

CURRENT HAPPENINGS

FAITHFUL CHRONICLE OF ALL IMPORTANT ITEMS.

AT DENVER JULY 7TH

DEMOCRATS NAME TIME AND PLACE FOR CONVENTION

Williams, Clayton and Smith Lead Fight Against Acceptance of \$100,000 Fund, Attacking Them as Bribe, Which Republicans Rejected.

After deciding to hold the next Democratic national convention at Denver, Colo., and fixing the date of the meeting on July 7, 1908, the Democratic national committee...

Mr. Clayton, Representative John Sharp Williams of Mississippi, and Gov. Hoke Smith of Georgia, spoke in favor of the passing of the resolution.

Mr. Smith was especially emphatic in saying that the \$100,000 which had been offered to secure the Republican convention and refused by the Republican national committee...

DISASTER IN FLOODS.

Loss of Life and Property in Pennsylvania.

High water Tuesday night caused the collapse of a new bridge in course of erection over the western branch of the Susquehanna river at Millville, eight miles north of Bloomsburg, Pa., and resulted in the death of seven men and the injury of nearly a score of others, two perhaps fatally.

The collapse of the bridge was caused by the rapid rise in the river. The water rose during the day at the rate of almost one foot an hour and debris carried down the stream by the flood struck the false work of the bridge and caused its collapse.

A large tree trunk struck the false work just before the bridge fell. The accident occurred just at nightfall, when the men were preparing to abandon their work.

One of the most remarkable escapes was that of William Nesbit, who was caught in the ironwork and held a prisoner for an hour with his mouth and chin above water before being rescued.

OUTSTRIPPED BY JAPAN.

Head of a British Steamship Line Tells of Loss of Trade.

Presiding at the annual meeting Tuesday afternoon of the Peninsula and Oriental Steam Navigation Company at London, Sir Thomas Sutherland, chairman of the company, had to make the disagreeable confession that the entire trade of the line between Bombay and Japan had been wiped out by its Japanese competitors.

INDICT FATHER AND SONS.

Four Accused as Result of Brooklyn Bank Failure.

John G. Jenkins, formerly president of the First National bank of Brooklyn, and his three sons were indicted by the Kings county grand jury Thursday on charges of conspiracy and perjury. This is the first indictment against the elder Jenkins, but his sons had been indicted on other charges.

BREWERS AS REFORMERS.

They Declare that the Low Dives Must Go.

Ways and means to combat the prohibition wave that is sweeping the country were discussed in New York City at a meeting of brewers representing all sections of the United States, Tuesday. No secret is made by the brewery interests that unless something is done to check the local option sentiment it means the loss of business in territory heretofore considered by liquor men to be invulnerable.

TO REBUILD TELEGRAPH LINES.

Plans have been approved by the secretary of war for rebuilding telegraph wires on the Yukon river, construction of a second wire between Fairbanks and Valdez and in sections of wireless telegraph lines and improvement and extensions to the cable lines.

PENALTY \$500 A MINUTE.

A penalty of \$500 a minute is imposed in contract just signed with the New York Edison company. The company must pay this if it fails within three minutes after a fire alarm is given to furnish adequate power to operate pumps for the city's new high pressure mains.

A TRIPLE TRAGEDY.

Isaac C. Wilcox, a telephone lineman, shot and killed Mrs. Wilkinson and her brother, "Cotton" Hanson, at the home of Louis Leitz, in Hannibal, Mo., and then blew out his own brains with a revolver. Leitz was the only witness to the tragedy.

RAT MADE NEST OF MONEY.

Pulling up the flooring of his house to locate a dead rat whose odor had become obnoxious, John Warlowicki at Minersville, Pa., found a nest in which there was over \$200 in bank notes. Most of them were badly chewed.

WAS PROMINENT SOUTHERNER.

