

VICTORY FOR BRYAN

GOLD STANDARD PLANK TAKEN OUT OF THE PLATFORM

THE VOTE EXCEEDS 2 TO 1

NOW CREDITED WITH THREE SUCCESSFUL EFFORTS.

Expressions of the Leaders on Work of Resolution Committee Do Not Indicate Entire Satisfaction.

St. Louis.—The committee on resolutions voted the gold standard plank out of the democratic platform by a vote of thirty-five to fifteen. This was the third victory for William J. Bryan during the all night session of the committee. He has two successful efforts and secured modifications of the tariff plank on two separate votes.

An effort was made to secure a recess after the vote on the gold plank but it was voted down and the committee continued with its work on other features of the platform.

The contest was one of the most interesting features of the convention. The main fight was upon a proposed income tax plank providing for an amendment to the constitution to meet the adverse decision of the supreme court upon the Wilson law. It was upon this amendment and the gold plank, the two propositions having been brought in conjunction, that Mr. Bryan made his strong fight. Mr. Williams of Mississippi first offered the income tax amendment and it was immediately antagonized by former Senator Hill, who stated that with such a plank in the platform, New York could not be carried for the democratic nominee. He urged the attention of a platform which will enable the democrats to win in doubtful states and elect their candidates. Mr. Williams withdrew the amendment, saying that he, with many other democrats, was seeking harmony with a view of succeeding on a democratic platform.

Mr. Bryan then offered an income tax amendment, and made a speech in favor of it. He asserted that while votes might be lost among the very rich, the democratic party ought to consider the great mass of the people, who bear the burden of taxation and the expenses of the government.

Senator Daniel replied to Bryan, and was very vigorous in his denunciations of the course the Nebraska man was pursuing. He said that he wanted to win and desired a platform which would bring to the democratic party the voters who had left it when pursuing a course which Mr. Bryan had shaped and advocated. He was tired of being forever in the minority and insisted that it would be absurd for democrats, facing victory, to take any action which would mean defeat. To lose New York meant defeat.

Senator Bailey and Senator Tillman, while believing in an income tax, said that in view of the statements of the New York member of the committee, it would be unwise to insist on the income tax plank.

Senator Bailey then asked unanimous consent to have both the income tax amendment and the gold standard plank dropped.

Worst of Flood is Over.

KANSAS CITY, Mo.—The Kaw river is falling here and west to Topeka and it is confidently believed that the worst of the flood is over.

Not for many days, however, will normal conditions prevail at Armourdale, Argenteau and the low lying portion of eastern Kansas City, Kas., where hundreds of houses of the working class are under water, and many plants are inundated. In the lowest portion of Armourdale which is the most unfavorable portion of the flood area, the water is from three to six feet deep while surrounding the Nelson Morris packing houses northeast of Armourdale, and close to the mouth of the Kaw, the water is twelve feet deep.

Armourdale is abandoned, the streets running rivers. Most families owned their homes and the aggregate loss will be heavy. Flood conditions in Kansas off the Kaw watershed are still serious, the streams at Abilene, Emporia, Ottawa and Wichita still being high and continuing to rise at some points.

Missouri Justice Stricken.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo.—Justice Gavon D. Burgess of the Missouri supreme court, has suffered a stroke of paralysis at his home here and is in a serious condition. He has been conscious since his affliction but talks with difficulty. It cannot be determined at this time how serious Judge Burgess' illness may be. Judge Burgess is now serving his second term on the bench having been elected in 1892 and 1902.

BIG STRIKE IS ON

PACKING HOUSES CLOSED BY THE DESERTION OF LABORERS.

MEN QUIT AND WALK OUT

BEGINNING OF STRUGGLE NOW MARKED BY VIOLENCE.

Packers Refused to Acquire to Demands Made—Fifty Thousand Out in the Big Packing Center.

CHICAGO.—A general strike called in the packing houses of the country rendered more than fifty thousand men idle and closed nearly all the packing centers at noon today. In most cases the packers have made no arrangements to reopen, although such arrangements may follow today. The supply of fresh meat will soon be exhausted unless the houses are reopened. The beginning of the strike was not marked by violence, although in several places strikers quit work before the hour set. The strike calls out all unions affiliated with the packing trades' council.

