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NORFOLK, NEBRASKA, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 1910.

DAVIS MAKES RED HOT SPEECH

LIKE TO SEE JOHN D. WRAPPED IN FLAMES OF HELL.

ACCUSES SENATOR OWEN, ALSO

Charging Senator Owen of Arkansas With Being Interested in the Standard Oil Company, Arkansas Senator Makes Speech "Hot off the Bat."

Washington, Feb. 17.—Charging Senator Owen of Arkansas with being interested in the affairs of the Standard Oil company and saying that he would like to see John D. Rockefeller "wrapped in the flames of hell," Senator Jeff Davis of Arkansas today made a speech in the senate which was fittingly characterized by him as "red hot and right off the bat."

Owen Working for Oil Bill. The speech was made apropos of the efforts of Mr. Owen to have passed a general bill giving right of way through the public lands of Arkansas for a gas pipe line.

Mr. Davis asserted that the bill was in the interest of the Prairie Creek company which, he said, was a branch of the Standard Oil company.

Michigan Senator Very Ill. Washington, Feb. 17.—Senator Will-

A BLOT UPON NORFOLK'S PROGRESSIVENESS

The present mud hole which serves Norfolk as a main business street, has long been a blot upon the city's enterprise and progressiveness. To strangers in the city, this offensive business thoroughfare, looking more like the cattle yard than the main street of the commercial metropolis of a vast territory including half of two states, presents an unfavorable picture which they never forget. They go away wondering what's the matter with the town.

People who come to Norfolk gain their first impression of the city from the main street. And it's the first impression that sticks. It had any time, and particularly bad in wet weather. It gives anybody the blues to look at Norfolk avenue on a rainy day, or on a windy day, or on a warm day in spring, or on any day three or four weeks before rain. It's a disgrace—a positive abomination. It's a shame upon the city that can't be shaken off until we pave.

All of the effect of our enterprise in other directions is killed by this one mud-stain upon the city. People forget our splendid public schools, our beautiful homes, our magnificent federal building, our state institution, our excellent sewer system, our two million dollar bank deposits—they forget all these things and more, for the reason that all the town's favorable points are plastered over with the filthy mud of Norfolk avenue.

The paving will mean a new spirit for improvement and for enterprise. It will serve to show that the town has faith in itself—and self respect and pride.

And Norfolk can never lift its head in the air and look the world squarely in the eye until it has shown enterprise enough to dress up.

Liam Alden Smith is seriously ill with appendicitis and it has been decided an operation is necessary. A surgeon from Grand Rapids, Mich., has been telegraphed to come.

FATAL POWDER MILL BLOW-UP

More Than a Score of Employees in California Plant Thought Dead.

Oakland, Calif., Feb. 17.—More than a score of employees of the Trojan Powder works at San Lorenzo are believed to have been killed or injured today in an explosion which wrecked the plant. The buildings are in flames and the town in a state of panic.

The explosion was felt at a distance of over twenty miles.

88 SHIP VICTIMS SAVED

Those Left on Wrecked British Boat in Strait of Magellan.

Quelón, Chile, Feb. 17.—The Chilean tug boat Pisagua, arriving here, reports that the Chilean cruiser Ministro Zenteno has rescued the eighty-eight persons who had been left on the wreck of the British steamer Lima in the Huamblin passage, strait of Magellan.

Alaska Steamer Sinks. Juneau, Alaska, Feb. 17.—The Alaska Steamship company's steamship Yucatan struck an iceberg in icy straight yesterday during a snow storm and sank in six fathoms of water. The sixty-five passengers and the crew were landed on Chicago Island and will be brought to Juneau today.

To Discuss Postal Savings. Washington, Feb. 17.—The conference of republican leaders of the senate which was agreed upon yesterday, for the purpose of harmonizing conflicting amendments to the postal savings bank bill, is to be held today after the senate adjourns.

Refuse Wage Increase. Detroit, Mich., Feb. 17.—The request for a 10 percent increase in their wage scale by the five marine labor organizations was refused by the executive committee of Dredge Owners Protective association. The organization then submitted a schedule for the 10 percent increase after July 1, the present schedule to be in effect until then. The owners will confer on this proposition today.

