DEMOCRATS IN DESPERATION.

Demand Removal Of Postmaster John R. Hays.

TO KICK UP CAMPAIGN DUST.

T. H. Allen, Chairman of the Democratic State Central Committee and Brother-in-Law of Bryan, Centers Fire on Norfolk Man.

Lincoln, Oct. 26.—Thomas H. Allen, chairman of the Nebraska state Democratic central committee and a brother-in-law of W. J. Bryan, today forwarded to Washington charges of political partisanship against Postmaster John R. Hays of Norfolk, Neb., whom Allen accuses of withholding copies of Herman Ridder's weekly newspaper from subscribers "on the arbitrary claim that the paper was a campaign document."

Allen demands the removal of Mr. Hays.

Postmaster John R. Hays this afternoon, when informed of the action of Chairman Allen, disclaimed that his action was favored by any tinge of partisanship but said that he simply did his duty in holding up the papers as he would be compelled to do tomorrow under similar circumstances.

"I simply did my duty as postmaster," said Mr. Hays. "I have no apologies to make for I could do nothing else than what I did.

"The papers came with no evidence that they were sent to regular subscribers of the Neew York German paper sending them out. Nor were the papers marked sample copies. As only about a dozen copies cordinarily come to subscribers and as there was no evidence that the papers were entitled to regular newspaper rates under which they were sent I could do nothing but hold up the papers and write for instructions. Only papers sent to regular subscribers or sent marked as sample copies are entitled to newspaper rates.

"Local Democrats took the matter up and the situation was explained to them. They finally had the papers distributed after they had been in the office some six days by putting up enough money to cover the postage in case the papers had been wrongfully sent through the mail. This money was returned to the Democrats in two or three days, when I received authority to distribute the papers.

"Papers have been held up in Norfolk before for the same reason but on those occasions nothing was ever said about the matter because the papers did not happen to be campaign documents. I would take the same course tomorrow with either a Republican or a Democratic paper."

Has Happened Before.

The last time a paper was held up at the Norfolk postoffice until it could be learned whether or not the postage had been rightfully paid, was in the case of the North State School Review, the north Nebraska school journal.

Were 1,185 Copies.

Norfolk Democrats say that there were 1,185 copies of the paper in the six sacks. The names were sent in from Norfolk. Democrats here do not claim that the names represented regular subscribers, or that the papers were marked "sample copy." The editor of the German paper concerned is now treasurer of the Democratic committee and the papers were to be used among the German voters as a campaign document.

TUESDAY TOPICS.

Ed Monroe is suffering from an attack of the grip.

E. P. Olmsted returned home Saturday evening from Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. N. Corby of Neligh are visiting with Mrs. M. P. Suiter.

Miss Anna McNeill returned Saturday evening from a two weeks' visit in Chicago.

Miss May Harrison will return tonight from an extended visit in Omaha and Iowa.

R. L. Lackey, the new partner in the Big Four Feed and Grocery store, was in Norfolk from Stanton Monday afternoon on business.

W. H. Dexter of Chadron stopped in Norfolk on his way home from Omaha. His daughter, Mrs. Irene Farrell, will accompany him home today.

Miss Rena Olmsted of this city has been elected principal of the Pierce high school.

Miss Florence Olmsted of Butte was in Norfolk Saturday. Miss Olmsted won fourth prize in The News' recent subscription contest.

What effect of election will the strike of the hen have? North Nebraska hens have refused to lay eggs during the chilly weather of the past week and the cost-mark has been changed from 18 cents to 20 cents.

C. W. Darlington, one of the Norfolk winners in the Tripp county lottery, has worked for Burr Taft on his farm south of Norfolk for three years. He is a brother of William Darlington, deputy county treasurer of Madison county.

A traveling man had the good luck to escape injury from falling down the entire length of a hotel stairway one day last week. He tripped on the first step and fell face downwards to the floor of the office lobby, beating out his valise by a neck. Except for the jarring and a twisted finger the guest escaped unhurt.

Omaha World-Herald: For the third time the Burwood theater management has found it necessary to prolong the run of "The Devil." The play will conclude its phenomenal run next Wednesday evening, at which time the thirty-nine consecutive performances will be given.

A. J. Rivet was the conductor and Harry Denton the engineer from Norfolk to Omaha on the special train carrying the Stanford party from Gregory to Omaha. It develops that the child was being taken from Gregory to Omaha, instead of having been in Omaha when taken ill. On the train besides the father were the mother, physician and nurse.