One of the packers made the following statement:

"A conference was held between Mr. Donnelly and his assistants and the packers about ten days ago at which time the packers contended that the demands for an increase in the wages of unskilled labor were unwarranted by conditions, and Mr. Donnelly was requested to modify his demands. No further communication was received until 2 o'clock Monday when a letter was received stating that a strike was ordered for 12 o'clock today.

SOUTH OMAHA, Neb.—At noon today 3,000 employes of the four packing houses at South Omaha laid down their tools and went out on a strike. The packing plants affected are those of Armour, Swift, Cudahy and the Omaha Packing company. The strike is the result of an order received from Second Vice President Vall of the amalgamated meat cutters' and butcher workmen's union and affects practically every man employed in the packing houses, skilled and unskilled.

The demands of the strikers are for closed shop for unskilled labor. The packers say they will make no attempt to operate their plants for the present. To this end they gave notice to the commission men that there would be no market for live stock today and that they could not purchase until further notice. The notice was given yesterday and as a consequence few cars of stock came in today.

A statement of the position of the local packers shows that they are unanimous in their refusal to accede to the demands of the men, and that they are anxious to submit the matter to arbitration. They claim that conditions do not warrant an increase in wages.

Nine of the employes in the mechanical department of the South Omaha plants struck, and the employes of the Union Stock Yards company remained at work. Ten unions are affected by the strike, most of them affiliated with the butchering craft. It is anticipated that no action will be taken locally, all the negotiations being made in Chicago.

Zeller is Caught

OMAHA, Neb.—W. M. Zeller, the market gardener, who on Saturday murdered his wife and her father, was the central figure in a dramatic scene which was enacted outside his home this afternoon. Zeller had for more than two days successfully eluded capture, notwithstanding that hundreds of citizens had been adding the police in the search. This afternoon during the funeral of his two victims Zeller came out of his hiding place. One police officer was alone at the Zeller home when the murderer suddenly appeared in front of the house and looked in the window. Seeing the officer he immediately started to run and the officer covered him with a shotgun.

Boy Fatally Wounded.

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M.—Louis Padillas, a boy residing at Las Padillas, south of this city was shot and probably fatally wounded by a member of a gang of alleged stock thieves who suspected him of having given information against them. Officers from this city are in pursuit of the band who fled to the Manzano mountains, thus far eluding capture.

Gambler's Fire on Raiders.

MEMPHIS, Tenn.—As a result of a raid by deputy sheriffs on a gambling house, Deputies Houston and Mitchell are dead and Deputy Thomas J. McDermott is mortally wounded. Frequent raids have been made on crap games recently. Five deputy sheriffs forced their way into a place in DeSoto street. A moment later a fusillade of shots met the officers. When the smoke cleared away Houston and Mitchell were found dead.

CROPS ARE ABOUT RUINED

HAIL STORM LEAVES ITS MARK IN ADAMS COUNTY

Strikes City of Hastings With All Its Fury Shattering Window Glass and Destroying Fruit and Gardens.

From State Journal.

HASTINGS, Nebr.—A most disastrous hail storm struck Adams county about 1 o'clock this morning and wiped out over two thousand acres of grain besides damaging about eight hundred acres or more of grain to such an extent that it is almost valueless.

So far as can be learned none of these crops destroyed were insured. The storm originated in the valley of the Platte northwest of Hastings, but did not do much damage until it struck J. Bloom's farm, six miles northwest of Hastings. The hail storm started on the east half of Mr. Bloom's place and continued in a southeastern direction and traveled this course until it ran into the corporate limits of this city, where it broke window glass right and left, beat garden truck into the earth and scattered fruit from trees like birdshot out of a musket.

However, the damage in this city is absolutely nothing when compared to the great loss the farmers must suffer who were in the path of the storm. Hardly any of the farmers were fortunate enough to have their wheat cut, which accounts for such a large loss of grain. The storm devastated a strip two and a half miles wide and nearly six miles long, traveled from the northwest to the southeast but did not go east of St. Joseph and Grand Island railroad track at any place.

A terrific wind carried the hail whizzing through the air and huge corn stalks were severed and beaten into the ground by the tremendous fusillade of pellets of ice from the lanky heavens. For twenty-five minutes a deafening roar announced in thunderous tones the complete destruction of all grain within its path; then it silently stole away taking with it the impervious blackness that had shrouded the scene of destruction.

Death in a Crash.