William J. Rogers, for forty years prominent in southern cotton markets, is dead at Lexington, Ky. He was a brother of John H. Rogers, federal judge of the eastern district of Arkansas.

TRUST COMPANY RESUMES BUSINESS.

The Bath Trust Company, of Bath, Me., at one time controlled by Charles W. Morse, resumed business Monday after a suspension of several weeks.

FORBIDS THIRD TERM.

Roosevelt Repeats His Election Night Statement.

In view of the issuance of the call of the Republican national committee for the convention the president makes the following statement: On the night after election I made the following announcement: "I am deeply sensible for the honor done me by the American people in thus expressing their confidence in what I have done and have tried to do. I appreciate to the full the solemn responsibility this confidence imposes upon me, and I shall do all that in my power lies not to forfeit it. On the 4th of March next I shall have served three and a half years, and this three and a half years constitute my first term. The wise custom which limits the president to two terms regards the substance and not the form, and under no circumstances will I be a candidate for or accept another nomination."

I have not changed and shall not change the decision thus announced. If any man knew of the president's intention to make the foregoing declaration at the present time he kept the president's secret well, for there was no intimation that it would be made for some time to come.

When the president was in Tennessee last October, returning from his bear hunt in the swamps of Louisiana, he was informed that the Republican leaders of that state proposed to hold their state convention as soon as possible after the call of the national committee for the national convention, and that they intended to send a solid delegation instructed for the renomination of Mr. Roosevelt. As the national committee was to meet in Washington early in December it was expected the Tennessee convention would be not much more than a month later; that is, early in January of the new year.

The president has told a great number of individuals during the last few weeks that he would not be a candidate for the presidency next year, and he reiterated this declaration to certain members of the Republican national committee last week.

MILWAUKEE TO PUT LID ON.

City that Beer Has Made Famous Will Reform.

The great temperance wave sweeping northward and spreading in all directions has hit Milwaukee, considered the invulnerable stronghold of the liquor interests, with such force that the liquor men have hastened to inaugurate certain reforms themselves, hoping to forestall more radical action by the temperance element. This acknowledgment of the strength of the prohibition movement is highly significant.

TO FIGHT OMAHA SALOONS.

Citizens Organize a Branch of Anti-Saloon League.

At a meeting in Omaha at the Lyric theater of a local branch of the Anti-Saloon League of Omaha was formed, when fifty prominent citizens subscribed to an obligation to take up and push the objects of that organization. These fifty men will go to work at once, although they have no organization in Douglas county, with a full set of officers. The meeting was presided over by W. T. Graham, a prominent real estate man, and the principal speaker was Dr. Samuel Z. Batten, president of the Anti-Saloon League of Nebraska, and pastor of the First Baptist church of Lincoln.

DIES IN ELECTRIC CHAIR.

Murderer is Put to Death in New Jersey.

The first official electrocution in New Jersey occurred in the state's prison at Trenton Wednesday when Severlo Di Giovanni, an Italian, paid the death penalty for the murder of a fellow countryman at Raritan last September. The electrocution was pronounced a success in every way.

THEATICAL LIFE OF MINISTER.

Rev. A. M. Couchman, of Farmersburg, Ind., awoke one morning recently to find these words painted on his porch: "Leave at once or we will hang you—Signed, Dynamite." A bundle of switches and a flask of white pressurized the threat.

BANK MANAGER ENDS LIFE.

Filipe Pinnella, a manager of the Banco Agricola, at La Paz, Bolivia, has committed suicide. This, with the announcement that a shortage of \$140,000 in the funds of the bank has been discovered, has caused a sensation there.

BOY PROMISED TO BE GOOD.

August Schroeder, of Creighton, has asked Gov. Sheldon to commute his sentence of imprisonment in the Lancaster county jail so that he may go home to his parents and be good. He is 19 years old and was given a long jail sentence for taking money from his employers in Lincoln.

RESUME WORK ON TELEPHONE LINE.

