WEATHER FORECAST

Nebraska: Fair and not much change in temperature.

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THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

The foundation stone of our national life is and ever must be, the high individual character of the average citizen.—Theodore Roosevelt.

M'ADOO CLIMBS AGAIN

Detectives Foil Plot to Blackmail

Wealthy Omahan "Plants False Packet in Ash Can; Police Arrest Four Suspects—Deny Guilt.

Get Poison Pen Letters

An attempt to extort $5,000 from V. P. Chiodo, wealthy apartment house owner, failed Thursday when Philadelphio Russo, 2826 North Sixteenth street, was arrested at Sixteenth and Locust streets by Detectives George Brigham and George Summitt as he walked across the street with a package in his hand, deposited by Chiodo in a trash can as per instructions of the blackmail note.

At the same time detectives arrested Thomas Jamison, 611 North Twenty-second, and Charles Veskerna, Springfield, Neb., who were in a waiting motor car near the corner. They are said to have passed the corner three times. Police are investigating to ascertain if they are accomplices. Five gallons of liquor was found in their car.

A fourth arrest in the blackmail plot was made by police shortly after noon Thursday.

Joe Falcone, 1614 Victor avenue, was the man arrested. Detectives Brigham and Summit found Falcone near his home. As they approached him he started to run for his house, but they intercepted him.

Before they had overpowered him, however, a group of women rushed from the house and attempted to tear him from the two officers.

Chiodo identified Falcone as a man who had worked for him on the construction of a new building at Twenty-fourth and Poppleton avenue. He said he saw Falcone walk across the street shortly after the phoney package prepared to fool the blackmailers had been placed in a trash can at Sixteenth and Locust streets, where the blackmail letter had demanded that the money be placed.

Warned on Birthday.

Chiodo received the following letter by mail on June 29, his birthday, written in Italian:

"If you do not want to lose your head you must deposit $5,000 the morning of the third of July, one person waiting to the corner Sixteenth and Locust. Think. Do not notify police. If you do your days are finished. To the hour of 10 a. m., deposit the package to the box for paper at the corner of Lucust."

Chiodo turned the letter over to the police and two detectives making the arrest were assigned to the case. They advised Chiodo to prepare a phony package and carry out instructions.

Deposits Package.

At 10 Chiodo in his car drove to the corner and deposited the package. As he drove away he noted a man on the street, who had formerly been in his employment. He also noted a man staring at him from the window of a grocery store on the corner.

As Chiodo's car disappeared detectives hiding near saw a man emerge from the store and saunter across the street. He reached into the trash can and took Chiodo's package. As he recrossed the street he was arrested.

Russo, the man arrested, denied his guilt. He protested that he had gone to the trash can to obtain paper with which to wrap a package of bananas which he carried in his hand and had purchased in the store.

Sued for $50,000.

Chiodo recently figured in a sensational murder trial in which he was charged with shooting his nephew, Frank Bonacci, in a row over the latter's sister, Jennie. He was found not guilty and since that time has been made defendant in a $50,000 heart balm suit filed by Vincenzo Finonchiaro, who charges that influence of Chiodo forced Jennie to break her engagement with him.

Chiodo owns the Florentine, Leone, Carpathia and Chiodo apartments. Police are searching for the man formerly in his employ whom Chiodo recognized near Sixteenth and Locust.

False Pretenses Charged.

Columbus, Neb., July 3.—C. A. Burton, intercepted at Lexington, Neb., after having obtained $58.50 from the Thurston hotel here on representation that he was an official representative of the Automobile Blue Book corporation of Chicago, was brought back to Columbus by the sheriff. Burton is in the county jail awaiting a preliminary hearing on the charge of obtaining money under false pretenses filed against him in county court.

Quake Recorded.

Washington, July 3.—A rather severe earthquake was registered on the Georgetown university seismograph, beginning at 12:05 o'clock this morning and lasting until 2 o'clock. Father Tondorf placed its maximum severity between 12:40 and 12:46 a. m. Its location was not determined, but it was apparently a distant disturbance.

Liquor Violators Get Stiff Terms in Federal Court

Federal Judge John F. McGee lived up to his reputation as the "terror of the bootlegger" when he handed out sentences amounting to almost 47 years and fines that will reach $75,000 to offenders Thursday.

Never before in any federal court in Nebraska has such a scene been witnessed. Men, women and children, relatives and friends of those sentenced wept aloud as the sentences were being pronounced.

