

ALLIANCE MEN MEET.

State Meeting at Grand Island—Large Attendance—Much Enthusiasm—Interesting Discussions.

President John H. Powers Makes a Fine Address—The Insurance Meeting a Success.

GRAND ISLAND, Dec. 20.—[Special.]—Grand Island is just now receiving such a visitation as received three years ago. Nebraska for the first time realized the existence and vast magnitude of the Farmers' Alliance. Of course this meeting does not attract the attention that did, but it is nevertheless a gathering of great magnitude and importance.

At this meeting (Tuesday morning) the hotels are crowded with alliance men, who are busy shaking hands, talking and laughing over the experiences of the past and prophesying great things for the future.

Among the alliance leaders present may be mentioned, President Powers, General Van Wyck, Dr. Brooks of Cook J. H. Edmisten of Lexington, S. C. Fairchild, Asst. State Lecturer, B. F. Pratt (who has his voice with him) J. A. Hogg, one of the old liners from Buffalo county; B. F. Allen chairman of the executive committee; W. F. Wright 2nd, State Lecturer; J. V. Wolfe; C. H. Irtle, J. M. Thompson, M. M. Halleck Merrick, R. T. Chambers, of Lancaster; Fred Jewel of Platte, Allen Root, J. B. Romine.

A number of members and ex-members of the legislature are present among whom may be mentioned, J. N. Gallin, of Saunders, who is a good deal talked of for speaker of the next house, P. H. Barry of Greeley, Smith of Holt; Stevens of Fillmore, Williams of Johnson who was lately defeated by 49 votes, G. A. Felton of Nuckolls, J. B. Stewart of York.

The first meeting was the insurance meeting of Monday evening. It was very satisfactory and successful. A report of it has been written up by Mr. Swigart.

At ten o'clock this morning the alliance proper, was called to order by President Powers. After prayer by Captain Brady, committees were appointed and preliminary business attended to. Between 200 and 300 are present.

The address of President Powers received marked attention. He reviewed the past year in the history of the alliance, the St. Louis industrial conference and its results, and the Omaha convention and its platform.

He adhered to the doctrine that the alliance is an educational order. It has a work to do which cannot be delegated safely to a political party. The order needs a manual or text book to secure systematic thought and discussion. The meetings of the order should be continued and encouraged and supported.

In regard to legislation, state and national, the president urged the reduction of railroad freight rates, the amendment of the Australian ballot system, some relief, if possible, from the present usury abuses, a government postal telegraph system, and that which he considered of the greatest importance at the present time, a grand trunk railroad owned and operated by the government running from the Dakotas to the Gulf, in order to stop the east-enriching itself on the west. After encouraging mutual insurance he closed, saying:

"Duty has brought us thus far. The voice of the people cries onward. Justice points upward and onward, and liberty hold out toward us a glorious crown. Let us revive our courage and renew our strength, for in the end our success is sure."

The annual election of officers was held Wednesday evening. J. H. Powers of Hitchcock, was re-elected president; W. A. Poynter of Boone, vice-president; J. M. Thompson of Lancaster, secretary and treasurer; S. C. Fairchild of Antelope, state lecturer. The new executive committee is composed of B. F. Allen, chairman, of Cass, Allen Root of Douglas, H. B. McGraw of Adams, P. H. Barry of Greeley and Clark Olds of Box Butte.

Only One Ahead.

AURORA, Neb., Dec. 21.—The taking of testimony in the case of John A. Whitmore against Fred Newberry began Monday morning. Newberry has a majority of one according to the returns, but it is shown that in one precinct a vote for Whitmore was rejected simply because the voter, in marking his ballot, had made a straight mark instead of a cross opposite the names of the persons for whom he intended to vote. In another instance the voter had made a mistake in marking the electoral ticket, and the judges rejected the entire ticket. In still another instance a man had written his name on the back of his ticket and the ballot was rejected on this account. If these votes are counted for Whitmore he will have a majority of two. In addition to these there are claims made on both sides of illegal votes having been cast. Whitmore specifies three persons in his notice whom he alleges voted for Newberry who were not entitled to vote, and it seems that all three of the parties left the county immediately after the election.