The Nebraska Bell Telephone company, which began the construction of a telephone line across the Indian reservation to Walthill in the early part of last summer, and who after working for a few days were ordered to cease work by the United States Indian agent of the Omaha tribe on the ground that they had not secured a right of way across the reservation, again have a gang of men on the ground and are going to push the work to completion.

Nebraska State News

AGED WOMAN CLAIMS AN ESTATE.

Is a Sister of the Sells Brothers of Circus Fame. Charles Robinson, of Tecumseh, will depart for Columbus, O., within a few days, where business matters of unusual importance call him. His mother, Mrs. Cecile Robinson, of Tecumseh, is a sister of the late Sells brothers, circus men of wide renown. Upon the death of her mother many years ago, Mrs. Robinson claims she should have come into possession of a large amount of the estate, valued at nearly \$100,000, but she says her brothers got hold of the entire estate of the parents and invested it in the circus business. For many years Mrs. Robinson tried to settle with the estate, but she could not apparently do nothing. Now the last of the Sells brothers of circus fame, Lewis Sells, has passed away. For many years Mrs. Robinson has retained an attorney at Columbus, the brother of the Sells, who has been admitted, and now this attorney writes the woman that there is a possibility of her getting a settlement from the heirs of the Sells brothers. During all these years the woman has secretly enjoyed the necessities of life, while her brothers became many times millionaires. With a chance for a settlement in sight, age has fastened its clutches upon the woman, and she is not able to journey to Columbus, and so her son is going to look to her interests. Should Mrs. Robinson come into possession of the money she claims rightfully belongs to her, she would enjoy it for but a brief time, for she is old and infirm and not long for this world.

SHOCK FOR PRISONER.

Governor Says He Will Decide His Case on Friday, the 13th.

Gov. Sheldon Tuesday evening concluded a two days' hearing held in the interest of Harrison Clarke, the negro murderer under sentence to be hanged in the state penitentiary Friday, the 13th. Clarke, who practically acted as his own attorney, made a plea that was at times eloquent. When Gov. Sheldon indicated that the hearing was at an end Clarke turned to him and said: "Governor, what kind of a message can I send to my old mother in Missouri?" Gov. Sheldon told him he had not fully reached a decision.

WOMAN ATTACKED AT WYMORE.

Rudian Grabs Actress on Street, but Runs When She Screams.

The town of Wymore was considerably excited over a cowardly assault that was committed on Main street. A woman member of the "Irish Seniors" company returning to her hotel from the theater was accosted by an unidentified man just the other side of what is known as "saloon row." She attempted to go on, but the man grabbed her arm. The woman threatened to shoot him, although she had no gun. She attempted to break away from his grasp and then the fellow struck her in the face. She screamed, but when men arrived from a nearby restaurant no one could be found. The woman's face was badly bruised.

MISSOURI PACIFIC LAYS TRACK.

New Eighty-Five-Pound Steel on Omaha-Kansas City Line.

A force of fifty men began work this week laying the new 85-pound steel on the Missouri Pacific road, beginning at a point one and one-half miles west of this city. They will continue from there east as Union. The work will be continued through the winter months. A large gang of graders have been working out of Auburn for the last two weeks widening the grade preparatory to the laying of the new steel. The improvement is a long needed one and will be greatly appreciated.

SALOON MEN TO PLEAD GUILTY.

Attorney M. G. Goring, of Lincoln, has notified the food commissioner that the saloon men of Plattsmouth, who were proceeded against for selling liquor from unbranded bottles, will plead guilty and take their fines. The band of saloon men who are in the discretion of the court.

DRY FARMING CONGRESS.

A call has been issued for a trans-Mississippi dry farming congress to meet in Lincoln, Jan. 23-26, for the purpose of bettering dry farming methods. The governor is asked to appoint Nebraska delegates to the meeting. The call is issued by Fisher Harris, of Salt Lake City.

PARENTS SURRENDER DESERTER.