Never was the temperature of a given day more even for twenty-four hours than that of the day beginning Sunday morning at 8 o'clock and ending Monday morning at 8. The warmest point was 39° while the coolest was 35°. During the entire twenty-four hours there was but a variation of four degrees. Slightly more than a half inch of rain fell between Saturday morning and Monday morning, .53 of an inch, to be exact.

There is not so much politics discussed by travelers waiting to catch trains at the Junction as in the early part of the season. The cold weather seems to have chilled political disputes and arguments. Formerly travelers assembled in groups on the depot platform, and for lack of something better discussed politics. Now passengers crowd into the depot or walk [illegible] to keep warm. In no [illegible] at the Junction this [illegible] brought the [illegible] of thinking.

A [illegible] Sunday school interest was [illegible] by two representatives of the state Sunday school association to have occurred in the last three years in Nebraska. H. M. Steidley, field secretary of the Nebraska Sunday School Association, and Miss Minnie Steidley of Otoe county, primary secretary, were in Norfolk Sunday. Mr. Steidley said that the Sunday school was now reaching after the business men, finding that if the business men could be interested little trouble was had in gaining the attendance of children and others.

A young woman, evidently inexperienced in traveling, started to board the Sioux City train at the Junction. A brakeman stationed at the car steps asked her where she was going. "None of your business," she replied with some vexation. "Yes, it is my business," he returned, "if for nothing else than to prevent travelers from getting on the wrong trains." "Then if you have to know," the young woman observed, "I'm going to visit my aunt at Wayne. And by the way," she continued, this time with a touch of sarcasm, "do I have to ask your permission to get off the train when I reach Wayne?"

For a County Spelling Bee.

Madison, Neb., Oct. 26.—From a staff correspondent: A huge spelling bee, with several thousand young people taking part in the preliminaries, and with the final old fashioned "spell down" held in Norfolk is being planned by County Superintendent F. S. Perdue, who is always fearful lest the studying of spelling should fall into disrepute.

It will be a huge thing, this spelling bee. The head of the line will be somewhere in Norfolk, the foot of the line being down toward Newman Grove.

Mr. Perdue wants every school child in the country, city pupil and district school pupil, and every teacher and school graduate for that matter, to enter the spelling bee.

The "spell down" will be started just as soon as Mr. Perdue can devise some rules which will be suited to a "bee" of the size planned.

Marshal Kennedy, who in a local way has won something of a reputation as a police officer, ran up against a real Rosebud crook the other night and, sad to relate, came out second best. It was last week, when the crooks were coming down the line from the Rosebud.

Frank Carson, who lives northeast of Madison, made the acquaintance of the crook quite accidentally, and also quite accidentally was relieved of a fur coat and $15 by the expert from the north.

Now Kennedy got busy and soon had the thug under arrest. The man had the fur coat on his back and presumably the $15 in his pocket. But he protested vigorously as he was towed along that the coat was really his.

They came to a dark alley. "Do you really think that this coat is stolen?" demanded the crook. "I do," said Kennedy firmly. "Then take your old coat," and Mr. Crook slid out of the coat, which the marshal held by the collar.

The crook left the coat with a two-yard jump straight down the alley. Kennedy held the sack. The coat trick gave the Rosebud crook just enough lead to make a clean "getaway."

And the stranger had taken the pains to remove the $15 from the overcoat pocket. He has not been caught.

Nebraska Safe for Taft.

Lincoln, Neb., Oct. 24.—Special to The News: Nebraska is safely Republican. This is asserted after a careful survey of the state; after an examination of political conditions from one end of the commonwealth to the other; after repeated assurances from those who are in charge of the Nebraska campaign for Taft and Republicanism.

A few weeks ago a different story might have been told. Republicans may as well admit that if the election had been held in August Mr. Bryan would have had an almost equal chance in his own state.

But many things can happen in two months, especially in politics, and today there appears to be no more probability that the Democrats can carry Nebraska than there was in 1900 when, it will be remembered, they expressed great confidence in the outcome.

Sheldon Is Safe.

The foregoing remarks are based upon the national contest as it applies to this state. So far as the Republican state ticket is concerned, the most enthusiastic Democrat has a hard time making himself believe that A. C. Shallenberger has an even show with Governor Sheldon or that the Democratic state ticket will come within several thousand votes of Bryan's strength.