Collar Bone Broken.

GRAND ISLAND, Neb., Dec. 21.—Mrs. John L. Windolph fell down a stairway at her home in this city Monday night, breaking her collar bone in two places and splitting one of the ears. She was unconscious for three hours, but was resting easily yesterday.

A Leg Broken.

NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., Dec. 21.—The first coasting accident of the season occurred Monday. A ten-year-old son of Mr. Carley was knocked down by a bob-sled and his right leg broken below the knee.



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Wahoo Notes.

WAHOO, Neb., Dec. 20.—The Saunders county teachers' association held a very interesting and profitable session here last Saturday. Miss Patterson, of the Northwestern Journal of Education, Lincoln, read an able paper on geography. President Clemmons, of the Fremont normal, was present and gave valuable aid in the discussion.

The police have at last captured one of the burglars who have been visiting the city. He hails from South Omaha, but it is hoped to add him to Lincoln's growing population.

The ladies Columbian club is determined to have Saunders county represented at Chicago, and by entertainments have quite a sum of money ready to invest in something to advertise the county and state.

The celebrated Case suit for slander was retried at the present term of court and a verdict of \$4,000 found for the plaintiff.

Murdered His Mistress.

OMAHA, Dec. 20.—The trial of George Faust, charged with the murder of his mistress, Laura Day, began today in the criminal branch of the district court. At the time of the killing Faust tried to cut his own throat and nearly succeeded in ending his own life. He has fully recovered, however. The state will attempt to prove that the killing of the girl was premeditated; that Faust lay in wait for her and shot her because she made complaint to the police that he had stolen a watch given her by another lover. The mother, step-father and half brother of the victim of the murderer were present in the court room, and the first two will be put upon the witness stand by the state.

Won't Work.

PONCA, Neb., Dec. 20.—The Ponca waterworks have been the source of considerable annoyance to both the contractors and the citizens. When first put in operation it was found that almost every joint of the piping leaked and would have to be soldered. After this was done the cement in the reservoir dissolved and a new coat became necessary. This was put on and pumping was again resumed until yesterday morning, when the wall of the reservoir around the main gave way and the water went tearing down the street. No damage was done further than to the system.

Robbed a J. P.

FAIRMONT, Neb., Dec. 20.—The real estate office of George Maxwell and Justice of the Peace J. G. McFadden was visited by burglars Sunday night and everything plundered. The thieves forced a window in the south end of the building and went through all the desks, but found nothing but papers. It is thought the thieves are the same who robbed the postoffice when it occupied the building and that they had not learned of the removal.

Twelve Feet of Water.

PONCA, Neb., Dec. 20.—A break in the water works reservoir occurred last night, there being twelve feet of water in the reservoir at the time. The mains were immediately opened, letting the water still in the reservoir run into the sewers and from there into Adway creek. Small damage was done to property, as but few houses stood in the path of the water from the leak.

"Falling Star."

TABLE ROCK, Neb., Dec. 20.—A very brilliant meteor or aerolite, passed over here at an early hour yesterday morning and exploded with a loud noise to the far north. It was light as day for several minutes and the trail where it first started looked like a huge brilliant comet for some minutes, gradually fading away.

For Extorting Money.

OMAHA, Dec. 20.—In the United States district court yesterday afternoon the case against Walter C. Leighly was called. Leighly is under indictment for using the mails to extort money by threats from R. C. Outcall of Lincoln. The defense is that some one in the Lincoln postoffice did the work.

Dangerous Slide.

