

THE WAGWORKER

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LINCOLN, NEBRASKA

After all, the best way to avoid heat prostrations is to keep cool.

Eminent actresses still insist on losing their diamonds.

Airships and wireless messages are crowding the atmosphere.

Summer began working at the job industriously as soon as it arrived.

Summer-resort mosquitoes have not heard of the war on them.

Some of the flies may have romantic natures, but never mind that.

It appears from official reports that there is also a made-in-Germany deficit.

Be thankful that radium at present prices is not one of the necessities of life.

Those who cannot swim should avoid wading in water more than ten feet deep.

Fish cakes exploded in a New York store and wrecked the place. They were probably made from the torpedo fish.

The best statesmanship these days is exerted not toward getting nations out of debt, but toward getting them deeper in.

Every man cannot join the uplift by ridding the world of African lions, but he can assist at spreading traps for the feet of the nefarious housefly.

Whatever romance there may be in international marriages is removed when the bride's father must settle the groom's debts.

It is announced that the Greek drama is about to become a fad with American theater-goers. It is just an excuse to get women to wear that style of clothes again.

The yellow peril is a literal and menacing fact wherever Sunday schools and well-meaning but worldly-ignorant reform movements subject girls to the sinister association of Chinamen.

A Russian grand duke has sent an order for the American invention of silver forks for corn on the cob and again does the genius of the western hemisphere triumph over the non-resourcefulness of effete Europe.

A man was arrested in New York for kissing his wife in their own home while the shades at the window were up. This is but a step removed from arresting a man for kissing his wife on Sunday, which will probably follow as a blue law not to be overlooked.

Princeton university rejoices in a student who has discovered the first comet seen this year. That young man probably is destined to prominence in the astronomical world. He may not have hitched his wagon to a star, but towed by a comet he may get there just the same.

Friends at Washington of Commander Peary, the Arctic explorer, believe that he has reached the North Pole and the goal of his ambition and has placed the American flag there. This, if verified, will be a crowning triumph for American pluck and perseverance. Incidentally the announcement will also save trouble for a number of other gentlemen headed in the same direction or contemplating a trip to the pole.

A Chicago magistrate has decided that it is no crime for one person to tread on another person's foot, but that neither is it a crime for the down-trodden person to retaliate by smiting the foot-crusher in the eye or on the jaw. If Solomon could revisit the earth and hear some of the judicial decisions of modern life, he would acknowledge the folly of trying to keep the record for freak decisions for an instant.

The mosquito is made almost a bird of prey by the dispatch from Cape Town which states that an overflow of the Orange river due to a heavy rainfall, has bred so many mosquitoes in the Gordonia northern district that three-quarters of the population are affected with malaria, which has been fatal in many cases. In some parts of the world the house screen is a sanitary necessity, both day and night, but the housefly is the chief danger in non-malarious countries.

Chicago's plan for the construction of an auditorium capable of accommodating 45,000 people is interesting. But the architects will have a task in planning a building in which so many can find seating or standing room within ear-shot of speakers. A vast hall in which only a portion of an assemblage can get within hearing distance of the speakers' platform would be disappointing and therefore less desirable than a smaller hall in which all can participate in the "doings."

It has long been remarked that an island off Chicago that could be used for pleasure purposes would be better than the richest of gold mines for its owner, but there is no such projection from the bottom of the lake, and Chicago has had to be content with parks along the shore. But now it is suggested that an island be constructed on a reef which exists in the shallow lake off the city, for a public park. This is visionary, and if an island were made with dredgings and dumpings it would lack beauty because of its docked shores.

STATE CONVENTIONS

PARTIES TELL PEOPLE THEIR VIRTUES.

ALL GATHERINGS HARMONIOUS

All Parties Were Represented and the Meetings Take on a Semblance of Old-time Enthusiasm—

Various Platforms.

Republicans, democrats, populists, prohibitionists and socialists met in Lincoln Tuesday in state conventions according to law to frame platforms and to select state committees for the ensuing year. All promulgated platforms, while the republicans and the democrats, both by selection of the committees, and by their organization, perfected the working force for the fall campaign.

The republican state committee at night elected Will Hayward by a unanimous vote to the position of chairman of the state central committee. At the democratic convention an attempt was made to elect Chris Guenther as chairman of the state committee. Later the matter was taken up in the committee meeting and was then left to a sub-committee.

From the standpoint of attendance the conventions surprised the state committees. From that of enthusiasm there was something lacking. There had been little to fight over, and the harmony among all was somewhat unusual. Not a ripple ruffled the calm of the republican convention except a difference of opinion between Chairman C. O. Whedon and other speakers. At the democratic convention Douglas Shewan instilled a little spice into the deliberations with his contesting delegation from Boone county.

