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THOUSANDS RUINED

STORM IN PHILIPPINES CAUSES IMMENSE DAMAGE.

Loss of Life Not Great, but Property Damage Will Amount to Huge Proportions—Aid is Being Sent to the Suffering Natives.

Reports now coming into Manila, P. I., from places along the path of the recent typhoon, in the island of Luzon and the southern islands, indicate great loss of life and property. In the waters surrounding Samar and other islands many coasting vessels and island transport have been wrecked. The coast guard cutter Leyte is a complete wreck, and eleven Americans and twenty-four natives were drowned. At the town of Serisogen fifteen natives were drowned. The loss on the hemp plantations is estimated at \$1,000,000.

The army transport Juan Rodriguez ashore at Legaspi. In the interior of the island of Samar thousands of natives are homeless. The same report comes from many other small islands. Army posts in the southern islands have been destroyed. The civil and military authorities are rushing aid to the suffering people. Owing to the destruction of the telegraph system reports received from other points are very meager.

Gen. Corbin, commanding the division of the Philippines, Friday called the war department at Washington further details of the damage done the government property there by the typhoon. He says:

"The temporary shelter posts at Harts home, Gatabig, Tagabiran, Taviran Gandara and Bulao were destroyed. The launches Hercules and Lorchia, with rations, were blown ashore. The coast guard vessel Leyte was wrecked on the west coast near Allen. All the officers and six passengers on the Leyte were lost. Artificer Joseph L. Rulon, of the Twenty-first infantry, was killed, and several officers and men were injured at Harts home. The damage to property in and around Manila was not large. The land telegraph system is demoralized. Corbin doesn't confirm the rumor of the destruction of the military post at Malahi.

A SUICIDE PACT.

Groom-to-Be Fails to Keep Pledge to Bridee.

The body of Mrs. Nellie West Long was found in a room at the Burlington Hotel at St. Louis, Mo., Friday. She had committed suicide with morphine. Bert Grimm, her fiancé, who was with her, is under arrest charged with having entered into a compact with the woman. Grimm declared they were about to be married when he became suspicious that the woman had not obtained a divorce from Long. He confronted her at her home Thursday night, when she suddenly cried out that she would commit suicide, and ran from the house. To talk with her he said, he took her to a hotel. While absent from the room she took morphine. When he returned he found her dead and gave an alarm.

The police express the belief that a suicide compact had been entered into, and Grimm failed to take his own life.

CANCER IS KILLING HIM.

President Harper Must Undergo Another Serious Operation.

A Chicago special says: It has been decided by the physicians in attendance on President Harper, of the University of Chicago, that nothing will save his life but a surgical operation of heroic character. It is admitted that there is practically no chance of saving his life unless the cancer which is killing him is checked by the removal of a portion of the large intestine.

It is proposed by the surgeons to make an examination in a few days to decide on the advisability of the operation. It is said that the chances are greatly against the permanent relief of the patient if the operation is performed.

Terrible Texas Tragedy.

Mrs. A. J. Condit and four children, a daughter of 13 and three boys from 6 to 10 years of age, were murdered in cold blood at their home near Edna, Tex. Their heads were crushed and their throats cut with a knife or razor.

Tidal Wave Sweeps Island.

Mail advices received at Victoria, B. C., from the South seas include details of a disastrous typhoon and tidal wave in the Marshall group, causing the loss of about 120 lives. A wave nearly six feet high swept the island of Jaluit.

Tornado in South Africa.

A tornado Thursday night struck Malmesbury, a town of 3,000 inhabitants, thirty-five miles from Cape Town, South Africa, and reduced it to ruins. A number of persons were killed.

Sioux City Stock Market.

Friday's quotations on the Sioux City stock market follow: Butcher steers, \$5.60. Top hogs, \$5.20.

Population of Kansas.

A Topeka, Kan., special says: The decennial census just completed shows the population of Kansas as enrolled by the assessors in March, 1905, to be 1,543,818, an increase of 209,804 over the population as shown by the census of 1895.