PLATSMOUTH, Neb., Dec. 20.—Dan Atwood, the 15-year-old son of S. H. Atwood of this city, while coasting last night, was struck by a traverser and thrown upon his head. He remained in a comatose condition for twenty-four hours. No bones were broken, and he is rapidly recovering.

Isn't your wife afraid to drive that horse?"

"Not at all. It's the people she meets who are scared."

AFTER THE KANSAS HOUSE.

Populists Scheming to Secure Control of Both Branches of the Legislature.

TOPEKA, Kan., Dec. 21.—The Populist editors who are in Topeka to-day attend the meeting of the Reform press association, show lively interest in the house and if their opinions are the reflex of local sentiments in various parts of the state, there seems to prevail the belief that the house is to be organized by the Populists. No one seems to know how it is to be done.

F. J. Close, Governor-elect, Leavelle's private secretary, speaking of the matter said: "The state central committee has the subject in charge. Nothing of a revolutionary character will be done, however. Our first plan will be to go into the supreme court as has already been published and ask for an injunction against certain members who were not fairly elected. Failing in that, the committee has another plan and I don't exactly know its nature and for the present it is a secret."

That there is substance to the talk and hopes of the editors is proved by an admission of Chairman Bridenthal at noon that he had been in conference with Judge W. C. Webb, Frank Foster and G. C. Clemens.

When asked how many contests there would be, Bridenthal said he did not know as the time for filing contests had not yet expired. So far ten have been set on foot.

While Judge Webb, Bridenthal, Judge Foster and Clemens were in conference this morning they had under consideration papers to be filed in the supreme court in the contested cases. The first case will probably be that of Rice against Ballinger, known as the "Coffey county case." The exact nature of the proceedings is not known, but among the defendants to be named is the state board of canvassers, and the object is believed to be to hang up all the contested members so as to give the Populists a majority.

Regardless of the announced that Railroad Commissioners Anthony and Mitchell have legal advice that the executive council cannot turn them out of office before their terms expire, the Populists are making preparations to remove them and give their places to men of their own faith. The latest candidate to appear is Charles L. Short, a Santa Fe conductor running between Topeka and Kansas City who wants Commissioner Mitchell's place. The order of Railway Conductors and the Railway Employees club have taken up Short's cause.

State Printer E. H. Snow is very much in favor of Dr. S. McFallin for United States senator, and to-day quietly began a boom for him.

S. M. Scott of McPherson, state lecturer of the Farmers' Alliance, is a candidate for United States senator. Judge Frank Foster of Marion is in town attending court. He would like to be United States senator and, in the event of the failure of that ambition, he has his eye fixed on a piece on the supreme court commission.

A. C. Sherman, a member-elect of the legislature, representing the Northern district of Shawnee county, will introduce some bills directed against corporations early in the session. He has already prepared three as follows: To make it unlawful for railroads to charge passengers who neglect to buy tickets an excess of the regular fare; to compel insurance companies to pay the full amount of the policy in case of a total loss; to provide that in mortgage foreclosures the judgment shall not be greater than the amount the property sells for.

New Express Company.

HASTINGS, Dec. 20.—The supplies for the Adams Express company arrived yesterday morning. They will occupy the same quarters now used by the Wells-Fargo company, and the agent, Mr. Cooper, will manage the affairs of both companies.

Called to Testify.

HASTINGS, Dec. 20.—Deputy Postmaster Cline and Clerk Adams were called to Omaha yesterday to give evidence before the federal court in a case in which some parties are being tried for using the mails for blackmailing purposes.

Ten Miles of Skating.

CRETE, Neb., Dec. 20.—The skating on the Blue river at this place is now superb and hundreds are enjoying the exhilarating and healthful sport. The ten mile course for skating can hardly be matched anywhere in the state.

Julia Sively Wins.

CRETE, Neb., Dec. 21.—The Sanborn prize contest of Doan college was held last evening in the Congregational church. This contest is limited to students in the preparatory course and offers \$10 in books to the one who excels in declamation. The contestants were Letta Gould Steele, B. E. Davidson and Julia Sively. The prize was awarded to the latter, who chose for her subject "The Painter of Seville."