Suspended From Wall Street. New York, Feb. 17.—The governors of the stock exchange declared that the failure of Lathrop Haskins and company on January 19, was caused by reckless and unbusinesslike dealings and that Henry S. Haskins, the board member of the firm, is ineligible for reinstatement as a member of the exchange. The firm of Lathrop, Haskins and company was involved in the Hocking coal pool.

FIRE IN MADISON ARMORY

Flames Checked Before Reaching Ammunition—Uniforms Ruined. Madison, Neb., Feb. 17.—Special to The News: Fire in the armory of the Madison militia company, Company F, did about \$500 damage to the building last night when the janitor left the armory with a red hot fire in the stove. Gas exploded, it is supposed. Uniforms and ammunition were ruined by smoke and water. The fire was checked by the timely arrival of the fire department before the flame reached the ammunition.

PLAN TRIUMPHAL TRIP FOR TEDDY

ROOSEVELT ASKED TO COME BY W. FRISCO.

BONFILS CARRIES INVITATION

Denver Newspaper Man Leaves Chicago for Africa to Meet Former President and Urge Him to Return Home by Way of the Golden Gate.

Chicago, Feb. 17.—Frederick G. Bonfils of the Denver Post left Chicago for New York today on his way to Khartoum to meet former President

HOGS NEVER WERE HIGHER

RECORD PRICE, \$9.40, FEACHED IN CHICAGO MARKET.

AND SOUTH OMAHA PAYS \$9.40

Thursday Sees Hogs Reach the Highest Price Ever Paid in the History of America—Equalled Once in Chicago in 1870—\$9 in Sioux City.

Chicago, Feb. 17.—Live hogs at the stock yards today touched a record price, unequalled since 1870, selling at \$9.40 a hundred.

Omaha, Feb. 17.—The highest price record for hogs in the South Omaha market was again raised today, when best heavy hogs brought \$9.05 per hundred pounds.

Sioux City, Ia., Feb. 17.—Hogs made a new high record here today, touching \$9.00, 15 cents over previous high marks.

St. Joe, Feb. 17.—The highest price ever paid for hogs on the local market was that today of \$9.12½ per hundred pounds.

24 Below in Wisconsin. New Richmond, Wis., Feb. 17.—This is the coldest day of the season, twenty-four below zero.

Car Ferry Towed In. Grand Haven, Mich., Feb. 17.—The steamer Milwaukee, which arrived off this port, towed the car ferry Grand Haven into the harbor. The Grand Haven immediately made preparation for going out on her regular trip to Milwaukee. Her machinery was not damaged.

SPLITS NEBRASKA DEMOCRATS.

Bryan's Edict Has Effect of Tearing Party to Pieces.

Omaha, Feb. 17.—The declaration of William J. Bryan for county option as the best and most logical method of regulating the liquor traffic in Nebraska has brought the democratic party of the state to the parting of the ways. It is conceded that the Bryan following, whatever it may, will start out on a trail that heretofore has been unblazed by any large portion of the Nebraska democrats, while a large number of the leaders and a goodly portion of the rank and file will follow the well trodden path of the past, on which are numerous guide posts, all emblazoned with the words, "We are advocates of personal liberty."

While the declaration of Mr. Bryan was not wholly unexpected, when it did come it sent a shiver up and down the spine of the entire party of the state, and, according to the leaders of both factions, it has caused a split that is bound to grow wider in time passes and ultimately disrupt Nebraska democracy. It has suddenly brought two new party leaders into the limelight, and to them the members of the two factions are looking for relief and solace.

With Bryan out squarely for county option, Richard L. Metcalfe, editor of the Bryan paper, becomes the Bryan mouthpiece and the man who is to shape up and outline the Bryan plan of campaign. On the other hand, the Bryan declaration suddenly elevates James C. Dahlgren, mayor of Omaha, to the position of a Moses to lead the liberal element of the party away from what he designates as "the wilderness into which Bryan would conduct the democrats."

For several months, and in fact before Mr. Bryan departed on his South American trip, Metcalfe has been sounding the democratic leaders in the different counties of the state, ascertaining how they and the people generally feel with reference to the county option question. While the expressions of sentiment have been divided, he has discovered that in the larger towns there is a large proportion who are opposed to the move, preferring the high license plan in the future as in the past. In the country he finds that the sentiment is almost universally in favor of wiping out the saloons. They contend that this is the only thing that will forestall and put off state-wide prohibition, which they declare is bound to come inside of ten years.