The Outcome Predicted.

Here, then, is a brief prophecy of the results in Nebraska in November, and it will be followed by reasons for the advancement of such opinions: Mr. Bryan will run ahead of his ticket, but even at that will lack from 15,000 to 20,000 of having enough votes to give him the state. Governor Sheldon will run ahead of his ticket and will be reelected by a plurality of from 35,000 to 40,000. The rest of the Republican state ticket will run only slightly behind it. The Republicans will elect about six congressmen.

Why Bryan Will Lose State.

Some folks say that this prediction is over-optimistic, but to those who have studied the state it must appear reasonable.

For instance: A leading Republican of Beatrice said a few days ago that Mr. Bryan would receive the votes of at least 200 Republicans in Gage county. Suppose we accept this as a fair prophecy. There are ninety counties in Nebraska two of which are so much larger than Gage that they will be figured separately.

Some of the Nebraska counties have populations almost as small as the number of Republican votes Bryan is supposed to receive in Gage, but for the sake of liberality it will be granted that each of the eighty-eight counties will give Bryan 200 Republican votes. That would be 17,600. Now let us agree that Bryan will have 1,000 Republican votes in Lancaster and 2,000 in Douglas—figures absurdly large—and we have only 20,600, which Mr. Bryan's most enthusiastic friends will have to admit is a long distance from the more than 85,000 lead which Mr. Roosevelt had over his opponent four years ago.

Bryan Won't Gain Much in Lincoln

As a matter of fact, Mr. Bryan may count himself fortunate if he receives 500 Republican votes in his own county, on the ground that he ought to be supported as a neighbor. So far as Omaha and Douglas county are concerned, the wage earners and the farmers are alike so prosperous that they will refuse to turn out the party in power in exchange for an industrial uncertainty. There will be no "hard times" votes for Bryan in the larger cities of Nebraska. The Democrats have no valid reasons to give to the farmers of the state for deserting Mr. Taft, and they are at a loss for excuses to offer the men who toil in the factories of our prosperous cities and towns.

Why Guaranty Issue Don't Work.

Moreover, the question of our bank guaranty, which it was thought for a while would prove tempting bait for the rural vote of this state, has proved a sad disappointment to the Democrats. At any rate, few Republicans will forsake their party on account of it, for they realize that their own political organization will be able to grasp this question of the security of bank deposits and deal with it wisely long before the Democrats succeed in getting both a president and a congress at the same time.

The fact that the Republicans of Nebraska do not endorse the Oklahoma guaranty scheme now in force in the state of Oklahoma is no evidence that a majority of the Republicans are opposed to legislation for the insuring of confidence and the prevention of money panics. On the contrary, the Republicans of Nebraska are in favor of some kind of legislation that shall make bank deposits more secure. But they do not favor the Oklahoma idea which would intensify and be a breeder of financial disturbances.

The Farmer and the Tariff.

If there is one thing that, more than all others, would induce the prosperous farmers of this state to vote against Mr. Bryan, it is the tariff record of the Democratic candidate. It is only necessary to call to mind the farm prices that were paid when the Democrats were last in power, and then ask the farmers to note the prices they receive today, in order to estop most of them from voting for a "change." Mr. Bryan's free trade policy has always proved disastrous to the wage earner, closing the factory in which he was employed, as a result of the cheap labor competition of European countries. The tariff issue is no producer of Democratic votes this year.

Bryan Has Lost Populists.

Then it must not be forgotten that Mr. Bryan has lost much of the Populist support that he received in 1896, while the "independent" vote is also kept from him. With Watson pulling votes away in the Populist counties of Nebraska, and with Hearst's man, Hisgen, taking votes from him in the wage-earning centers of the state, it is difficult to see from just what sources the supporters of the Democratic candidate expect to get their increase this year.

A few weeks ago, as confession has already been made, many Nebraska Republicans were in the habit of voting for Mr. Bryan on the ground that he had proved to be a good, worthy citizen; that he had reflected great credit upon the state and that his efforts in behalf of reform must be appreciated and recognized by his home people.

Republicans Take Wider View.

Mr. Bryan's standing with his "home folks" is still the same, and their estimate of his character is undiminished but as the campaign has gone forward and the discussion become serious, Republican voters who were wavering have come to the conclusion that the election of a president is too grave a proposition to be dealt with on the ground of local pride; that the interests of the whole nation are at stake, and that the real issue is the continuance of policies that shall work for the prosperity of the country even though such an end be accomplished at the expense of one man's worthy ambitions.