Thirty-six persons, three men and their wives, were sentenced or fined.

In cases where sentence was imposed on each count Judge McGee ordered them to run consecutively.

List of Sentences.

Those sentenced and fined were:
John Ruffino, three years, fine $500.
John Statha, four years, $20,000.
V. Cornelium M. Bailey, four years, $20,000.
Leopoldo Michelotti, four years, $20,000.
Filadelfo Capelo, four years, 20,000.
Edgar E. McVicker, two years, $500.
Jerome Dailey, bell boy, sixth months.
Cleo Lowrey, bell boy, six months.
Elmer McNally, two years.
Fred Totora, one year, $500.
John Surra, two years, $500.
Albert Weston, two years, $500.
Jake Selinsky, 3415 North Sixteenth, six months, $500.
Sam Catina, 18 months.
Florence Godley, one year, $500.
Emil J. Hermansky, 18 months.
Grace Wilson, one year, $1,000.
Charles Miller, $1,000.
Jessie Miller, $1,000.
John Haussner, 18 months.
Louise Sellars, 18 months.

15 Plead Guilty.

The following were sentenced after they pleaded guilty:
James Dolezal, six months.
Josephine Hamilton, three months, $400.
Charles Marino, nine months, $400.
Marino Marino, $400.
Tony Cantoni, 17 months.
Gus A. Fagerberg, 15 months, $500.
Hugh B. Kerwin, three months, $800.
Glayds Kerwin, $400.
Peter Saniuk, three months, $500.
Anna Saniuk, $400.
John Fenezia, one year, $400.
Josie Fenezia, $400.
Alfio Robino, 22 months, $400.
William J. Fox, six months, $500.
Ingman Moen, six months, $400.

Samardick Pleased.

Robert P. Samardick stated after the sentences were imposed that he hoped this would be a lesson for other bootleggers and that they would stop this illegal manufacture.

"The sentences imposed by Judge McGee are just. In no case did he give a defendent the limit. They will exercise a wholesome effect upon bootleggers and all other law violators in this region.

"The sentences will give encouragement to the law-abiding element of the community. They demonstrate that the government of the United States is stronger than any conspiracy of the lawless elements.

Defendants Crowd Court.

Immediately before sentences were to be pronounced Judge McGee ordered all doors to the courtroom closed and instructed bailiffs and deputy marshals to admit no one but defendants, attorneys, newspaper men and court attaches.

With order the courtroom was crowded. Special guards from the marshal's office were augmented by six police officers.

As the prisoners filed out, cries were heard from various persons that former a lane from the courtroom.

United States Marshal Cronin stat-

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MAUGHAN ARRIVES AT M'COOK FIELD

Dayton, O., July 3.—Lieut. Russell Maughan, transcontinental flyer, arrived at McCook field here shortly after noon today from St. Joseph, Mo. The flyer, who last week was successful in a coast to coast daylight to sunset flight, said he would proceed to Mineola, N. Y., this afternoon.

Married in Council Bluffs.

The following persons obtained marriage licenses in Council Bluffs yesterday:

Luke Rabenstein, Omaha	23
Marie Martz, Omaha	21
Theodore Steler, Omaha	24
Phoebe Nelson, Omaha	22
Thomas Collins, Sioux Falls, S. D.	31
Tressa Cowell Watertown, S. D.	25
James Lewis, Omaha	21
Grace Thompson, Omaha	18
James Brunson, Omaha	22
Alice Phelps, Omaha	21
LeRoy Reed, Omaha	25
Ethel Lowrie, Omaha	20
Clarence Donnelly, Fullerton, Neb.	21
Irene Tooker, Fullerton, Neb.	18
Willie Green, Omaha	23
Beatrice Blackman, Omaha	16
Adolph Erickson, Fremont, Neb.	24
Bessie Miller, Fremont, Neb.	18
John Clark, Lincoln, Neb.	54
Nina Zimmerman Lincoln, Neb.	37
Dewey Headley, Eagle, Neb.	26
Adas Trunkenbolz, Eagle, Neb.	18
C. J. Bilderback, Omaha	24
Nellie Davis, Omaha	22
Beach Hinman, Fremont, Neb.	49
Margaret Jonas, Fremont, Neb.	29
Henry Scott, North Bend, Neb.	27
Agnes Fiala, North Bend, Neb.	28
Dennis Monger, Stockham, Neb.	26
Ida Singer, Stockham, Neb.	21
John Adkins jr., Council Bluffs	27
Nora Butts, Council Bluffs	18
Charles Williams, Council Bluffs	49
Daisy Dicks, Council Bluffs	35
Jelvar Phillips, Omaha	24
Christine Martin, Omaha	19
J. L. Pascale, Omaha	22
F. L. Huber, Omaha	22

Speeding the Parting Guest

Back Home Folks Getting Tired

The folks back home are getting tired and disgusted with the seemingly endless ballots being taken at Madison Square Garden.