The republican platform contains no mention of the county option question, and after much debate in the resolutions committee nothing was said about the bank guaranty law. Only slight mention was made of the work of the Nebraska delegation in congress. The democrats made no mention of the county option question. Most of the other ground was covered by both parties in their resolutions, they taking different form depending on the view points of the authors.

The republican platform declared in favor of a continuation of republican state policies, praised President Taft for his stand on the revision of the tariff, declared that the Chicago platform meant nothing less than downward revision, pointed out the numerous successes that have attended republican laws in the state, commended the republican minority in the last legislature, its attitude, criticized freely the efforts of the democrats to unseat republican officeholders by the manipulation of the laws so as to give berths to democratic faithful, and declared that the non-partisan law was a makeshift contrivance to further democratic ends.

The democrats are equally specific in their declarations, but adopted a different tone. They affirmed again their fidelity to the doctrines of the Denver platform, declared that the republican leaders in the national convention of 1908 had deceived the people shamelessly by the use of the word "revision" when the people interpreted it to mean reduction, declared that the republicans were stealing their thunder in adopting the income tax, asked Governor Shallenberger to call a special session of the legislature to pass the constitutional amendment so that the state might be the first to do so, demanded popular election of United States senators, reiterated the faith in the initiative and referendum, declared the contest in federal court on the bank guaranty law only emphasized the platform plank at Denver which demanded more limited scope for the federal court, endorsed the governor and the legislature for redeeming so many pledges, and finally condemned the republicans for their attitude on the non-partisan law. They called on the voters to select their choice for judges of the supreme court regardless of party, voting always for the man.

While the republican resolution committee hesitated for some time as to whether to make some statement concerning the bank guaranty law and finally compromised between those who favored it and those who wanted to denounce the principle, by making no mention of it, the convention was not so cautious. Chairman Whedon led off with emphatic declarations in favor of the law, saying that he wanted to see it extended to national banks as well, by federal law, and prophesying that this would soon come to pass. He was not received with tremendous enthusiasm, and when Will Hayward followed with a sweeping condemnation of the law, declaring it was a democratic vagary, or possibly a cheap method of gaining votes, and demanding that the republicans not subscribe to such demagoguery, he was welcomed with riotous cheering. There was no doubt where the delegation stood on what they considered as democratic doctrine and for that party alone.

Definite enough was the republican convention on the tariff question. Every mention of that principle which has been the center of the storm in Washington all summer was met with vociferous cheering. Repeatedly speakers said that no party would dare to go before the people last fall in favor of upward revision, and that the Chicago convention knew it when they adopted the tariff planks. The people voted for downward revision, and the convention demanded that such results be secured from congress. Taft was praised for his attitude, although speakers were careful to say that the party in the state did not give up the principle of protection but merely demanded that it be lowered.

Populists for County Option.

A small number of populists met late in the afternoon in one corner of the senate chamber at the state house. Bill Deck of Saunders county, who was found seated with the once strong hand that made all political parties tremble, denied strenuously that he was a delegate to the convention and told his friends he had gone out of politics.

C. B. Manuel was re-elected state chairman. E. A. Walrath was again made secretary and J. C. Canaday, treasurer.

They declared for a non-partisan judiciary and commended the legislature for the enactment of the depositors guarantee law, endorsed Governor Shallenberger for the faithful discharge of the duties of his office, also the attitude of those representatives in congress who have stood with the interests of the west in the reduction of the tariff, and went on record as favoring county option.

Will Nominate Full Ticket.

The prohibition state convention was called to order by D. B. Gilbert of Fremont who was also made chairman of the state committee; J. P. Heald of Osceola, secretary; J. L. Claffin of University Place, vice chairman, and J. H. Vonsteen, of Beatrice, and Isaac Brooston, of Stromsburg, as associate members.

The committee was given full power to create a full state central committee and fill all vacancies on the prohibition ticket yet to be nominated at the primaries.

The resolutions presented by A. C. Wolfenbarger of Lincoln demand that the next legislature "drive the brewers out of politics and restore to the people the government which the organized liquor traffic has subverted."

STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEES.

Democrats and Republicans Name Complete Roster.