James C. Dahlgren, who now has the right to be recognized as the leader of the anti-county-option faction of the democratic party, does not believe that the new position assumed by Mr. Bryan can be carried through at the coming election. In discussing the proposition, he says that the Bryan movement will win over some republicans, but he will lose a great number of democrats who have been his supporters on every measure that he has heretofore advocated, adding:

"Our party is composed very largely of the so-called liberal element, and men with that belief will not follow Mr. Bryan, or anybody else, into the camp of the county optionists. I shall positively maintain my position and do all I can to defeat any such proposition."

The position taken by Mr. Bryan has had the result of fracturing all of the political staves that have heretofore been made and no man, no matter how wise he may be, can tell just what markings are upon them.

In the democratic camp the Bryan

announcement has suddenly boosted the stock of G. M. Hitchcock and James C. Dahlgren, both of Omaha, as candidates for senator and governor, respectively, of the liberal faction. It has practically eliminated Governor Shallenberger and put him over on the Bryan side of the fence, owing to the fact that he was responsible for the 8 o'clock closing law, which, first, last and all the time, was opposed by Dahlgren. As candidates of the county optionists it has suddenly brought Richard L. Metcalfe of Lincoln prominently before the people as a candidate for senator and Otto C. Lobeck of Omaha as the choice for governor, with a possibility that Governor Shallenberger may be endorsed as the optionist candidate for the senate.

The new democratic departure has set the republicans to guessing as to what is going to happen in their own party. Heretofore William A. Hayward of Nebraska City has been looked upon as the logical candidate for governor. He is recognized as belonging to the liberal element, but now he is going to have opposition in the person of Mayor Love of Lincoln, who has been successful in making the capital a strictly prohibition town during his administration. For senator, Burkett, the present incumbent, has the undivided support of the liberals, but the county option proposition has suddenly developed George Sheldon as a prominent candidate of the republicans who would throw closer restrictions around the saloons. Sheldon preceded Shallenberger as governor, and if he goes into the campaign will be a vigorous vote-getter.

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MISS ELKINS MAY RECOVER. Girl Who Shot Herself at Kansas City, Passed Fairly Good Night.

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HURT IN DAKOTA WRECK. Eight People Injured, Nobody Killed, When Cars Tip Over.

Madison, S. D., Feb. 17.—The Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul passenger train which left here at 1 o'clock a. m., for Sioux City was wrecked by a broken rail four miles south of here. The two passenger coaches left the track, turned over and were dragged forty rods. No one was killed but eight were injured, they are:

Mrs. Carl Bunte, Rock Rapids, Ia., head and hip crushed.

H. L. Rock, Chester, S. D., hip and wrist bruised.

A. H. Bailey, Minneapolis, ear cut.

R. A. Schollinghaus, Dubuque, Ia., hip and cheek bruised.

Martin Johns, Madison, S. D., hand crushed.

W. F. Shattuck, Madison, S. D., ear torn off.

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The injured were all taken to the Madison hospital.

TALL ACTRESS TO VAUDEVILLE. A Monologue Stunt Will Be Tried by Lillian Lee.

New York, Feb. 17.—Lillian Lee, who has been the comedy hit of numerous Broadway musical productions in the last two years, has decided to apply for vaudeville bookings. She will get them, too, for she tried a monologue last Saturday night that had the audience laughing so much at times she had to stop until quiet was restored.

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Professor Thorpe, Dean of the College of Chemistry of Creighton University, Omaha, is There to Testify as to the Blood Marks.

Ainsworth, Neb., Feb. 17.—Special to The News: The work of taking evidence in the Davis murder case began in earnest Wednesday morning. Nothing but circumstantial evidence has yet been offered.

One line thrown out by the defense is to suggest that the killing was done by some one else, and an effort is being made to direct suspicion against another party who was in the Davis pool hall that evening.

Professor Thorpe, dean of the College of Chemistry of Creighton university, Omaha, is here to testify as to the blood stains found on the money on Wilson's person at the time of his arrest.

The jury was secured after two days' session.

Tuesday Wilson's, or rather Rifenburg's wife, came with her baby. This is the woman and child that he deserted at Fort Mead. She is rather a handsome, fair haired Swede woman and the baby is particularly bright.