Reports from the convention city tell of hundreds of telegrams being received by delegates demanding a decision.

The following telegram was sent last night from Omaha, signed by William E. Lovely, prominent attorney and a leader in democratic politics: Eugene O'Sullivan,

Nebraska Delegation,
Hotel Pennsylvania, New York:

"Looks from this distance as though there was a dog in the manger. Rout him out. The democratic party is bigger than personal selfishness. Isn't there someone there big enough to get up and bring the convention to its senses.

"If you don't get through pretty soon, all the radio batteries in town will be run down awaiting results. Let's nominate two good democrats and cut out the petty differences. "W. E. LOVELY."

The Missouri delegation received the following from Saline county (Mo.) democrats:

"Crops going to weeds. Children running wild, wives no longer speak to their husbands. Nominate or adjourn."

Dispatches from New York tell of departing delegates, sick of the wrangle, who are taking train for home.

If it keeps up it may be only a skeleton of a convention that finally nominates.

LIVESTOCK MAKES 638-MILE TRAIN

If all the cars of livestock shipped to Omaha in the first half of 1924 had been hooked together, the train would have been 638 miles long, or 32 miles longer than the same train in the first six months of 1923, according to estimates of the Chamber of Commerce bueau of publicity.

Figures show that 67,450 cars of livestock were received at the market here during the first half of this year, as compared to 64,067 cars received during the same period of 1923. In June of this year receipts were 682,315 head, as compared to 526,553 head in June, 1923.

ADAMS YOUTHS FREED ON BONDS

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee.

Beatrice, Neb., July 3.—Bruce Underwood, J. Varner and Daniel Vongroninger, Adams, Neb., youths who have been in the county jail here on charges preferred by a 15-year-old girl, were released Wednesday on bonds of $1,000 each to appear in county court next Saturday morning.

Franklin Man Drowned When on Fishing Trip

Franklin, Neb., July 3.—Word was received here this morning that James Grout of Franklin, who was on a fishing trip to the lakes of Wisconsin, was drowned Tuesday, falling from a raft on which he was fishing.

Mr. Grout was one of the earliest settlers of Franklin county, having come here when a boy. He served on the county board a number of years and for several years has served as an official of the Franklin County Agricultural society.

The body, accompanied by his son, Frank Grout, arrived here last night.

Resolution Defeated.

Chattanooga, Tenn., July 3.—The Methodist Episcopal general conference today defeated a resolution which would have resulted in immediate adjournment without action on the unification plan.

BRITISH SEIZE RUSSIAN ARMS

London, July 3.—Two tons of contraband machine guns, consigned to Leningrad, Russia, for the soviet, have been seized by the British authorities, it was learned this afternoon.

One shipment of arms is said to have got away before the plot was discovered.

Anti-Russian newspapers hint that the Russian delegates who came here to attend the Anglo-Russian treaty conference were involved.

HUSBAND BEATS WIFE, HER MOTHER

William A. Stinson not only struck his wife, Jessa, she says in a petition for divorce filed in district court Thursday, but also struck her mother.

They were married March 15, and he represented himself as never having been married, but she has learned, she says, that he has three children by a former marriage.

Interior Nebraska Towns Seek Freight Adjustments

York, July 3.—A meeting in the interests of freight adjustments for interior Nebraska towns was held at Hotel McCloud with representatives present from Aurora, Superior, Hastings, Grand Island, Norfolk and York. W. H. Blakeman of Norfolk presided and R. A. Freeman of York acted as secretary. Another meeting is to be held soon at Hastings.

Mounting Hotel Bills Factor Which May Break Deadlock

New York, July 3.—Hotel bills are working for everybody in the democratic presidential contest in Madison Square Garden, adherents of all candidates agreed today as the balloting approached the record-breaking point.

The mounting bills received the thoughtful consideration of scores of delegates, and in many quarters of the hall the subject had taken its place beside the issues of the convention.

From scattered sections came the suggestion that the cost of living might do more to break the deadlock than the most earnest pleadings of the floor managers of the candidates.