Lost Money Racket.

OMAHA, Dec. 19.—Omaha's union depot had a call from Mrs. Peel yesterday and she worked some of the waiting passengers to perfection. Mrs. Peel she practices is to enter a railroad station with her idiotic boy, a dwarf whose age is said to be something near sixteen years, and by appearing to be very much agitated and distressed to induce some kindly disposed person to ask what troubles her. In response she indulges in a flood of tears, hugging the boy and telling a sad story of having lost the little money that was to have taken her home to her husband, generally about 100 miles away. She weeps much and tells her tale so cleverly that she never fails to get a subscription taken up for her. In Chicago she worked her trick at four stations in one day and at the St. Louis union depot she had subscriptions taken up for her two days in succession. Yesterday she represented herself as Mrs. Hopkins, whose husband was in Lincoln. She raised some thing over \$6.

Robbery and Arson.

ASPINWALL, Neb., Dec. 19.—The parties who robbed and burned Dr. Gandy's store at this place on the night of November 26 have been arrested and are now in jail at Auburn. Their names are Robison, John Ebbs and William Corey, living near Hillsdale. All of them were participating in a revival meeting at the time and have taken great interest in church matters during the winter. They went direct from church and robbed and burned the building. They induced a man to decoy Mr. Hall, who resided in the store, out on hunting on the night it occurred, and then did the job. A quantity of goods was found in Robison's possession and when confronted and asked to explain he broke down and gave the thing away, implicating with him the other two. The loss from the fire to Gandy was \$7,500, to Hall \$300 and to the United States in stamps and money about \$300. Robison is a married man and is respectfully connected and always bore a good reputation.

Six Thousand Acres.

GERING, Neb., Dec. 19.—Six thousand acres of land, almost wholly situated under the Mitchell irrigating canal in this county, and representing a value of anywhere from fifty to sixty thousand dollars, was transferred this week for one dollar. The warranty deed now on record in the clerk's office of Scott's Bluff county is from the receiver of the defunct Union Cattle company to the Goshen Hole Irrigating company, the latter comprising the stockholders, for the most part, of the old company. This takes the fine body of real estate out of litigation in which it has been complicated for several years and it will probably be subject to sale and improvement.

A HARD-WORKING KING.

Social Duties Seem to Claim His Attention More Than Business.

A newspaper writer, speaking of the king of Italy, says that Humbert is a tireless worker and then gives the following as the daily routine of the monarch: When at Rome, says the writer, he rises every often before 6, and sets to work in his cabinet. At 7 he eats a light breakfast, and then until 9 busies himself with his correspondence.

"This duty accomplished, he makes such calls as the day's demands require, lunches at 1, and later receives his ministers and such others as may have claims on him. In the afternoon he drives out and sometimes goes to the races. He dines at 7, and this meal at which the king is present to entertain his guests and not to eat, generally lasts until 9:30. At 10 the king, as a rule, goes to the opera, where he remains for an hour. At 11 he goes back to his cabinet, and until 1 when he retires, is busy with his afternoon correspondence.

"At Monza near Milan, where he resides during the summer months, he follows a slightly less arduous routine. At Monza every morning, when he lunches with his family and a few invited guests, or takes them for the afternoon drive. Tea is served at 4 and after the meal the king talks smokes and plays billiards with his guests. Shortly after midnight the household retires."

This reminds us forcibly of the reply of the small boy, who was asked if he worked hard at any thing. "Yea," he said "very hard. What with three meals a day and the games I have to play. I'm just tired out when night comes.—Harp-er's Young People.

ONE FOR ANTI-OPTIONS.