HYDE ACCUSED AS MURDERER

PAXTON FILES SENSATIONAL REPLY TO HYDE'S DEMAND.

TYPHOID GERMS AS A METHOD

For the First Time the Open Accusation is Made in Court That Dr. Hyde Murdered Two Swope and Tried to Kill Others of Estate.

Kansas City, Feb. 17.—John G. Paxton, in a sensational answer filed in circuit court at Independence today, accuses Dr. Hyde of bad faith in trying to secure evidence in his (Paxton's) possession "tending" the answer reads, "to prove that the plaintiff has murdered by the administration of poison, Thomas H. Swope and Christian Margaret Swope and also attempted to poison Margaret Swope and by the same kind of treatment had communicated to the members of the Swope family typhoid fever."

This was the first time that Dr. Hyde had been openly charged with communicating typhoid fever to the members of the Swope family.

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CONDITION OF THE WEATHER

Forecast for Twenty-four Hours.

Maximum 9
Minimum 8
Average 8
Barometer 30.26

Chicago, Feb. 17.—The bulletin issued by the Chicago station of the United States weather bureau gives the forecast for Nebraska as follows: Partly cloudy tonight and Friday; slowly rising temperature.

TAFT IGNORES F. HITCHCOCK

PRESIDENT APPOINTS INSURGENT OVER POSTMASTER GENERAL.

AND INSURGENTS ARE ELATED

The Story is That Postmaster General Hitchcock Held up the Appointment of George C. True of Oskaloosa, Ia., But Taft Names Him.

Washington, Feb. 17.—Insurgent members of the house are elated over a report generally circulated that President Taft has overruled Postmaster General Hitchcock again in the suspension of an appointment of a postmaster recommended by an insurgent republican congressman.

The story is that after a spirited controversy lasting some weeks the president sent to the senate the nomination of George C. True as postmaster at Oskaloosa, Ia., who had been recommended by Representative Kendall but disapproved by Mr. Hitchcock. It is reported that Mr. Kendall protested to the white house that Mr. Hitchcock was discriminating against him and that after two calls the president told Mr. Hitchcock he would appoint True.

SHOOT TWO FOR \$10. Bowery Desperadoes in New York Hold Up Men in Saloon.

New York, Feb. 17.—Two desperadoes with drawn revolvers raided the lobby of the Waverly hotel on the Bowery today, shot down and probably fatally wounded Fred Devlin, a guest, who, when they demanded money for drinks, was only able to produce a dime, and then held up and robbed the clerk of the night receipts. Less than \$10 all told was the result of the hold-up and murder. The men ran from the hotel after snooting and disappeared. Devlin died this morning.

SOUTH DAKOTA AT A GLANCE. Charles W. Merritt a former meat man at Lamro who is serving six months' sentence in the Minnehaha county jail and who in addition was fined \$500 by the United States federal court, is the first man convicted in South Dakota under a United States statute which prohibits Indians selling issue stock or their increases to white men without a written permit from the Indian agent.

The storm, which started at Huron early Tuesday morning, developed into the fiercest blizzard there in twenty-five years. Other towns in South Dakota report similar experience. No trains reached Aberdeen. Pierre was caught by the blizzard, but toward evening the storm lost its strength there.

STONE REPLIES TO HADLEY. Says Recount is Impossible; Puts Question Up to Governor.

Washington, Feb. 17.—Answering a charge made by Governor Hadley of Missouri that Senator Stone of that state was not honestly elected to the United States senate and that there should be a recount of ballots, Senator Stone declared that "such a recount as Governor Hadley proposed is impossible at this time because he knows it would be violative of the constitution and statutes of the states."

Senator Stone in a prepared statement asked significantly if "Governor Hadley can point out a way which a full legal investigation can be had and if it is had and the finding is in my favor, will he resign the governorship because of false and malicious statements and pay the costs?"

American Tramps Deported. New Orleans, Feb. 17.—All American tramps will have to leave the east coast of Nicaragua according to advices received here today. An order to this effect, it is stated, has been issued by General Estrada, "provisional" president, upon the suggestion of American Consul Moffatt at Bluefields. American tramps, it is claimed, have been proving a disturbing factor in Nicaragua, being responsible for frequent brawls.

