men were wounded in fights between striking street car men and guards in Cleveland, O. The rioters also wrecked several cars by placing dynamite on the track.

An injunction was denied eight non-union employes of the Chicago Railways company to prevent their discharge.

Rev. J. Spangler Kleffer of Hagers-town, Md., has been elected president of the general synod of the Reformed church in the United States.

A destructive forest fire swept across 10,000 acres of the Long Pine National forest in South Dakota recently.

Personal

Peter F. Dailey, one of the most widely known comedians in the United States, died in the Auditorium hotel at Chicago of a combination of la grippe, lumbago and pneumonia.

Charles M. Wood, American vice-consul at Rome, Italy is dead.

ATTACKED BY THUGS.

Bold Attempt to Rob New York Bank Messengers.

In broad daylight, and in one of the densely populated portions of New York City, three thugs made a daring attempt to hold up and rob a trio of bank messengers as they were carrying \$42,000 in cash from one of the bank's branches to its main building. Black pepper was showered on the messengers, one of them was hit with a black jack and another slashed with a knife in the desperate effort of their assailants to seize the money and escape with it before the arrival of assistance. That they failed to get clear with the valises filled with coin and bills which the bank employes were carrying was due to the stubbornness with which the messengers resisted the attack and to the bravery of a young Polish waitress in a nearby restaurant, who so impeded and delayed the leader of the attacking trio that he fell an easy victim to two policemen who came running to the rescue.

The leading thug attacked Samuel Edelman, who carried the bulk of the money, grabbing his money bag and attempting to run with it. The other thugs took care of Joseph H. Zelzer and Abraham Stern, the other messengers. Edelman tried to shake his assailant off, but was faring badly when Mrs. Eva Javornicka, waitress in a nearby restaurant, grabbed the leader of the attacking band by the arms. She screamed so loudly for help that a patrolman came running up, frightening the other two thugs away, and was right at the heels of the man who had attacked Edelman by the time he had managed to shake himself free from the waitress. The fugitive was arrested. The man gave his name as Casimo Riccobono.

COURT FINDS THAW INSANE.

Decision Given Under Which He Must Stay in Asylum.

Harry K. Thaw, the slayer of Stanford White, will not be released from the lunatic asylum. This is the decision reached by Justice Morschauser of the New York supreme court in an opinion filed in the matter of Thaw's application for release on a writ of habeas corpus.

Both points brought up by Thaw's attorneys are decided against him. The justice declares that Thaw is now insane and should not be allowed at large, and he further declares that the commitment to the lunatic asylum by Justice Dowling after the last trial of the case was entirely legal.

Thaw has accepted apparently with resignation the decision of Supreme Court Justice Morschauser that he is still insane and that the interests of the public will be best served by denying him liberty. Pending the signing of the papers of recommitment, which probably will not be done before a week from next Saturday, Thaw will occupy Sheriff Chandler's suite in the county building.

In the meantime an effort will be made by Thaw's attorneys to induce District Attorney Jerome to consent to the commitment of the prisoner to one of the state hospitals other than Matteawan. It is said that in the event of Mr. Jerome giving his consent to such a change no appeal will be taken from Justice Morschauser's decision. Even if an appeal were taken it could not be argued before fall.

FOUND FLOATING IN A BARREL.

Unknown Woman Believed to Have Been Murdered.

The body of an unidentified woman, believed to have been murdered, was found floating in a barrel in Little Hell Gate between Ward's and Randall's islands, New York. The woman's eyes were discolored and her nose was bruised. Nearby is Thomas Jefferson park, where many Italian outings are held. The body was that of a woman probably under 40 years, attired in dark clothing and a heavy winter coat. There were no rings on the fingers, and the size and condition of her hands seemed to indicate that the woman had been accustomed to hard work. There was a deep gash across the face, such as might have been caused by the blow of a hatchet.

Leaves His Money to Yale.

The will of Archibald Henry Blount, who died a year ago, and which leaves the residue of the testator's estate to Yale university, was admitted to probate after it had been "solemnly proven." This usual course was taken as the relatives of Mr. Blount, who were not mentioned in the will or left the smallest legacy, threatened to contest on the ground that Mr. Blount was of unsound mind when he made the will. To prevent the relatives from succeeding in breaking the will, J. A. Barrett, counsel for Yale university, called a number of witnesses to prove that Mr. Blount was of perfectly sound mind at the time he signed the instrument and that he remained so until his death. The value of the residue to which Yale is entitled is about \$450,000.