Claim Against Bigelow Estate.

The First National Bank, of Appleton, Wis., has filed a claim for \$20,000 against the estate of Frank G. Bigelow, the defaulting banker, of Milwaukee, Wis.

MAY AVOID RUPTURE.

Hope that Austria-Hungary Will Remain Intact.

Budapest advices say: There is no abatement of the popular unrest, although Thursday passed off without serious outbreaks in any quarter.

The socialists gathered again at night in front of the Imperial Club, but the police were more energetic than they were Wednesday night, and dispersed the groups as soon as they formed, thus preventing disorder.

A meeting of students passed off without incident. At a meeting of democratic clubs it was decided to hold a grand torchlight procession in the near future. This decision gives rise to some uneasiness, and it is impossible that the procession will be postponed until after the convention of the supporters of the coalition parties on Oct. 3.

Reports from the provinces show increasing support for the coalition parties, but notwithstanding this there is an element in Hungary, outside of the socialist ranks, that continues to remain in opposition to the coalition. This element is encouraged by well authenticated reports from Austria of an almost unanimous sentiment in favor of the crown, and that even the Austrian socialists are opposing the Hungarian movement, because the coalition is opposed to universal suffrage in Hungary.

The coalition leaders, realizing the presence of a decided anti-Magyarian tendency among many influential persons, are losing no opportunity to strengthen their position.

Two of the most prominent members of the commission, Count Andrássy and Count Banffy, have declined to join the independent party. They declare that should the independents secure a majority they will retire to private life. They assert that the abandonment of the Ausgleich (which regulates the financial and commercial affairs of the country and the quota to be paid by each to the common expenses of the empire) will mean ruin, and hold that dualism is the only sound policy for Hungary.

Francis Kossuth demands the union of all Hungarian parties "for the defense of the Hungarian constitution," and it is believed that a private meeting of deputies which has been called for Oct. 2, the day before the great convention, may formulate plans to secure such a union.

HELD FOR RANSOM.

Brooklyn Contractor's Son Prisoner of Kidnapers.

Antonio, the Gray-old son of Frank Marandina, a Brooklyn, N. Y., contractor, has been missing since last Sunday. His father believes he has been kidnaped to secure a ransom by "Black Hand" methods. Two weeks ago the father began to receive letters demanding \$500 on pain of abduction of a member of his family.

Since the boy disappeared he has received four others offering to return the boy if \$500 is paid. In one letter the threat is made that the boy will be returned in a box if the money is not paid. The child was playing in the street, when two men coaxed him away.

The police believe the father has paid a ransom and they watched his home Thursday, intending to arrest any one bringing the boy home.

NO GOOD CLEW.

Boston Mystery Has Not Yet Been Solved.

After a week of the most untiring and diligent investigation by the police departments of Boston, the state and of Winthrop, the identity of the unknown woman, part of whose dismembered body was found in a dress suit case in the waters of Winthrop Bay, remains unknown, and no positive clew to the perpetrator of the crime has been discovered.

Considerable progress, however, has been made, and the police feel assured that a number of articles found have a pertinent bearing on the crime.

Twelve Are Indicted.

In connection with the disorders of Friday last, which resulted in the killing of Congressman Enrique Villandras and Chief of Police Illiano, indictments were returned at Cienfuegos, Cuba, against twelve persons, three of whom were held without bail and the remainder admitted to bail in \$5,000 each.

Burglars Loot Bank Vault.

Burglars early Thursday entered the private bank of Burnett & Sons at Eldorado, Ill., wrecked the vault and carried off about \$10,000. Many shots were exchanged between the burglars and citizens. Bloodhounds were put on the trail of the burglars.

Famous Saloon Closed.

The Subway tavern, at New York, the saloon which was opened with prayer by Bishop Potter a year ago, has been closed. The owner locked up its doors, saying that the temperance saloon had not been a paying investment.

Peru Makes a Loan.