The republican state committee was selected by senatorial districts, each district sending up its selection to the chair. Following is the committee:

- First—A. J. Weaver, Falls City.
- Second—Dr. M. Stewart, Tecumseh.
- Third—F. E. Helvey, Nebraska City.
- Fourth—Henry Schneider, Plattsmouth.
- Fifth—W. H. Davidson, Springfield.
- Sixth—Charles L. Saunders, Omaha; Otto Leptin, South Omaha; Myron L. Learned, Omaha.
- Seventh—John F. Piper, Lyons.
- Eighth—E. A. Wiltsie, Pender.
- Ninth—Charles H. Kelsey, Neligh.
- Tenth—J. Howard Heine, Hooper.
- Eleventh—Charles McLeod, Stanton.
- Twelfth—Alfred M. Post, Columbus.
- Thirteenth—R. H. Harris, Lynch.
- Fourteenth—Allen G. Fisher, Chadron.
- Fifteenth—George H. Kinsey, Arcadia.
- Sixteenth—R. P. Starr, Loup City.
- Seventeenth—Charles R. Housinger, Grand Island.
- Eighteenth—J. C. Martin, Central City.
- Nineteenth—George F. Miller, Uta.
- Twentieth—C. O. Whedon, Lincoln; F. C. Severin, Hallam.
- Twenty-first—Robert R. Kyd, Beatrice.
- Twenty-second—C. B. Anderson, Crete.
- Twenty-third—F. C. Hensel, Hebron.
- Twenty-fourth—Clarke Robinson, Fairmont.
- Twenty-fifth—H. G. Thomas, Harvard.
- Twenty-sixth—W. C. Dorsey, Bloomington.
- Twenty-seventh—A. L. Clarke, Hastings.
- Twenty-eighth—E. W. Beghtol, Holdrege.
- Twenty-ninth—J. F. Cordeal, McCook.
- Thirtieth—Ira L. Bare, North Platte.

The members of the democratic state committee are as follows:

- First—Henry Gerdes, Falls City.
- Second—John S. McCarty, Auburn.
- Third—F. H. Marnell, Nebraska City.
- Fourth—W. D. Wheeler, Plattsmouth.
- Fifth—E. E. Placek, Wahoo.
- Sixth—George Rogers, Omaha; C. E. Fanning, Omaha; John S. Walters, Omaha.
- Seventh—W. R. Beum, Tekamah.
- Eighth—E. W. Ferguson, Hartington.
- Ninth—H. S. Palmer, Neligh.
- Tenth—Wallace H. Wilson, Fremont.
- Eleventh—W. E. Powers, Pierce.
- Twelfth—J. C. Byrnes, Columbus.
- Thirteenth—Arthur Mullen, O'Neill.
- Fourteenth—S. S. Joice, Gordon.
- Fifteenth—H. C. Cox, Brewster.
- Sixteenth—J. E. Morrison, Kearney.
- Seventeenth—F. C. Langman, Grand Island.
- Eighteenth—Charles Krumbaugh, Shelby.
- Nineteenth—W. H. Smith, Seward.
- Twentieth—T. S. Allen, Lincoln; P. L. Hall, Lincoln.
- Twenty-first—C. P. Fall, Beatrice.
- Twenty-second—W. S. Collett, Crete.
- Twenty-third—Dan Kavanaugh, Fairbury.
- Twenty-fourth—H. F. Requarette, York.
- Twenty-fifth—H. E. Metzger, Aurora.
- Twenty-sixth—Geo. W. Hutchinson, Red Cloud.
- Twenty-seventh—R. B. Wahlquist, Hastings.
- Twenty-eighth—C. E. Harmon, Holdrege.
- Twenty-ninth—J. H. Mooney, Arapahoe.
- Thirtieth—George C. Gillan, Lexington.

Convention Notes.

"We point with pride" and "view with alarm" did duty as usual.

When Will Hayward said a good word for conventions, the delegates burst out in applause that showed their fondness for this kind of meeting. The regular convention goes have always been opposed to the primary method of making nominations.

Mr. Whedon received many congratulations for the fair and forceful way in which he presided over the republican convention.

PASSING BIG HITTERS NOT FAIR TO THE FANS

One of the reforms sure to come with the evolution of the national game is the adoption of a rule prohibiting the deliberate passing of a star batter to get at a man supposed to be weak at the hitting game. Purposely allowing a 350 batter to walk to first is baseball strategy all right, but it smacks of a cowardice that has no place in the most popular sport in all the world.

So many concessions have been made to the pitcher's end of the game that the fans would rise up en masse in joyful appreciation of a little consideration of the batter's side of the question.

Men like Lajole, Wagner, Cobb, Crawford and other sluggers are paid princely salaries for their batting ability. The fans who pay their good money at the gate to see "batting" have a right to demand that their favorites be given a chance to hit the ball.