State Ticket Sure of Victory.

On state issues the Republicans have a record that is so creditable as to preclude the possibility of defeat. The last legislature redeemed every party pledge and enacted more reform legislation than any other law-making body in the state's history, not excepting the noisy, boastful gatherings of fusion days. The state's finances have been well guarded and the public debt reduced almost half since the present administration took charge. The Democrats have found no state issues that are worthy of consideration. If good public service deserves reward, the Republican candidates for state offices will be elected by pluralities not far behind the vote that is given to George Sheldon.

Train in Life and Death Race.

The father-love for a little three-years-old child put steam into the propelling gear of a locomotive which bounded through Norfolk at two minutes after midnight this morning drawing a special Northwestern train of one passenger coach, in a life-and-death race against appendicitis. The race was on from Gregory, S. D., to Omaha, and the one passenger on the special was Mr. Stanford, a business man of Gregory.

The special train, eating up the steel rails at the rate of about forty miles an hour, steamed into the Omaha union station at 3:20 this morning, in time to allow Mr. Stanford to see his child before the tiny patient was taken to the hospital for an emergency operation.

Lightning Preparations.

Lightning work marked the make-ready of the special train. At 6:15 o'clock last night Mr. Stanford stepped into the depot at Gregory and asked for a special train to Omaha. A wire was sent to the Norfolk office, and at 9:52—thirty-seven minutes later—the train was steaming out of Gregory bound on its record dash to the Nebraska metropolis, 277 miles away.

277 Miles, 548 Minutes.

The distance was covered in 548 minutes. The regular running time requires eleven hours.

At 12:02 o'clock this morning the special swung into Norfolk Junction ten minutes was required to change engines and again send the anxious father on his speedy path.

Three hours after the train left Norfolk the engine crossed the Omaha goal line.

Cost Some Money.

While the exact cost of the special was not given out, it is known that the train cost "some" money.

If Mr. Stanford had waited for a regular train he could not have left Gregory until 6:30 this morning, reaching Omaha at about 5 o'clock tonight. He thus reached his destination about fourteen hours in advance of the regular train, and this saving he considered of enough importance to justify the special train, inasmuch as fourteen hours might mean grave complications in the appendicitis attack.

Second Special Within Week.

This was the second special train that has clipped off the distance between Gregory and Norfolk within a week, the first having drawn Captain Yates a week ago with belated Tripp county lottery applications.

UNDERSKIRTS TO SAVE TOWN.

Women of Gettysburg Prove Themselves Heroines When Fire Comes.

Sioux Falls, S. D., Oct. 24.—Special to The News: A number of society ladies of Gettysburg proved themselves heroines by taking off their underskirts and aprons and giving them to the men with which to fight a prairie fire. They thus aided in preventing serious damage being done and in a measure played an important part in saving a great deal of property.

The underskirts, aprons, blankets and other articles with which the men were armed were soaked in water and made an effective means of fighting the fire and preventing it rushing upon and destroying Gettysburg. A fierce prairie fire swept upon the town from the south. It was driven by a wind which was little less than a hurricane and the residents at once saw that it would require strenuous efforts if the town was to be saved from destruction.

The bright glare and immense volume of smoke advancing upon the town came near creating a general panic. All the available men in the town procured teams and horses, and hastily drove or rode on horseback to the scene of the fire. Upon departing they hastily snatched the underskirts and aprons which the heroic women gave them and proceeded to a point south of town to head off the fire and save the town.

The fire, when a few miles off, changed its course somewhat and by hard work the town was saved. Great damage was done, however, in the surrounding regions before the fire could be extinguished. Great quantities of hay and grain were burned.

JEFFRIES IN RING AGAIN.

May Be Induced to Fight if Tommy Whips Johnson.

New York, Oct. 24.—Wilus Britt, manager of "Battling" Nelson, is responsible for the statement that, should Burns defeat Johnson in Australia, Jim Coffroth will pull off a Burns-Jeffries fight on the first of the year. Britt says: "Coffroth is the only man who can get Jeff back into the game. The big fellow has on several occasions given Coffroth his word to fight if the public demanded a battle. Many people will laugh at this statement, but stranger things than that have happened. Who could have predicted several years ago that I would be the manager of Battling Nelson? This is an age of surprising things. If Burns whips the big negro, just watch the developments and see." Jimmy Britt has at last secured a match from the National Sporting club of London. Jimmy will meet Johnny Summers before that club some time next month. Jimmy thinks he can clean up all they have on the other side of the water.