NEW YORK.—Eight persons were killed and forty injured, some of them seriously injured, as a result of a regular passenger train on the Greenwood Lake branch of the Erie railroad running into an excursion train which was taking water at Midvale, N. J., at noon today.

D. W. Cooke, general passenger agent of the Erie railroad has given out the following statement:

"An excursion train Hoboken to Greenwood Lake stopped at Midvale for water and the operator in the tower failed to set the block signal against the train following. As a result there was a rear end collision in which eight persons were killed and forty injured.

A hospital train with doctors and surgeons on board was immediately sent to the scene of the accident and rendered all possible aid.

Fell From the Ninth Story

NEW YORK.—Miss Bertha Dolbeer of San Francisco, said to be the daughter of the late San Francisco millionaire, a millionaire of San Francisco committed suicide today by jumping from a ninth floor window of the Waldorf-Astoria hotel. Nearly every bone in her body was broken and death was instantaneous. Miss Dolbeer, who was twenty-five years old and her cousin, Miss Marlon Warren, also of San Francisco, had been at the Waldorf since June 30, when they returned from a trip to Europe, taken for Miss Dolbeer's health.

Nebraska Visitor Injured.

ST. LOUIS.—In crossing Washington avenue at Jefferson street C. Brabausar of Aldrich, Neb., who accompanied the Antiope delegation to the national convention, stepped directly in front of an eastbound Page avenue car and was hurled violently to the pavement. He was carried into a nearby drug store, where he was restored to consciousness. Later Mr. Brabausar was taken away in the cab, stating that the accident was due to his own carelessness.

Boys Fingers Sewn on Again.

BLAIR, Neb.—Friday afternoon while the little son of Mr. John McMahan was running a lawn mower on his father's lawn he fell with his hand in the knives and had the two middle fingers of one hand cut off between the first and second joints. Dr. Robinson and Dr. Hinchman were hurriedly summoned and the fingers placed back and sewed on after being picked up in the grass. He is reported as getting along nicely.

THEY ADMIT IT NOW

RUSSIANS TELL OF LOSS IN KAI CHOU BATTLE.

JAPS ON YIN KOW ROAD

THEY ARE NOW WITHIN SIX MILES OF PORT ARTHUR.

Russians Lose on July 4 Reported by Chinese to Have Been More Than Eight Hundred—Official Reports.

ST. PETERSBURG.—Lieutenant General Sakharoff in a dispatch to the general staff, confirms the report of the Japanese occupation of Kai Chou. He says that the Russian loss did not exceed 150 killed or wounded. General Saharoff adds that the Japanese are on the Yin Kow road.

CHE FOO.—Chinese junkmen who arrived here today from Port Arthur say that on Tuesday, fifth, a Chinese carrier brought into the town over 800 dead Russians, two of whom were high officials. They state that a part of the Japanese force advanced to within six miles of the beleaguered town, taking another eastern fort.

LONDON.—A dispatch from Che Foo dated July 7, stated that in the fighting which occurred on a July 4, over the possession of one of the hills northwest of Port Arthur, the Russians lost, according to the Chinese, 100 men killed and fifty wounded. Fifty Chinese carriers were sent out to bring the Russians dead and wounded.

WASHINGTON.—The following dispatches have been received at the Japanese legation from Tokio:

General Oku reports that our second army commenced operations July 5 for occupying Kai Ping. After successively dislodging the Russians from their positions, we finally occupied Kai Ping and the neighboring heights on July 9.

General Kuroki reports that on July 6, our detachments after expelling 300 Russian cavalry occupied Hsien Chang, thirty miles north of Saimatchih. There were no casualties on our side.

On July 5 we repulsed a Russian cavalry regiment under Colonel Chelchinski which came to attack us near North Fenshuleng. Our casualties were four wounded and three killed.

TOKIO.—General Kuroki reports that on Wednesday, July 6, a detachment of Japanese troops drove off 300 Russian cavalry and occupied Kan Chang the enemy, retiring northward. The Japanese had no casualties. The Russian losses are unknown.

On the afternoon of July 5, thirteen hundred Russian cavalry attacked a Japanese detachment near the north entrance to Fen Shui pass. The Russians were repulsed and the Japanese retained possession of the entrance to the pass. The Japanese had four men killed and three wounded.