It has been suggested that when the umpire is satisfied that a batter has been deliberately "walked" he shall allow all men on the bases to advance. Such a rule ought to break up the practice right speedily.

The average fan would surely appreciate a rule that would give every player with a reputation for killing the ball a fair and square chance to hit it out.

CINCINNATI OUTFIELDER.



Paskert, one of the Cincinnati outfielders, has played good, bad and indifferent ball for that team this season. He has a reputation for being a strong hitter, a fine fielder and is fast on the bases.

BALL AND BAT NOTES

Cantillon seems to have picked up a likely hitter in Mr. Lellvelt. The Macon (Ga.) franchise has been taken in charge by the South Atlantic league officials.

As a consumer of foul flies of every description, Bergen of Brooklyn is the tidest performer of them all.

The Athletics seem to be one of those teams that are weak on paper and strong on the diamond.

You often hear of a new player being a second So and So, but never of a second Hans Wagner.

Numerous captains have been out of the game at various times this season from accidents or illness, among them Chance, Lajole, Keeler, Gessler, Lumley and Bresnahan.

Beyond all doubt, Red Murray has filled Donlin's shoes, leaving nothing to be desired as a successor to Mike. The only point is that were Donlin on hand there would be two of them.

"My team would be in the thick of the fight if Hans Lobert had been playing with us all season," says Clark Griffith, manager of the Cincinnati Reds.

Storke makes a good substitute for Abstein, but he is not half as dangerous with the stick as the regular first sacker.

Jimmy Barrett, the former Detroit and Boston player, is showing excellent skill in the infield for the Brewers.

Russell Ford, who was farmed out to Jersey City, has been recalled by Manager Stallings.

Pitcher George McConnell will go to the Boston Red Sox. McConnell was recently turned over to the Jersey City team by the Highlanders, but the Boston club refused to waive on him, and will get him for \$1,500.

WAS HE RIGHT.



Mrs. Rant—Do you think men are more clever than women?
Mr. Rant—Some men are.
Mrs. Rant—Who are they?
Mr. Rant—Single men.

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"When about two and a half years old my daughter broke out on her hips and the upper parts of her legs with a very irritating and painful eruption. It began in October; the first I noticed was a little red surface and a constant desire on her part to scratch her limbs. She could not sleep and the eruptions got sore, and yellow water came out of them. I had two doctors treat her, but she grew worse under their treatment. Then I bought the Cuticura Remedies and only used them two weeks when she was entirely well. This was in February. She has never had another rough place on her skin, and she is now fourteen years old. Mrs. R. R. Whitaker, Winchester, Tenn., Sept. 22, 1908."

Potter Drug & Chem. Corp., Sole Props., Boston.

Privilege of English Husband.

A wife who complained at the Marylebone police court in London the other day, that her husband used abusive language to her was informed by Mr. Plowden that this was one of a husband's privileges.

"You must put up with it," the magistrate told her. "Better an abusive husband than no husband at all."

"But I have had so many years of this kind of thing," she protested. "I cannot give you any redress," Mr. Plowden replied. "You must expect a certain amount of abuse in this world."

Tuberculosis Conference.

Under the auspices of the Swedish National League Against Tuberculosis, the International Tuberculosis conference held its annual meeting in Stockholm July 8 to 10. Among the American speakers on the program were Dr. Hermann M. Biggs of New York and Dr. John C. Wise, medical director of the United States navy, who was the official representative of this country. Two subjects of special interest discussed were: "Care of Tuberculous Families, Especially of Healthy Children," and "Tuberculosis and the Schools."

"A Cheap Skate."

"Joel Chandler Harris," said an Atlantian, "used to write comic newspaper editorials. Sometimes he made fun of other editors in them, too."

"Simon Simpson, a rival editor in Mobile, having been made fun of, wrote angrily in his rage:

"Joel Harris has been getting off some cheap wit at our expense."

"Joel, on reading this, grabbed his pen and dashed off, quick as a flash, for next day's issue:

"It must have been cheap, Simon, to be at your expense."

How an Angry Woman Looked.

The other day we saw an angry woman in a street car and her face was anything but a pleasant picture. She was angry at the conductor, entirely without cause, and that made her look more terrible than if she had had a real grievance.—Nebraska Journal.

Green Pea Soup.

One pint of green peas, three pints of thin stock, two ounces of bacon, one onion, bay leaf, sweet herbs, a few spinach leaves.