Today was the 10th since the convention assembled. Many of the delegates already have been in the city two full weeks.

La Follette Is Asked to Hat

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"Progressives" Formally Request Senator to State Whether He Will Head Ticket as Independent.

Convention Opens Today

By Associated Press.

Cleveland, O., July 3.—The national conference for progressives political action will get under way tomorrow with leaders confident that Senator La Follette of Wisconsin will send word that he intends to become an independent candidate for president.

Such an expression in expected in response to a telegram sent to the senator today by the national committee of the conference urging him to make known his position and comment upon the political situation.

"Recognizing you as the outstanding leader of the progressive forces of the United States," said the telegram, "we ask you whether you will, under present conditions, become a candidate for president of the Nnited States. We should also appreciate a message from you setting forth your view of the present political situatoin."

Expect Representative.

The belief was expressed by those in touch with the situation here and the views of Mr. La Follette, who is in Washington, that a personal representative probably will arrive here tomorrow or Saturday with a statement from the senator, prepared for presentation to the conference. Robert M. La Follette, jr., it is expected, will come to the convention, as well as Donald Richberg, a Chicago attorney, a close confidant of the senator.

Indications continued that Senator La Follette will advise the conference of his willingness to become an independent presidential candidate, and that the conference will endorse his candidacy on a platform substantially the same as that erjected by the republican national convention after it had been presented by the Wisconsindelegation. That platform was silent on the Ku Klux Klan and prohibition questions.

There were indications that there might be a demand on the part of some of the delgates that La Follette head a third party movement but this element appeared as a minority.

No Split Indicated.

At meetings today of the national committee, which were devoted mainly to preliminaries, the third party argument was advanced, chiefly by some of the socialist delegates, but it was indicated there would be no split on the issue. The word comes from Washington that Senator La Follette prefers to run as an independent and would accept the support of the conference here only upon that ground. As an independent, it was contended by his friends, his name could be placed upon the ballots in every state without the necessity of building up additional state organization.

Convinced that before the end of the week the Wisconsin senator will be in the field definitely, his political lieutenants here observing and directing the conference proceedings said the fight would be carried into all states and that the senator intended to conduct a vigorous personal campaign.

Developments Retarded.

So far the conference itself is concerned, the La Follette managers are remaining out of the picture as far as possible so it cannot be charged they attempting to control the meeting. It was recognized, however, that there is practically unanimous demand for La Follette to come out as a candidate, and it was conceded that he will do so only on his own conditions—namely, that he be considered an independent and that he stand on a platform which is to his liking.

The continued deadlock in the democratic convention and the uncertainty as to the nominee of that party had the effect here todya of retarding developments. Leaders admitted they were hoping the New York convention atmosphere would be clarified before the gathering here gets down to serious work.

Knife Chase Nets Decree.

Alfred Blackett, 6102 Wirt street, a salesman for the Capper Publishing company, was granted a divorce in domestic relations court Thursday. He testified that his wife, Virginia, chased him out of the house with a butcher knife.

J. W. Metcalfe Credit Genius, Taken by Death

James W. Metcalfe, 59, prominent Omaha business man, died Thursday evening at his home, 3834 Charles street, following an illness of several months. Funeral services will be held Saturday afternoon from the residence. Burial will be at St. Louis. More complete arrangements will be announced later.

Mr. Metcalfe came to Omaha from St. Louis in 1898, and for several years was in the advertising business on a local newspaper. Then he organized the Associated Retailers of Omaha, and later organized the Associated Retailers' Credit association. He was regarded as a credit genius. He was secretary of both organizations. As such, he did much to stabilize business and credits in Omaha.

In this capuacity, too, Mr. Metcalfe became well and favorably known to every business man in Omaha. His welfare was the welfare of Omaha and he fought with all the energy of his being in pushing Omaha to the front.

Officer in National Body.

As manager of the two concerns he prepared probably the most extensive card index of families in existence in Omaha. He was constantly striving to better the business he had chosen for life and to do this went outside the city for new ideas.

Mr. Metcalfe's energy soon won him distinction among other members of his craft. He was elected vice president of the National association of Retail secretaries and was a director of the National Credit Men's association at the time of his death.

When organizations similar to those he founded in Omaha were in process of organization in other Missouri river cities, Mr. Metcalfe was called upon to deliver addresses and send ideas. One of his hobbies was publication of the Nebraska Retailer, a periodical dealing with matters of interest to the retail trade.