Roosevelt Reaches Upper Nile. Gondokoro, Upper Nile, Feb. 17.—Colonel Roosevelt, Kermit Roosevelt and other members of the Smithsonian African expedition arrived here today. All are well.

Grand Jury Calls Packing Official. Chicago, Feb. 17.—The federal grand jury which is investigating conditions in the packing industry called before it Thomas Hoops, a department manager for Morris and company.

HURL BOMB AT RESORT

CHICAGO UNDERWORLD WAR GETS INTO DYNAMITE STAGE.

IS RESULT OF RECENT TRIALS

The Second Bomb That Has Been Set Under a Chicago Resort Building, Was Set Off Thursday in Effort to Wreck Witness' Place.

Chicago, Feb. 17.—An echo of the war between residents of west side resorts occurred today when an attempt was made to wreck with a bomb a three-story building. The building is owned by Max Plummer, who leased it to Michael Heitler, both of whom figured prominently at the trial of Police Inspector Edward McCann.

This is the second bomb thrown in the underworld war, which has been raging ever since the conviction of the police inspector. The explosion followed closely that which damaged a building owned by Louis and Julius Frank. The Frank brothers were also important witnesses in the McCann trial. No arrests have been made.

ILLINOIS PAROLE LAW INVALID. A Number of Prominent Convicts May be Returned to Prison.

Springfield, Ill., Feb. 17.—The Illinois supreme court held that the state parole law of 1899 was invalid. Judge Vickers stated that persons who are out on parole would have to go into court with the parole which had been granted them by the state board of pardons and ask the court for a discharge on parole. Then Governor Deenen must approve the action of the court. This is, under the law of 1897 which the supreme court holds is in force after declaring the law of 1899 invalid.

The decision in substance means that the board of pardons is stripped of some of its most important powers, chiefly the releasing of penitentiary prisoners without the approval of the judge by whom they were sentenced; that felons serving indeterminate terms in state penal institutions for the crime of manslaughter which was included in the application of the act of 1899 are serving sentence under a law that does not exist.

That defendants tried, convicted and sentenced under the parole act of 1899, now in prison, may be taken back to their respective trial courts and reinstated.

Numerous petitions probably will be filed on behalf of persons now in the penitentiary for writs of habeas corpus. The following convicts paroled from the Joliet penitentiary under the law of 1899 face the possibility of being returned to prison:

John A. Cook, former circuit court clerk; Paul O. Stensland, former president of the Milwaukee Avenue State bank; Henry W. Hering, former cashier of the Milwaukee Avenue State bank; Evelyn DeRoddica, connected with a prominent Milwaukee avenue family, convicted of burglary.

Drop Dougherty Case. Joliet, Ill., Feb. 17.—The parole board dropped the hearing of the Dougherty case on receipt of the supreme court decision regarding unconstitutionalities.

A Boundary Quarrel With Mexico. Austin, Tex., Feb. 17.—As a result of a visit from R. H. Ward of San Antonio, attorney for the city council of El Paso, Governor Campbell addressed a letter to President Taft calling his attention to the necessity of a prompt settlement of the boundary line dispute between the United States and Mexico affecting a portion of El Paso. The territory in dispute has a population of 5,000,000, and has been invaded by squatters claiming property rights under Mexican authority and who threaten the use of arms to hold the land they have seized. The federal and state courts are exercising criminal jurisdiction in the territory in question, but the federal courts have recently, at the request of the department of justice, suspended the exercise of civil jurisdiction providing a settlement of the boundary controversy.

Two Million Trust Fund Upheld. Springfield, Ill., Feb. 17.—The Illinois supreme court upheld the \$2,000,000 trust fund created by the will of Colonel John Warner of Clinton and continued his son, former Commissioner of Pensions Vespasian Warner, an administrator. The verdict of the circuit court of Dewitt county declaring the trust invalid was reversed and remanded. Minnie Warner, mother, and Flora Warner Bell, sister of Vespasian Warner, had contended that the trust was invalid as the will might never be probated and the circuit court so decreed and ordered a division of the real estate in the trust. Under this new decision Vespasian Warner will continue to administer the property for ten years.

French Carnegie Commission. Paris, Feb. 17.—The inaugural meeting of the French commission of the Carnegie hero fund was held in the ministry of the interior. Former President Loubet was elected president of the commission.