The Senate Decides by a Decisive Vote Not to Displace the Bill.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—After the routine morning business was disposed of in the senate to-day and the army appropriation bill had been referred to the committee on appropriations, a large petition was presented by Mr. Dawes signed by Westerners asking for the appointment of a committee of senators to investigate the coming of Minneapolis millers and elevator owners throughout the West engaged in the depression of the wheat market and praying that no action be taken on the anti-option bill until such committee should have made its report.

Mr. Washburne remarked that a million of such petitions had been circulated all of them originating in the Chicago board of trade. This should go to the committee on agriculture, where all that rubbish had gone. Mr. Dawes remarked that all the petitions on the other side were said to have been manufactured in Washington. The petition was referred to the committee on agriculture.

The house concurrent resolution for the holiday recess from Thursday to Wednesday, January 4, was reported back favorably, but on objection of Mr. Sherman was laid over without action.

The McGarraban bill, which was entitled to consideration, was laid aside, and after some minor business an executive session was held.

When the door was reopened the anti-option bill was laid before the senate but Mr. Blackburn antagonized it with a motion to take up the New York and New Jersey bridge bill. This would displace the options bill. The vote was taken and resulted: Yeas 13, nays 41, and Mr. Blackburn's motion was defeated. The senate then took up the anti-option bill, and Mr. Palmer began speaking.

More Instructions for Satoli.

ROME, Dec. 21.—Monsignor Satoli has sent to Cardinal Rampolla an important letter containing the two decisions and report of the proceedings of the American bishops' conference, and Rampolla has replied without delay expressing the pope's satisfaction with the communication and giving further instructions regarding Satoli's mission to the United States.

Mrs. James G. Blaine, Jr. to Wed.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—A special to the Herald from Washington says its reporter was informed last night that Mrs. James G. Blaine, jr., is again to be married. The gentleman who is said to have won her affections is the surgeon who attended her through her last illness.

Diphtheria Killed It.

OSCEOLA, Neb., Dec. 19.—The board of health had a meeting yesterday and ordered that all public meetings, schools and churches should be closed until further orders. This will be pretty hard on the fun-loving people of this town and the little ones who are looking forward to Christmas trees in the churches. The Sons of Veterans were to have an entertainment in the court house next Tuesday night. There are seven cases of diphtheria in town, but all are doing well and under control except the twelve-year-old son of Nelson Scott, who died today.

Grain Elevator Fired.

BENKLEMAN, Neb., Dec. 19.—Milbourn & McGinnis' grain elevator caught fire at noon yesterday from defects in the boiler room, but by prompt action of a volunteer bucket brigade the fire was speedily placed under control. The elevator was stored full of grain and the loss would have been serious had the building burned.

Fell on the Sidewalk.

KEARNEY, Neb., Dec. 19.—Last spring Mrs. Louisa Smith fell and injured herself by reason of a defective sidewalk. She brought suit against the city and Saturday recovered damages in the sum of \$150.

Took a Look at It.

NEBRASKA CITY, Dec. 21.—Two representatives of the whisky trust were in the city yesterday inspecting the company's recent purchase. The gentleman said the trust was simply trying to supply the demand, and was not attempting to corner the output. All speculation in spirits, according to their statements, is conducted outside of the trust.

Don't Belong There.

SARONVILLE, Neb., Dec. 21.—No one at this place knows anything of the man found murdered in a car of corn at Toledo. The supposition is that the body was placed in the car after it was loaded and left this place.

Corn buyers at Nelson are paying 28 cents per bushel.

RAILROAD STATUTES

REPORT OF THE INTERSTATE COMMERCE COMMISSION.

SEVERAL RECOMMENDATIONS MADE.

Railway Officials Concede the Necessity of Government Regulation and Favor Additional Enactments—Justice Brewer's Decision Declared to Be at Variance With all Precedents—Pooling.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—The report of the interstate commerce commission for the year ended November 30, was yesterday transmitted to congress. It opens with a review of the reasons which induced the passage of the act to regulate commerce and which are given in view of the result rendered in administering the act and necessity for amendments which experience has disclosed. It states that the commission is gratified at being able to say that many railroad managers of the highest standing now concede the necessity of government regulation and avow themselves in favor of further enactments that will make the regulation effective.