Came From St. Louis.

"He was one of the most energetic men I ever knew, and he was a strong character in every respect," Richard L. Metcalfe, one of the best known men in Omaha and Nebraska, death.

Mr. Metcalfe was one of the men whose deschiption and picture appeared in the series of articles on "Men Who Are Making Omaha," printed by The Omaha Bee. Mr. Metcalfe was born in St. Louis. He was married there, his wife coming to Omaha with him.

Besides a widow he is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Edward J. Phelps, jr., Omaha, and two sons, George S. Metcalfe, of St. Louis and Walter L. Metcalfe, a student at Washington university, St. Louis.

CREDIT MEN WILL HOLD BIG PICNIC

The Associated Retail Credit men will hold their annual picnic at Carter Lake club, July 8. A large delegation from the Retail Merchants' association of Council Bluffs will participate in this year's affair.

Besides regular entertainment and dancing, the picnic committee, of which Miss Julia Planck of the Alamito dairy is chairman, has arranged for a chicken dinner at the clubhouse.

BANDIT SUSPECTS HELD IN 12 HOURS

Within 12 hours after Charles Knight, night clerk at the Kiel hotel, Council Bluffs, was bound and robbed by two men, Detective R. P. Bolin arrested Frank Oliver, 20, and Arthur Schierer, 20, Wednesday, at the Clairmont Inn, Seventeenth and Jackson streets, Omaha.

Oliver is said to have signed a confession to the crime. Knight's watch was found on his person when he was arrested.

Woman Dies After Operation.

Shenandoah, Ia., July 3.—Miss Theo Walden, 23, daughter of Mrs. M. S. Walden, died Wednesday at a local hospital following an operation for obstruction of the bowels. Three brothers and two sisters survive. A brother, Glen Walden of Kansas City, arrived today.

Mate Kisses Roomer; Decree.

Laville J. Hayden, traveling salesman for the Monroe Furniture company, kissed one of the roomers at his home, his wife, Bertha, alleges in a petition for divorce. She said he did it right in front of her. They were married in 1913.

The Weather

For 24 hours, ending 7 p. m., July 3: Precipitation, Inches and Hundredths—Total, 0. Total since January 1, 15.67; deficiency, 17.

Hourly Temperatures.

5 a. m.	55	1 p. m.	72
6 a. m.	54	2 p. m.	72
7 a. m.	61	3 p. m.	73
8 a. m.	63	4 p. m.	73
9 a. m.	65	5 p. m.	73
10 a. m.	68	6 p. m.	72
11 a. m.	70	7 p. m.	72
12 noon	71		

Californian Jumps to 495; Convention Will Break Ballot Records

Ralston Drops to 40.5 After Spectacular Boom—Smith Stages Slight Recovery, Standing at 331.5 on 58th Roll Call—Davis Still in Fourh Place.

Move Started to Eliminate Low Men From Votes

Madison Square Garden, N. Y., July 3.—The totals of the leaders on the 58th ballot follow: McAdoo, 495; Smith, 331.5; Ralston, 40.5; Davis, 39.5.

McAdoo's gain was 65, while Smith gained 11, Ralston lost 56.5, and Davis lost 19.

The leaders stood as follows on the 57th ballot:

McAdoo, 430; Smith, 320.5; Ralston, 97; Davis, 58.5.

There was not a single change in the totals for the four contenders.

Madison Square Garden, N. Y., July 3.—The leaders stood this way at the end of the 56th ballot:

McAdoo, 430; Smith, 320.5; Ralston, 97; Davis, 58.5.

It was a gain for McAdoo of three and a half, and a loss for Davis of four, with Ralston and Smith unchanged.

The Leaders

FORTY-THIRD BALLOT.	
McAdoo	483.4
Smith	319.1
Davis	71
FORTY-FOURTH BALLOT.	
McAdoo	484.4
Smith	319.1
Davis	71
FORTY-FIFTH BALLOT.	
McAdoo	483.4
Smith	319.1
Davis	73
FORTY-SIXTH BALLOT.	
McAdoo	485.9
Smith	319.1
Davis	71
FORTY-EIGHTH BALLOT.	
McAdoo	483.5
Smith	321
Davis	70.5
FORTY-NINTH BALLOT.	
McAdoo	462.5
Smith	320.5
Davis	63.5
FIFTIETH BALLOT.	
McAdoo	461.5
Smith	320.5
Davis	64
FIFTY-FIRST BALLOT.	
McAdoo	44½
Smith	328
Davis	67½
Ralston	63
FIFTY-SECOND BALLOT.	
McAdoo	412
Smith	317½
Ralston	93
Davis	60
FIFTY-THIRD BALLOT.	
McAdoo	423½
Smith	320½
Ralston	94
Davis	63
FIFTY-FOURTH BALLOT.	
McAdoo	427
Smith	320½
Ralston	92
Davis	59
FIFTY-FIFTH BALLOT.	
McAdoo	426.5
Smith	320.5
Ralston	97
FIFTY-SIXTH BALLOT.	
McAdoo	430
Smith	320
Ralston	97
FIFTY-SEVENTH BALLOT.	
McAdoo	430
Smith	320.5
Ralston	97
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The standing of the leaders on the 55th ballot follows:

McAdoo, 426.5; Smith, 320.5; Davis, 62.5; Ralston 97.

On this ballot McAdoo lost half a vote, Smith was unchanged, Davis gained three and a half and Ralston gained five.

Leaders Still at Sea.

Madison Square Garden, New York, July 3.—Unable in another long day of balloting to break its deadlock over the nomination, the democratic national convention went into another night session with its leaders apparently as much at sea as ever over ways and means to extricate it from its disagreements and vexations.

Four hours of fruitless conferences intervened between the afternoon adjournment and the reassembling of the delegates for another evening under the glare of the great chandeliers in Tex Rickard's vast auditorium, whose walls had looked down on many a bitter contest, but never eefore on one like this.

The McAdoo leaders, who had lost ground during the day's voting, still were struggling to keep together enough of their strength to stem a rising tide of dissatisfaction which already had sent two McAdoo delegations over to the cause of Senator Ralston of Indiana, and one to the standard of Senator Robinson of Arkansas.

Taggart Satisfied.

Thomas Taggart, pilot of the Ralston boom, declared he was not preparing to urge on the growing total for his candidate as long as the McAdoo and Smith forces still were determined to keep their candidates actively in the race. The Indiana leader declared he was well satisfied to loaf along for the present, with his candidate in third place by virtue of a gain of 60 votes in the 12 ballots taken at the long day session.

The Smith cohorts likewise were sitting tight, saying they did not desire to attempt to draw out the reserve strength for their candidate until the opposition had definitely begun to disintegrate.

It appeared to the delegates that every one of the campaign managers of the rival candidates had taken to himself the philosophy of Mr. Micawber, and that each was attempting to out-wait the others in the hope that something would "turn up." How well the delegates liked it was not entirely revealed, and none undertook to predict when they would take matters into their own hands, and go on leaderless to some sort of a nomination.

Plan to Drop Low Man.

One of the plans that the leaders were turning over in their fruitless conferences was a proposal to amend the convention rules so that the low candidate on each roll call would drop out automatically, until only two remained. But no one seemed to know how such a result could be obtained.

A new hint of the restlessness of the delegates was given convention officials as soon as the night session began, when John A. Lusk of the Alabama delegation presented a resolution proposing that the convention remain in session without recess until a nomination for president was made. J. J. Fitzgerald of Brooklyn immediately made a point of order against the proposal and Chairman Walsh sustained it and ordered the secretary to proceed with the next ballot.

The night session opened with prayer by Rev. Henry Clay Risner, a Baptist minister of New York. Chairman Walsh announced that should the business of the convention not be completed tonight, tomorrow's session would take due notice of the significance of the importance of the day by listening to a concert of patriotic airs.

Ralston Picks Up Few.

On the opening roll call of the night session—the 55th since the voting began Monday morning—Ralston kept picking up one or two here and there, but there was no decided trend in any direction. The Indiana senator got one in Arizona that had goe on the previous ballot to Franklin Roosevelt, and two in Illinois that had

WIFE FOOLED BY MATE'S PROMISES

Andrew Syhre was profuse in promises before marriage last January, his wife, Emma, 58, says in a petition for divorce filed Thursday. She says he promised to deed her a 320-acre farm in North Dakota, make her the beneficiary in several life insurance policies and furnish a home including all conveniences

But she found she had to furnish the home from her own savings and he kept the farm and the insurance policies. He has mortgages and Liberty bonds in large amount, she declares

Beal Back From Trip.

County Attorney Henry Beal has returned from a business trip to Pierce, Neb., with which he combined a short fishing trip to Lake Andes, S. D., with Charles Compton of the Haines Elevator company. They caught many bass weighing three pounds each, Henry says.