Chief of Police Cooper, of Lincoln, left recently for San Francisco with Harry Richard White, alias M. R. Brooks, a youthful deserter from the navy. White's parents live in Lincoln, and were making an effort to secure his discharge from the navy at this time he deserted.

OBJECT TO INSURANCE COMPANY.

Lincoln insurance men appeared at the auditor's office to protest against admitting to business in the state the Great Western Insurance company, of Kansas City. The objections were verbal and will later be reduced to writing.

DATES FOR WISNER STOCK SHOW.

The directors of the Wisner Live Stock Show and Agricultural association at a meeting Saturday set the dates for the 1908 show for Sept. 9, 10 and 11.

SEPARATE FUNERALS HELD.

Mrs. Nethaway's Parents Veto Plans for Burial with Husband.

The last act in a double tragedy was played at Norfolk Sunday when the bodies of Valley D. Nethaway, murderer and suicide and that of Mrs. Nethaway, his victim, were consigned to graves in opposite parts of the Prospect Hill cemetery.

Relatives of the husband desired a double funeral and a single grave, but the parents of the murdered woman would not consent to have her body placed beside that of her slayer.

The funeral of Mrs. Nethaway was held at 10 o'clock from the home of her friend, Mrs. Fred Harner, who was with her at the time of the murder. The services were conducted by Rev. W. J. Turner, pastor of the First Congregational church. The obsequies were largely attended.

The funeral of Nethaway in the afternoon had a dramatic ending. When the relatives were viewing the body for the last time Nethaway's little 12-year-old daughter, and only child, stepped up to the casket and exclaimed: "Oh, papa, why did you hurt mamma?" The child was led away from the bier sobbing bitterly.

Mrs. Nethaway's funeral was held from his old home under the auspices of the Modern Woodmen of America and the Modern Brotherhood of America. Rev. C. W. Ray, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church, conducted the service. Hundreds of his friends were present to pay their last respects.

Relatives of wife and husband attended both funerals. The daughter will receive \$10,000 insurance. She is attending a convent at West Point.

FEW SMALLPOX CASES.

Situation at Wakefield Said to Have Been Exaggerated.

Wakefield, in spite of all the reports to the contrary, has but four mild cases of smallpox in the village. Two of these are confined in private homes, another at a boarding house, and Mr. Boyd, landlord of the Commercial house, is confined in the hospital on the west side of the street. This house has been used only for rooming purposes. The first case was let out Monday, his time having expired, which will leave but three cases. So far only two cases in the country are affected, one at Ames, Iowa, and one at Lexington, Wyo. The other cases are in Wakefield, two of these are confined in private homes, another at a boarding house, and Mr. Boyd, landlord of the Commercial house, is confined in the hospital on the west side of the street.

The churches here were planning on their usual Christmas festivities and the merchants had already everything in stock for Christmas trade. The local board of health, considering the nearness of the holidays and the safety of the public at large and to not intimidate patrons coming to Wakefield, met in joint session with the school board and ordered all churches closed and public gatherings of all kinds stopped and the village schools closed, the schools to remain closed until the first week in January, in this way leaving but one week of school, as the usual two weeks' vacation had been previously arranged for. Should there be no more new cases from exposure within the next fourteen days the churches and public gatherings will be allowed to go on. It is the aim and object of the board of health and the citizens of Wakefield to check this disease as speedily as possible.

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WANT HALF PAY.

Volunteer Army and Navy Officers to Urge Their Claims in Congress.

