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DEFEAT ROOSEVELT

IS DENIED HONOR OF PRESIDING OVER REPUBLICAN STATE CONVENTION.

'OLD GUARD' REJECT COLONEL

Vice-President Sherman Is Chosen by Vote of 20 to 15 to Be Temporary Chairman at Saratoga on September 27.

New York.—Col. Theodore Roosevelt's name was presented for the office of temporary chairman of the Republican state convention at the meeting of the Republican state committee Tuesday, but his selection for that honor was lost by a vote of 20 to 15.

Vice-President Sherman was chosen unanimously to act as temporary presiding officer.

Let by State Chairman Woodruff and William Barnes, Jr., of Albany, the "Old Guard" encompassed the defeat of Colonel Roosevelt, whom several of the state leaders charged with attempting to dictate the fortunes of the party in the state.

After the meeting had been called to order and the time and place of the state convention had been decided, William Barnes, Jr., offered a resolution presenting the name of Vice-President Sherman for temporary chairman of the convention. Lloyd C. Griscom moved to substitute the name of Colonel Roosevelt and moved also that the vote be postponed.

After much debate the motion to postpone was defeated by a vote of 12 to 23. The resolution to make Colonel Roosevelt temporary chairman then was lost by 29 to 15, following which Vice-President Sherman was unanimously chosen for temporary presiding officer. Mr. Griscom and Henry Mack of New York not voting.

The state committee adjourned to meet September 26 at Saratoga.

Commenting upon the action of the committee in rejecting the name of Mr. Roosevelt, Mr. Griscom said:

"I presented the name of the former president after consulting him. The place of the temporary chairman was obviously his, not only by virtue of his having been president of the United States, but because of the signal services rendered by him to the Republican party in New York state. Mr. Roosevelt was anxious to engage in the political campaign in this state, and his name at the head of the convention would have lent extraordinary prestige to the meeting and would have been of incalculable value to the party throughout the state.

"The action freshens many primary contests, as it is obvious that those voting to deny him the office of temporary chairman will have to account to the enrolled Republicans of their respective districts for their action."

"There was no question of endorsing or not endorsing the administration. If an effort is made to show that the choice of Vice-President Sherman is an endorsement, whereas the choice of Colonel Roosevelt would not have been, it must of necessity fail, as Mr. Roosevelt's views regarding the conduct of public affairs by his successor are well known."

TROOPS TO COMBAT FLAMES

Soldiers Are Rushed to National Forests in Northwest to Fight Destructive Fires.

Washington.—Forest fires in the northwest, threatening destruction to human life and to millions of dollars' worth of property, have alarmed officials of the interior department and forest service.

The entire Belgian and British sections, the whole Kermesse of Brussels, the Coney Island of the exposition, with water chutes, toboggan slides and other special entertainments, and everything west of the Avenue des Nations, were destroyed, but by heroic work of the firemen and troops and the use of dynamite in blowing up buildings in the path of the flames, the fire was checked.

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Hurley Dead at Carlsbad. Topoka, Kan.—A cablegram from Carlsbad, Austria, Tuesday announced the death of James E. Hurley, general manager of the Santa Fe railroad. Death was caused by heart disease.

FIVE INJURED IN CAR HITS

COLUMBUS TRACTION COMPANY SUSPEND ALL TRAFFIC.

Mayor Declares He Will Not Call for Troops—Conductor Fires Into Crowd.

Columbus, O.—Rioting was resumed in this city Sunday night and one man was fatally shot and five others injured. So fierce was the violence of the crowds that all street car traffic was abandoned during the night.

Mayor Marshall again declared that he would not call for troops. He said police would continue to ride the cars. Rioting started at Shiller park, where a band concert was being held. A mob gathering in Mohawk avenue blocked the car tracks and stopped the cars. Jeering mobs gathered about the crews and a fight started. Motorman L. S. Duval was struck in the head with a brick, and fell unconscious in the street. Conductor W. P. Miller and Motorman L. P. Evans of another car, were also attacked and severely bruised by sticks and rocks.

When two automobile loads of police arrived the crowd numbered about 5,000 people. Three rioters were arrested.

When John J. Gallagher, a conductor, was called "scab" by a crowd near Saint Clair avenue, he turned to a woman sitting behind him. She handed him a huge revolver which she took from a valise at her side. He then began firing into the crowd. The woman, tall and handsome, stood up and cried "Give it to them, Jack."

Just then an automobile load of police drove up. Gallagher and the woman were placed under arrest. In the woman's valise were found two more revolvers and ammunition. She said her name was Anna Gallagher, the motorman's wife.