The Peruvian government has made a contract with financiers in Berlin for a loan of \$3,000,000 at 6 per cent interest, with 2 per cent annually for amortization.

Siberia to be Represented.

The inclusion of Siberia in the first national assembly at St. Petersburg is assured. The Solsky commission has determined on the allotment of fifteen Siberian members.

Glass Workers to Fight.

War to the end was the decision reached at Cleveland, O., by the representatives of the Amalgamated Association of Window Glass Workers of America in the proposed effort to man the independent glass factories of the country with snappers and apprentices.

Oils Will Cost More.

A Pittsburg special says that the Standard Oil Company Thursday again advanced the price of higher grade oils 5 cents and lower grades 2 cents.

RIOTING IN BUDAPEST.

Between Forty and Fifty Persons Are Injured.

Budapest advices state that between forty and fifty persons were injured in riots there Wednesday evening, when socialists and adherents of the coalition parties, including students, clashed opposite the Royal Hotel and for two hours there were scenes of tremendous excitement.

The Royal Hotel is the headquarters of the Independence Club, which is the council room of the coalition leaders. The students and other supporters of the coalition had arranged for a gigantic torchlight procession Wednesday night, but during the day the socialists issued inflammatory proclamations calling on all socialists and others opposed to the coalition to gather and fight for their rights, which they said the coalition was trying to sidetrack under cover of an alleged affront by the king-emperor to the whole nation. Owing to these proclamations the coalition leaders decided to postpone the torchlight procession, seeking thus to avoid bloodshed.

At 8 o'clock about 1,500 socialists gathered outside the Independence Club and announced their intention of entering and tearing down the council room. A large force of police was present, and was assisted by 150 prominent citizens.

The mob made an effort to enter, but was vigorously opposed by the police. A fight ensued, and amid the wildest clamor a number of persons were stabbed, but the socialists were finally scattered. Fifteen minutes later, however, the socialists again gathered. By this time adherents of the coalition in large numbers appeared and a free fight ensued. An immense mass of people surged in every direction, fighting and singing. Knives, sticks and stones were used vigorously. Meanwhile a thunderstorm came up and vivid lightning lighted up the square, while the thunder added a note of terror. Rain fell in torrents, and the combatants were finally dispersed by the police.

It is reported that over forty persons were wounded, eight of them seriously. There were no deaths.

DUEL IN A CAR.

Fierce Pistol Fight Between Two Men on a Wabash Train.

John E. Ryan, of Chicago, Pacific Express messenger on the Wabash train, and Ed Greene, of Chicago, former express messenger, had a revolver duel in Ryan's car Wednesday morning all the way from Bennett to Decatur, Ill. On arrival at Decatur the men were taken to hospitals. Both may die.

Greene says he got on the express car at Chicago, intending to go to his home at Pittsfield to visit relatives. He was an old friend of Ryan, and the latter, he claims, permitted him to ride. He claims he assisted Ryan on the trip with the express matter and that the two began drinking. Jokes led to a quarrel, and Greene says both drew guns at the same time.

TREMENDOUS EXPLOSION.

Wreck of the Steamer Chatham in Suez Canal is Blown Up.

The wreck of the British steamer Chatham, which was sunk in the canal at Port Said Sept. 6 in order to prevent the explosion of a large quantity of dynamite, which formed part of her cargo, while the ship was menaced by flames, was blown up Thursday morning. The explosion was tremendous, and the enormous displacement of water was visible from a point five miles distant. It is believed the whole of the Chatham's dangerous cargo was destroyed.

No serious damage was done to the canal, and the authorities anticipate the passage will be cleared of debris in four days.

WRECK ON THE RIO GRANDE

Train Jumps the Track and Overturns, Injuring Thirty People.

The eastbound Rio Grande passenger train was wrecked Tuesday between Dobores and Glenwood, Colo., two miles west of the latter place.