Backed by precedents established after the Revolutionary War, surviving volunteer officers of the army and navy of the Civil War are to demand of Congress the enactment of a law providing for their benefit a volunteer retired list with half pay for life. In the last Congress a bill was introduced providing for such a list, but restricting it to volunteer army officers. It did not pass, largely because of the cry of discrimination that was raised by naval volunteers and their friends. It is now proposed by a committee of volunteer naval officers to have prepared a measure that shall be satisfactory to the navy and marine corps. Circulars have been sent out to all surviving volunteer naval officers in the United States calling upon them to take an active part in the interest of the measure. These circulars review the history of legislation for the benefit of volunteer veteran officers from the close of the Revolutionary War to the adjournment of the Fifty-ninth Congress, and it is charged that there has always been a systematic attempt to eliminate the naval volunteers from the benefits of such laws.

SKYSCRAPER MENACE.

What a Conflagration Among These Cliff Dwellers Would Mean.

A catastrophe that will eclipse the destruction of San Francisco is the cheering prospect offered for the contemplation of New York by the president of the board of fire underwriters, says Collier's Weekly. And it is not New York alone that is threatened, but every great city that permits the construction of skyscrapers. The underwriters think that there is not only a possibility but a very strong probability of a blaze starting in the top stories of a nest of these aerial hives and leaping across the canyons that separate them, raging aloft like a fire in the upper branches of a forest, and sweeping unchecked out of reach of the helpless firemen in the street. When office buildings go higher than the Washington monument all the ordinary methods of protection become obsolete. No hose can carry a stream half way to their tops. No street mains can furnish pressure enough to send water up in standpipes. Of course there are satisfactory methods of supplying the upper floors in ordinary times, but they would count for nothing in a conflagration. The experience of San Francisco has shown, in the opinion of President Babb, that "so-called fireproof buildings cannot withstand the attack of a wave of flame." If a fire should sweep the financial district of New York it would cause a loss of from one to two billion dollars; the insurance companies would be hard pressed to pay 20 to 25 cents on the dollar, title guaranty companies, mortgage concerns, savings banks, and all other financial institutions would suffer, and the city would feel at once the loss of revenue from the destruction of taxable values.

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STOESSEL ON TRIAL; PLEADS NOT GUILTY

Officer Who Defended Port Arthur Charged with Surrendering Fort.

DISPLAY OF RUSSIAN FORM.

Crippled and Star-Spangled Veterans Who Fought Japan at Fortress There in Force.

Before a brilliant assemblage of his old comrades in arms, Lieut. Gen. Stoessel was placed on trial in St. Petersburg to answer for his life and reputation for the loss of Port Arthur on Jan. 1, 1905, and in firm tones and with confident manner the general pleaded not guilty to the charge of needlessly surrendering the fortress and thereby humiliating the Russian army.

The trial took place in the auditorium of the Army and Navy Club. The room resembled more a social gathering of officers of high rank than the scene of a court martial. Among the judges, spectators, and witnesses were Gen. Kuropatkin, Gen. Linavitch, Gen. Rennenkampff, Vice Admiral Wren, and scores of other prominent leaders in the Russo-Japanese war. There were



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also present 200 officers and soldiers who had been at Port Arthur and who were clad in their full dress uniforms blazing with stars and decorations. Gen. Stoessel alone was in civilian attire, and this made him conspicuous. He wore proudly around his neck the cordon of the military order of St. George, which was conferred upon him by the emperor during the siege, and on his breast was pinned the cross of George III, awarded the general for conspicuous bravery in frontier fighting.

This same coveted decoration was worn by many of the witnesses and spectators. Empty sleeves and crutches, especially among the men who had been at Port Arthur, showed that many of them had seen hard service during the war.

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Chicago won on a guarantee to pay the legitimate expenses pertaining to the convention, and without any promise to raise the nucleus of the campaign fund for the national committee which will be chosen to prosecute the work looking to victory at the election in the fall.

It was pointed out at the meeting of the national committee that the next convention of the party will develop the only real contest incident to the nomination of a presidential ticket since 1888, and that in consequence a great crowd will be attracted. Chicago was the city that offered the facilities to care for the crowd, as well as the best facilities for the transmission of the news of the convention to 90,000,000 people vitally interested in every feature of its action.

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