The late decision of Justice Brewer in the circuit court of appeals, deciding a long and short haul case is discussed and the dictums of opinion, that the total joint rate of two roads is over an independent line from the lines formed by either road and not to be considered in determining the local rate of either road and therefore may be even less than the intermediate or local rate, is shown to be without foundation either in the debates in congress, the practice of carriers since the law was passed, or the rulings of the commission, which, nevertheless are cited in that opinion as supporting a new locality. To protect all intermediate localities and interests from the disastrous effects of this judicial interpretation congress is earnestly urged to take such immediate action as will give legislative construction to the word "line" in the statute.

Several amendments recommended by the commission for the purpose of strengthening the law are discussed. Regarding the proposed amendment which poolings is to be permitted; the report says:

"The attempt to secure the public from discrimination, extortion, favoritism, undue preference and undue prejudice, and to secure to every citizen just and equitable rates and equal and exact treatment in all transportation matters, is the very essence, spirit and purpose of the law and it would be vain to protect carriers from competitive attacks upon each other if the general public can not be protected from the greater evils above enumerated. If the law is to be amended the two classes of amendments should go hand in hand until the law is made strong, as its framers intended in the matter of fair and equitable rates, fair treatment and suppression of favoritism. It is idle to seek to protect carriers whose immunity, under authoritative constructions of the law from restrictions intended by congress, seems one of the remarkable facts in current history."

OUTLAW STARR CAPTURED

The Murderer of Deputy Marshal Floyd Wilson Shot Down.

SOUTH McALESTER, Ind. Ter., Dec. 21.—Henry Starr, who killed Deputy Marshal Floyd Wilson a few days ago was arrested last night by Deputy Marshal Heck Bruner near Talala, Ind. Ter. The officer also succeeded in capturing Stone Rowe who is wanted for the murder of Jack Colbert and two others. The prisoners will be taken to Fort Smith, Ark., for trial.

DEATH IN FALLING RUINS.

Three Men Instantly Killed and Several Others Fatally Injured.

ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 21.—As the firemen were leaving the burned building of the Fort Orange mill last night, after the fire had been extinguished, a sixty foot wall toppled over, without a moment's warning, burying seven of them in the ruins. Three were killed and the others badly injured.

St. Louis Flames.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 21.—A fire originating in the Udell woodware company's building, last evening about 6:45 o'clock, destroyed the property situated in the territory bounded by Washington, Locust, Third and Fourth streets. After a struggle lasting until 11 o'clock, however, the flames were gotten under control, with a loss aggregating \$450,000, which is practically covered by insurance divided in small amounts among a large number of companies.

Cremated During a Carousal.

SEDAALIA, Mo., Dec. 21.—At Greene-ridge, twelve miles south of here, a party of railroad graders last night held a drunken, all night carousal in the house of Peter Bische, a shoemaker who occupied the dwelling alone. At 3 o'clock the house was discovered on fire. All the men had gone except Bische and a railroad contractor named James Elkins, who were in a drunken stupor. Elkins was rescued, badly burned, but Bische fought the rescuers and was burned to a crisp in the embers of his home.

To Release the Farnell Fund.

LONDON, Dec. 21.—The News learns from its Paris correspondent that an agreement has been signed to release the Farnell fund. Messrs. Dillon, Davitt and Harrington will award jointly the old claims not in excess of £14,000 and Messrs. Dillon and Davitt will award the remainder.

A Creede Bank Falls.

CREEDE, Col., Dec. 21.—The Miners' and Merchants' exchange bank failed yesterday. The liabilities are \$20,000 with assets double that amount. The officials assert that all claims will be paid in full.