The train was taking a sharp curve when the baggage car left the track, taking with it both passenger coaches. The engine and tender remained on the track. The entire train was overturned and all the passengers, about thirty, were badly injured and shaken up.

The injured were taken to Durango and sent to Mercy hospital.

A Destructive Typhoon.

In a dispatch from Manila Wednesday Gen. Corbin reports that great damage was done by Tuesday's typhoon and that the quartermaster's depot was completely destroyed. Gen. Greely was advised Wednesday that owing to the destructive typhoon in Manila all signal corps lines leading out of the city are interrupted.

Buffalo Job Printers Quit.

Two hundred union compositors employed in the job printing offices which have not agreed to the eight-hour day at Buffalo, N. Y., struck Thursday. The strike does not affect newspaper offices.

Alfonso and Matrimony.

Officials at Madrid, Spain, discredit the continued reports of King Alfonso's approaching marriage to various princesses. It is said no decision can be arrived at until after the king's visit to Berlin.

Famous Theatrical Manager Dead.

Jacob Litt, well known theatrical manager and owner of theaters in New York, Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul, died Wednesday at Yonkers, N. Y.

Gets Three Years in Prison.

Minister Merry, at San Jose, Costa Rica, cabled the state department at Washington Wednesday that William S. Abers had been sentenced to three years in prison, but an appeal has been taken to the supreme court.

Woman Tried to Blackmail.

The Cuyahoga grand jury at Cleveland, O., Wednesday returned two indictments against Minnie Lee, alias Ellen Iber, of Chicago, on a charge of attempting to blackmail Gov. Herrick.

STATE OF NEBRASKA

NEWS OF THE WEEK IN A CONDENSED FORM.

W. C. T. U. Elects Officers—Mrs. Dora Wheelock, of Superior, is Chosen President—Miss M. Breen Indorsed for National President.

The thirty-first annual convention of the Nebraska Women's Christian Temperance Union, registered the highest attendance in the history of the organization at its closing session at Grand Island Monday, when 125 delegates participated in the election of officers, which resulted as follows: President, Mrs. Dora V. Wheelock, of Superior; vice president, Mrs. Frances Beveridge, Fremont; recording secretary, Mrs. Fred Patterson, Omaha; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Samuel B. Starrett, Central City; treasurer, Mrs. Annette Nesbitt, Pawnee City; delegates to the national convention at Los Angeles, Misses E. A. Fulton, Pawnee City; C. E. Weldon, Fairbury; G. W. Darnier, Overton; M. D. Russell, Lincoln; Zara Wilson, Lincoln.

Mrs. Harris, of Superior, objected to a continuous term of office, and believing that the best should be represented, the convention instructed the delegates to favor at the national convention a limitation of the term of the national president and to favor Miss Marian Breen, of Illinois, as a successor to the present incumbent, Mrs. L. M. Stevens, of Boston.

An invitation was accepted from Atmore to hold the convention there next year. The plan of work for the coming year includes the printing and posting of the anti-cigarette law in all places where tobacco is sold in the state. A protest was forwarded to the postmaster general against the sending of cigarette papers through the mails; petitions to the Nebraska representatives in congress to vote for the expulsion of Reed Smoot from the senate and an endeavor to have the international course of scientific temperance adopted in all the public schools of the state. Resolutions of protest were passed against the disfranchisement of the women of Nebraska, and all members urged to exercise their privilege of voting at school elections and to put women on the school boards wherever possible.

Edward Erwin, of Superior, won the grand gold medal contest given by the Women's Christian Temperance Union Monday evening. There were six contestants, three boys and three girls, and all did well.

MICKEY MEETS ENGINEERS.

Locomotive Brotherhood Has Good Attendance at Lincoln.

A two days' reunion and conference of members of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers began at Lincoln Thursday with a good attendance, representatives of the order being present from the states of Michigan, Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, South Dakota and Montana. Grand Chief Engineer Warren S. Stone and Third Grand Engineer Delos Everett were among the early arrivals of the official staff of the order.