On Friday night July 8, during a storm, a flotilla of torpedo boats of Admiral Togo's fleet approached Port Arthur. On the following morning one of the torpedo boats found and attacked the Russian cruiser Askold, but the result of the attack is unknown.

The Askold fired on the torpedo boat, two petty officers being severely wounded.

NEW CHWANG.—Incoming ships reported that eight Japanese torpedo boat destroyers are sweeping the gulf of Liago Tung in order that a search of neutral ships may be carried on in a more thorough manner. The weather has improved, and if it continues fair, land operations will be actively renewed.

The Japanese are nightly bombarding Port Arthur.

TIEN TSIN.—German military experts are of the opinion that the Russian positions at Liao Yang and Hai Cheng are untenable against a three-sided Japanese attack.

Withdraw South Dakota Lands

WASHINGTON.—The director of the geological survey has recommended to the secretary of the interior the withdrawal from settlement and entry of an additional 776,480 acres of land in South Dakota in connection with the Belle Fourche irrigation project.

Boy Killed by Fall of Roof.

PACIFIC JUNCTION.—Abe Fisher, about 20 years of age was instantly killed this afternoon while working on a roof at Henton Station, a small place north of Pacific Junction. He was helping a gang of men to lift a roof on the house of F. V. Kemp and the chains holding the roof broke. Mr. Fisher was under the structure and was instantly killed.

PREPARE FOR A FIGHT

JAPANESE ARE READY TO DELIVER CRUSHING BLOW

Continued Fighting With the Outlying Forts and Steady Advance of Russian Surrounding Russian.

WASHINGTON.—It is expected that the Japanese campaign in Manchuria and especially in the direction of Port Arthur, is approaching another one of such climaxes as marked the passage of the Yalu. Minister Grisco, at Tokio, has called the state department as follows.

"It is announced from headquarters of the general staff that foreign military attaches who have been assigned to accompany the second army may go to the front on the 20th instant. Press correspondents a day later."

It is recalled that the Japanese general staff has permitted the newspaper correspondents and attaches to come to the front at such moments as initiated the delivery of a great and carefully planned blow against the enemy.

To Call Men Out.

KANSAS CITY, Mo.—Unless the packers recede from their position in the wage scale controversy it is expected that the 112,000 men and women employed in the Kansas City plants and who owe allegiance to the amalgamated meat cutters' and butcher workmen's union will go on a strike tomorrow at noon.

The plants that will be affected are the Armour, Swift, Fowler, Roddy, Cudahy and Schwarzhild & Sulzberger.

Louis Reinhardt, business agent of the packing trades council and seventh vice president of the amalgamated meat cutters' and butchers workmen's union, received the following telegram from Michael Donnelly, president of the union today:

"UNION HEADQUARTERS, Chicago, July 11.—Call out all men at noon tomorrow unless otherwise ordered. Instruct each man to take all his tools when leaving the plant and proceed directly to his home. During the strike all are ordered to obey the laws and use no violence toward any one.

"MICHAEL DONNELLY."

Death of Noted Bandit.

KANSAS CITY, Mo.—Overtaken by a posse of ranchmen near Rifle, Colo., wounded and unable longer to continue the fight for life and liberty, Harvey Logan, escaped convict, train robber, and all round desperado, whose early life was spent near Dodson and Kansas City, placed his revolver barrel to his temple and sent a bullet into his brain. It was the end of a stormy life, and the manner of its ending showed how much Logan meant it when he told a Tennessee farmer one year ago last month that he would never again be taken to prison. That was a day or two after he had escaped from the county jail at Knoxville, from which he was to have been taken to serve twenty years in the Tennessee penitentiary.

Big Electric Road Deal.

CHICAGO, Ill.—Chicago and Illinois capitalists of high standing have taken preliminary steps in the building of a vast electric line which shall extend from Moline, Ill., to Omaha via Des Moines. The syndicate already operate a line from Indianapolis to the Illinois state line and the intention is to build an extension to Moline connecting up a continuous line from Indianapolis to Omaha. It was stated that immense New York capital was interested in the proposed system which is being incorporated under various titles in the four states but will all be under one general management.

Dynamite Was Used

IRONWOOD, Mich.—The home of Earl Walton, superintendent of the Brotherhood and the Sunday Lake iron mines at Wakefield was destroyed today by dynamite. Sections of the house and veranda were blown two hundred feet, but the family, asleep upstairs, escaped serious injury. Superintendent Walton has no idea as to the identity of the perpetrators of the crime or their motive. A strike occurred at the mines in January against a 10 per cent cut in wages. Some of the old employes found their places taken when the two mines resumed shipping. Sheriff Olson has sworn to an extra force of deputies.