Madison 10, Norfolk 0.

Madison high school 10, Norfolk high school 0.

Madison, allied with the elements, defeated the Norfolk football team on the Madison gridiron Saturday afternoon, spoiling Norfolk's chance to secure a clear title to the high school championship in north Nebraska.

The game was played in rain and sleet on a soggy field. Open plays on the new line of formation, in which Norfolk, as a light, well-trained team, excels, could not be used. Only line plugging could bring gains, and twice in the second half the heavy Madison eleven were able to push their way across the line for touchdowns.

First Half a Tie.

The first half yielded no results. Norfolk once threatened the Madison goal, but on the soggy field was too greatly handicapped to make consistent gains. Madison brought its weight into play in the second half.

Madison Has Improved.

The Madison eleven, however, showed improvement over a fortnight ago. At that time they were defeated in a dry field 17 to 0 by Norfolk.

Saturday's game leaves the relative standing of the two high schools unsettled except in the minds of partisans of the two elevens. It is very unlikely that a third game will be played.

Lester Weaver, Norfolk's captain and fullback, was hurt during the game, but not seriously. He continued in the play.

"Rooters" Brave Sleet.

Despite the storm, the Norfolk team was accompanied to Madison by a large crowd of high school students, including a large party of young ladies, who were chaperoned by Miss Caine, principal of the high school.

The two teams lined up as follows:

Norfolk.	Position.	Madison.
Belcher	r. e.	Belling
Thompson	r. t.	Peterson
Seeler	r. g.	Malony
Gibben	c.	C. Antisdel
Villey	l. g.	Faos
Morrison	l. t.	R. Antisdel
Swinn	l. e.	Smart
Erskine	q.	Garrett
Anderson	r. h.	O'Sher
Weaver (c)	f. b.	Yeazel
Clark	l. h.	Irvin

Officials—Superintendent Hunter of Norfolk and Superintendent Doremus of Madison.

Will Try Again to Elect Officers.

That the Commercial club may not be longer without a president and that the board of directors may have its full quota of members again that the club's business can be taken up once more, a special effort will be made to get at least five of the six directors still on the board to attend a directors' meeting Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock in the Sturgeon music store.

The club has a president and three directors to elect.

Freights Collide in Night at Oakdale

Oakdale, Neb., Oct. 26.—Special to The News: A rear end freight collision here at 1:30 this morning blocked the main line Northwestern track until 11 o'clock and damaged eight freight cars. Nobody was injured.

Two extra freights running west were in the wreck. A train drawn by engine No. 868, Conductor Sears and Engineer J. Denton, was doing work in the freight yards here when a freight drawn by engine No. 87, Conductor Mullendor and Engineer Castle, came along.

It is said that Engineer Castle saw the rear light on the freight ahead and set the brakes, but the train slid into the next train.

Engine No. 87 was mashed in on the front end. A car of coal was splintered and a couple of cars were turned over on their sides. Nobody was in the way car of the front train, which was damaged.

Superintendent C. H. Reynolds of Norfolk was here this morning superintending the work of clearing the wreck. He estimates the damage at $865.

Eastbound passenger train No. 2, due into Norfolk at 6 o'clock this morning, was held here till 11. The wreck was cleared in time to allow eastbound train No. 6, the Deadwood-Chicago train, to pass on schedule time.

"THE PEOPLE DO RULE."

Taft and Sherman Banner Now Across Norfolk Avenue.

The people do rule.

Everybody who stops to think of it realizes that. And a big banner stretched across Norfolk avenue, at the Fourth street intersection, is reassuring.

The banner bears portraits of Taft and Sherman, aside from the slogan, "The People Do Rule."

The Norfolk Taft club had the banner put up.

Senator C. A. Randall of Newman Grove, a candidate for reelection to the state senate, was in Norfolk Monday on his way to speak at Winside Monday evening.

W. M. Rainbolt, after a brief visit with his father and mother in Norfolk, returned to Omaha yesterday. He was joined in Omaha today by his wife and little son.

State Veterinarian McKim of Lincoln and Dr. J. C. Myers of this city, a deputy state veterinarian, returned Saturday from an official trip west on the main line.

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