No business was transacted, the gathering being for conference and recreation. At the Lincoln auditorium, where the meetings were held, Gov. Mickey extended a welcome to the visiting engineers, and Grand Chief Stone responded in an extended address.

BONACUM-MURPHY CASE.

Final Ruling Made by the Nebraska Supreme Court.

A Lincoln special says: The final mandate of the supreme court has been issued in the long pending Bishop Bonacum-Father Murphy case, from Seward County, disposing of all the litigation which has been pending without prejudice to any further action that may be taken. It is believed that a certified copy of the mandate of the court will be forwarded to Rome by Father Murphy, the Seward County priest, who has achieved victory in the litigation after he had been excommunicated by the bishop.

The effect of the mandate, it is said, is to hold that the bishop has no standing in the civil courts pending the final adjudication in the appeal to Rome.

Lost Two Barns.

For the second time within a couple of months, Adolph Stroth suffered severe loss by fire at Hooper, when his barn was totally destroyed, and with it four head of horses and harness. In the fire a short time ago his barn and ice house was destroyed, but at that time he was fortunate enough to get his stock out. The latest fire was not discovered until it had gotten considerable headway and the horses had already perished. The barn was remodeled from an old ice house and was just completed a few days ago. The origin of both fires is a mystery.

May be Fatally Hurt.

Pat Cavanaugh, a well known horseman of Verdria, was probably fatally injured in a race on the Craigtown track during the progress of the county fair there Friday afternoon. Swinging into the home stretch of the track Cavanaugh's right rein broke, sharply turning his horse into the fence. Cavanaugh was thrown violently, breaking one leg, dislocating his ankle and sustaining internal injuries from which it is feared he cannot recover.

An Unfortunate Situation.

A woman giving her name as Dora Dordal arrived in Beatrice Saturday afternoon over the Rock Island and was immediately taken to the City Hotel, where she gave birth to a child which died soon afterward. She seemed to want to hide her identity, but said she came from Nuckolls County and expected to meet friends at Tecumseh and go on to St. Joseph, where she had been called by the illness of her mother.

Young Man a Suicide.

Fred Burnett, a young man, shot himself at the home of his grandfather, E. F. Bank, in Vinecut precinct, near Beaver City. His lifeless body was found in his room by his mother. He had killed himself with a small rifle, the shot entering the heart and death was instantaneous.

Gets After Gamblers.

T. B. Swain has been appointed city marshal at Wood River in place of J. W. Coomes, resigned, and commenced his duties by rounding up a gang of local gamblers.

BANKER SEEKS FREEDOM.

O'Neill Man Would Make Settlement with Depositors.

President Bernard McCreary, of the defunct Elk Horn Valley Bank at O'Neill, who is now in jail, and Cashier Patrick Hagerly, who is still missing, would like to go free from the law, with all criminal prosecutions abandoned by the losing depositors in the failed bank, and have made an offer to the depositors through their attorney at O'Neill whereby the depositors are to receive a little money, a house and a little mining stock in return for the liberty of the absconding officers.

They offer the money that is in the hands of the receiver, the home of Hagerly and \$5,000 worth of mining stock in the Clipper Mining Company. That stock now belongs to McGreevy. They ask that prosecution of them be stopped. The depositors will probably not accept the offer.

WILL ASK FOR A RECEIVER.

An Insurance Company, Located at Hastings, Proves Unprofitable.

The German-American Fire Insurance Company, of Hastings, a mutual concern, has signified its intention to ask for a receiver to settle up its affairs. Some time ago the state insurance department came into possession of facts which tended to show that the company was unable to meet its obligations, and requested a showing. The company was granted until Sept. 20 to make the showing and the report has been filed by Secretary D. K. Taylor. The company was given permission to voluntarily ask for a receiver or have the insurance department do it. The debts of the company amount to \$3,500, of which \$1,300 is for losses, while the remainder is for back salaries, money owing banks, etc.

BLAKEMORE IS EXPELLED.