Overdue Bark is in Port.

SAN FRANCISCO.—The overdue French bark Mortebeilo, on which 15 per cent reinsurance was quoted, has arrived here, 180 days out from Swansea. Her long trip is accredited to calms and head winds. She reports speaking the British ship Celtic-Monarch in latitude 50.24 south, longitude 87.14 west, for the welfare of which considerable anxiety has been felt.

NEBRASKA NOTES

J. H. Morehead has been chosen manager of the Falls City Telephone company.

The Modern Woodmen of Falls City held memorial services. Graves at Steele cemetery were properly decorated.

Ludwig Baric of Columbus left this week for Germany and will be absent about two years, during which time he will receive treatment for deafness.

State Architect Tyler has prepared plans for the addition to the Soldiers' home at, Grand Island. The estimated cost of the new addition is about \$6,000.

The coroner's jury in the case of Theodore Smart, who killed himself at a Wymore ball game, decided that he came to his death by pistol shot fired by his own hand.

Richardson county has 570 acres of school land. This was appraised at \$1,965, but the new valuation makes it \$11,306 and increased the rent \$558.

A short adjourned session of the district court of Cuming county was held at West Point and several minor matters disposed of. Judge Graves presided. The judge has almost recovered from the serious illness of last winter.

Day Lewis, a young man who recently went to Gering from New York was accidentally shot by a companion named Frank Fisher, the ball from a 44-calibre revolver passing through his leg, but not striking the bone.

Lorenzo S. Burgess filed a suit in the district court against Fred Zook and his daughter Mary Zook, for \$10,000, alleging libel and defamation of character. All parties reside about eight miles south of Nebraska City.

Teachers in the Papillon school for the ensuing year, after all vacancies have been filled, are as follows: Principal Prof. Slothower of Osceola; grammar room, Miss Meyer of Louisville; intermediate room Miss Empey of Papillon; first primary, Miss McGinn of Wymore; second primary, Miss Carpenter, of Council Bluffs.

Prof. H. E. Funk, who for the last four years has been superintendent of the Fullerton city schools, tendered his resignation. Miss Patrick, one of the high school teachers has also resigned. Prof. Funk has accepted a position as cashier of a bank at Danvers, this state.

The Windsor hotel at Fremont caught fire early the morning of the Fourth. The furniture was badly damaged and the roof of the building badly burned. The loss amounted to about \$3,000 with \$2,000 insurance.

Miss Mary French Morton, a niece of the late J. Sterling Morton, who has made her home at "Arbor Lodge" for many years, in Nebraska City, visited at the home of Mrs. J. S. Richey in Plattsmouth over the Fourth. She is a writer of much ability and has published a book of poems entitled "Leaves from Arbor Lodge."

Work has commenced on the new power and pump house of the Sbelton waterworks, and now, barring the slow arrival of material, the work of laying the mains will be pushed as fast as possible, and when the plans have all been completed it will be one of the best in the state for its size.

Daftel Kohn was arraigned in county court at Papillon the first of the week on the charge of horse stealing. He entered a plea of not guilty and his bond was placed at \$2,000, which, being unable to furnish, Kohn was taken back to Omaha where he will be confined in the Douglas county jail until his trial. The preliminary hearing of the case will occur soon.

The assessed valuation of Scott's Bluff county is \$755,895, an increase over last year of about \$50,000. The statement recently made in the state press that the western counties had been in the habit of turning in large assessments because they want to show up good is a mistaken idea. The truth is that they have a rule, had to assess on a higher basis heretofore in order to produce the requisite amount of local revenue of 20 per cent of actual value, tends to reduce the aggregate, because the previous basis has been from a third to a half. The result is that the county assessment is actually less, although it is clear that there is a marked increase in the volume of property.

Plus Poeffel, an old settler of Columbus, died from the effects of a fall from a scaffold a week, previous.

A class of thirty-nine young persons of both sexes received their first communion at St. Mary's Catholic church at West Point at the hands of the rector, Rev. Joseph Kueing. During the celebration of high mass the church was elaborately decorated for the occasion and a very large audience was present at this function.