Boil all the ingredients together and, when quite tender, pass the peas and spinach leaves through a sieve, adding as much of the liquor as is required to make it of the consistency of thin cream. Return to the saucepan, heat it, adding a teaspoonful of caster sugar, and pepper and salt to taste. Serve with small dice of fried bread.

To Test Bacon.

To test a ham run a steel skewer through the middle of the ham to the bone; if the skewer comes out clean and free from any unpleasant odor it indicates that the ham is in good condition, but should the skewer be smeared and the odor unpleasant the ham should be rejected.

Yellow streaks in ham or bacon indicate a more or less rancid condition.

A Picnic Sandwich.

The sandwich is the picnic standby, of course, and unusually good ones can be made by baking a pan of little round rolls, cutting the tops nearly off when they are cold, scooping out some of the crumb and filling them with chicken chopped and reduced to a stiff paste with cream. They may be seasoned highly with salt and black pepper, and celery salt if liked.

England may now recover from the apprehension felt regarding attack by the upper route. Reports from that country are to the effect that an airship has been perfected that surpasses anything of the kind in existence, and it is expected that a flight from Paris to London will soon be made. The flying machine is the property of an English company, but was constructed in France. The announcement seems to be a sort of answer to the Zeppelin challenge.

COSTLY PRIZE OFFERED.

W. K. Kellogg of Battle Creek, Mich., Gives a \$1,000 Trophy to Be Competed for by the Farmers.

BATTLE CREEK, Mich., July 28.—For the purpose of stimulating the interest of the farmers of the country in the improvement of the grade of corn and in securing a greater yield, W. K. Kellogg of this city has offered a gold and silver trophy to be competed for at the third annual national corn exposition to be held at Omaha, Neb., Dec. 6 to 13 of this year. The trophy will be in the shape of a massive vase, and will probably be designed and built by either Gorham or Tiffany.

Mr. Kellogg has just returned from Chicago where he held a conference with Professor P. C. Holden of the Iowa State Agricultural College at Ames, and Stanley Clague, head of a large Chicago advertising agency. Professor Holden is known as the foremost authority of the country on corn growing, and Mr. Kellogg, who is a large manufacturer of food products made from corn, is keenly interested in all movements tending to improve the quality of the cereal. This year he has donated \$1,000 to be divided in several prizes among the corn growers of Iowa, and at Professor Holden's suggestion, he decided to offer the Kellogg trophy to be competed for by the corn growers of the nation.

"Corn is the greatest crop of the country," said Mr. Kellogg today, "and the bigger the yield of corn the greater the country's prosperity. Seed selection and improved methods of cultivation will not only greatly increase the yield per acre, but will also increase the protein in the corn and thus enhance its nutritive qualities. If the yield per acre, for instance, can be increased five bushels in the state of Nebraska alone, it will add \$25,000,000 to the wealth of the farmers of the state. The National Corn Exposition is doing a great work in educating the farmers, and I am glad to help the work along."

His Preference.

Commander Maxwell of the navy enjoys telling of an unique complaint preferred by a recruit.

On every man-of-war the bar of justice is aft in front of the "stick," or mast. The recruit had gone to the stick to "state" his grievance. "Well, what do you want?" asked the executive officer.

"Please, sir, I want to complain of the breakfast this morning."

"What did you have?"

"Burgoo, crack-hash, hard tack and coffee, sir."

"What did you expect?"

"Please, sir, I always like to start my breakfast with a nice steak and a pair of eggs."—Illustrated Sunday Magazine.

Have No Use for Pins.

All American exporters concerned are warned by Consul General Denby that they'll never get rich by selling pins to the people of Shanghai.

The Chinese have no use for pins," he says, "strings and knots and loops meeting every requirement of male and female, young and old, to keep his or her garments securely and neatly fastened."

Nature has equipped every man for happiness, but he gets strenuous occasionally and slips a cog.

WANTS HER LETTER PUBLISHED

For Benefit of Women who Suffer from Female Ills

Minneapolis, Minn.—"I was a great sufferer from female troubles which caused a weakness and broken down condition of the system. I read so much of what Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound had done for other suffering women I felt sure it would help me, and I must say it did help me wonderfully. My pains all left me, I grew stronger, and within three months I was a perfectly well woman."

"I want this letter made public to show the benefit women may derive from Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound."—Mrs. JOHN G. MOYDAN, 215 Second St., North, Minneapolis, Minn.

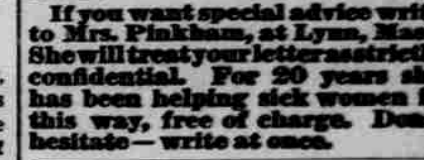
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