Methodist Minister Charged with Immorality Found Guilty.

After an all-night session the special committee of the southeast Nebraska conference, which was hearing the evidence in the Rev. F. P. Blakemore case, returned a verdict of guilty at Falls City. There were twenty-one counts against Blakemore, charging almost everything that a minister should not do and the committee found him guilty on every charge. He was expelled from the ministry and from membership in the Methodist Episcopal church.

Blakemore immediately filed notice of appeal from the action of the conference to the judicial conference to be held this fall. Opinions are divided as to the justice of the verdict.

CORN BANQUET.

Secretary of Agriculture Wilson Will be a Guest.

Secretary of Agriculture Wilson has announced that he will attend the corn banquet which will be held in Lincoln Dec. 21, at which nothing will be served except products of corn.

More than 500 boys and girls from all parts of the state are expected to attend this banquet. The railroads have taken an interest in the matter and have promised a reduction in the rates. At the meeting prizes will be given to the girls who prepare the most palatable corn bread in the kitchen contest.

FATAL ACCIDENT.

Young Farm Hand Meets Death Near Oakland.

Lee Samuelson, a young man working for John P. Jacobson, six miles northwest of Oakland, was so severely injured in an accident Saturday afternoon that he died at 2 o'clock the next morning. While threshing a pitchfork which he held in his hand caught in a belt on the machine. The handle became twisted and the times pierced Samuelson in the abdomen. Two doctors were immediately called, but nothing could be done to save his life. The young man has been in this country but a short time.

Fined for Fencing Government Land.

Judge Munger, in the United States court at Omaha Thursday, sentenced John Krause, a ranchman living near Alliance, to pay a fine of \$800 and half of the costs of the case, and his brother, Herman Krause, to pay a fine of \$50 and one-half of the costs. The Krause brothers were convicted at the May term of illegally fencing 4,000 acres of government land. The men are given ten days in which to pay the fine, and in case of failure to do so they shall be confined in jail until the money is paid.

Widow Gets Judgment.

Mrs. Lena A. Gallant was awarded judgment in the district court at Nebraska City for \$1,400 against the supreme tribe of Ben Hur. Mrs. Gallant is the widow of Phillip Gallant, who was drowned in the Missouri River a year ago last March. Her husband's body was never recovered and the Ben Hur order refused to pay the amount of the policy carried by him.

Refused License to Wed.

Henry Garrett, colored, who aspires to become the husband of a white woman, was refused a license by the license clerk in the county judge's office at Lincoln. Garrett, who is a well educated and good-looking colored man, asked for a license, and after it had been partially filled out he was asked if the bride-to-be was colored. Upon answering that she was white he was refused the license.

Typhoid Fever in Lincoln.

About fifty cases of typhoid fever were reported in Lincoln last week, and the physicians are not able to state the cause. Many of them allege that the bacilli are in the ice that is used, but the ice companies claim that such a thing is impossible.

Had a Worthless Check.

Upon complaint of J. A. Worrell, of Wisner, O. A. Smith, of Bancroft, was arrested and lodged in jail. The charge is uttering a worthless check.

Former Chief of Police Acquitted.

Ex-Chief of Police O. Schoonover, of Nebraska City, charged with false imprisonment and usurpation of office, has been acquitted by the jury in the district court. The case was the outgrowth of a mock court instituted by the local lodge of Eagles in the last Fourth of July celebration.

Loses Two Fingers.

Frank Squires got two fingers of his left hand caught in the cogs of his sawmill at Decatur Tuesday, completely severing them from his hand.



Gov. Mickey is still receiving numerous requests to call a special session. Some are anxious that he wait until he sees what action the railroads will take on their 1905 taxes, while others desire the session called immediately after election. One man at the state house said that he had received information from a merchant at Grand Island that in ordering a car of sugar from California, it was necessary for him to pay freight rates from Omaha to Grand Island even though the train reached Grand Island before it did Omaha and the sugar never was in Omaha. He also said that in buying sugar manufactured in Grand Island the merchants had to pay the added freight rates from Grand Island to Omaha and back, even though the sugar was never more than a mile from the merchant's place of business. It is such instances as these that are being called a reason for the special session of the legislature. The governor hesitates to call a special session because the members who would compose it did nothing when they had the opportunity and may repeat the performance.

According to a bulletin issued by the census bureau at Washington there were at the beginning of the present year 1,819 manufacturing establishments in the state of Nebraska as against 1,707 in 1900, and the capital employed amounted to \$80,275,819, as against \$66,002,313. There were 2,192 officials employed, who received salaries amounting in the aggregate to \$2,074,511. The wage earners numbered 20,241, and they were paid \$11,022,147 annually. The products for the present year are valued at \$154,918,220, a gain of 19 per cent since 1900. The gain in Omaha was 42 per cent and in South Omaha 3 per cent. Slaughtering and meat packing continues to be the principal industry, with a production for last year of \$69,243,468, a decrease of almost \$2,000,000 when compared with 1900. Flour and grist milling held second place, with a total of \$12,190,363, against \$7,794,150 for 1900.

Members of the late legislature who are candidates for re-election will have to see the records they made in that session during the coming campaign. A well known politician who has had much to do with the agitation against the railroad domination in politics was at the state house to secure a copy of the house journal from which he desired to take the record on railroad legislation of every member of the house. The house journals, for some reason or other, are not yet published, and this man wondered if there was any reason for this delay, and he intimated that inasmuch as the railroads were already busy selecting candidates for the legislature, that the books were being held back until everything was set.

County Clerk Drexel, of Douglas County, filed his answer to the petition of Attorney General Brown for a mandamus to compel the clerk of the Woodmen of the World to turn over his records. The court granted the clerk ten days to file briefs. In his answer Mr. Drexel set up that the law has been complied with and all the property of the order was included in the assessment of \$38,340 fixed by County Assessor Reed. The answer, alleging that the records had been assessed, came as a distinct surprise to the legal department of the state, as it has been considered there was no question but what the county board of equalization had absolutely refused to consider the reserve fund.

The supreme court has granted an alternative writ of mandamus against County Clerk Drexel, of Douglas County, to compel him to place on the ballot the names of Clark W. Adair and other nominees of the Socialist party in Douglas County. The writ is made returnable Oct. 3. The Socialist party nominated its ticket by convention instead of by primary election, as provided for in the Dodge primary election law, enacted by the last election, which applies only to Douglas County. The decision in the suit will settle the question of the constitutionality of the primary election law.

The State Library Association has sent out notices to the schools of the state, calling attention to the fact that Friday, Oct. 20, is library day and should be so observed throughout the state. According to the notices sent out the general topic this year will be the Louisiana purchase, its exploration and development, and present conditions with special reference to the story of Lewis and Clark and the settlement of the northwest. The object of library day is to give the schools an opportunity to add new books to the libraries and all the schools are urged to hold special exercises on that day.

The Bankers Union of the World held the boards in the supreme court Tuesday afternoon in its effort to compel the state auditor to issue it a certificate to do business in Nebraska. Attorney General Norris Brown filed a demurrer to the petition of the insurance company, and in his arguments before the court held that the court had not the power to coerce the auditor in the matter. In his concluding statement General Brown said if the court held otherwise he was ready to go into the matter and prove that the company was not entitled to a license.

John Wall was in Lincoln last week to get a stay of execution of the sentence of W. S. Hadley, convicted of murder in the second degree, and sentenced to twelve years in the penitentiary. Hadley was convicted of the murder of Melvin Butler, of Custer County.

The following delegates were appointed by Gov. John H. Mickey to represent the state of Nebraska at the national conference of immigration, to be held in New York City Dec 6 and 7, 1905, under the auspices of the National Civic Federation: Stephen Noble, Omaha, Pioneer Building; Peter Jensen, Jansen; E. P. Kohout, Wilber; S