At the police station Gallagher and his wife were released on bond, furnished by the railroad company.

Emmet Hoover was shot through the leg by a motorman, whom the crowd tried to drag off and beat.

BELGIAN EXPOSITION BURNS

100,000 People in Panic—Two Persons Are Killed and Forty Injured, Some Fatally.

Brussels.—One hundred thousand visitors were thrown into a panic by a fire that wiped out the entire Belgian exposition. Two persons are known to be dead and 40 injured, some fatally.

The flames started in the French section and had gained considerable headway before they were discovered. The instant the alarm was given, the 100,000 persons at the exposition became panic-stricken and a wild rush was made for the exits.

The people fought and struggled in a maddened attempt to get out of the place. Many of those hurt received their injuries by falling to the floor and being trampled upon by the crowd.

Brussels.—As a result of the partial destruction of the Belgian exposition by fire Sunday night, the executive committee at a meeting held Monday decided to close the fair until the ruins of the burned sections could be cleared away, when the exposition will again be opened.

It is impossible to estimate the damage caused by the fire that wiped out the fairy-like structures and caused two deaths and thirty injuries.

The losses, however, will not be so great as was at first believed, when during the excitement of the conflagration they were estimated roughly at \$100,000,000.

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Eleven Hurt in Car Crash. Niagara Falls, N. Y.—At least eleven people were more or less injured, some quite seriously, when two cars came together head-on Monday on the gorge railroad three-quarters of a mile north of this city.

ALFONSO HARD PRESSED



His Subjects Want Him to Have a Bully Time.

34 DEAD IN WRECK

EXCURSION AND FREIGHT TRAINS CRASH AT SAUJON FRANCE.

108 PERSONS ARE INJURED

Lives of 1,200 Persons Are Jeopardized by Open Switch—Most of Killed Were School Girls Returning from Vacation.

Paris.—An excursion train was wrecked at Saujon Sunday and 34 persons, many of them school girls, were killed and 80 others were injured, several of them fatally.

The accident came without warning and in the wild panic that followed the crash many of the passengers were trampled upon and probably fatally injured. Speeding at 60 miles an hour, the excursion train with 1,200 passengers on board, struck an open switch and before the engineer realized the peril, smashed into a sidetracked freight train.

A relief train, with all the available doctors, was rushed to the scene. The uninjured passengers aided in dragging out the dead and injured.

An emergency hospital was established at the side of the track and everything possible was done to aid the victims.

Most of those on board were school girls returning from their vacations. Their frenzied efforts to aid their injured comrades only served to increase the excitement and hampered the doctors considerably in the work of rescue.

The engineer and fireman tried to jump as the crash came, but were pinned in the wreckage. The boiler exploded and many were scalded by the boiling water.

An investigation is being made to place responsibility for the wreck. It is claimed that there was no signal to warn the engineer that the switch was open.

So many were the victims that at first only those who had been seriously hurt received medical attention. As fast as they were attended they were put aboard the relief train and rushed to Bordeaux, where they were placed in hospitals.

SEEK FOR GALLAGHER'S AID

New York Police Have Theory Assailant of Mayor Gaynor Had an Accomplice.

New York.—New York police are engaging themselves with the theory that James J. Gallagher, the would-be assassin of Mayor Gaynor, had an accomplice, Gallagher denies this.

Mayor Gaynor will be taken to the Adirondacks as soon as his condition permits, but whether he will undergo an operation to remove the bullet before his trip to the mountains has not been determined.

Secretary Robert Adamson said Monday the mayor seemed stronger. Now that the patient is taking more nourishment and his sleep is better his attendants feel that he will recapture his strength rapidly. His appetite is good.

Mrs. Guinness Found Again. Laporte, Ind.—Mrs. Belle Guinness is in Galcon, Okla., according to a letter received by Chief Meinke from a Galcon woman who says she is "positive."

Elect New Monon President. New York.—Fairfax Harrison, vice-president of the Southern Railroad company, Tuesday was elected president of the Chicago, Indianapolis and Louisville railway, to succeed the late Ira G. Rawn, who was shot in his home in Chicago under mysterious circumstances a few weeks ago.

President of Chili Dead. Berlin.—President Montt of Chili died here Tuesday. He was on the way to Bad Nauheim, having suffered with heart disease for some time.

Killed in Motorcycle Crash. Columbus, O.—Ralph E. Stitts, twenty-one years old, Tuesday collided with an Ohio electric car while riding a tandem motorcycle. He died of his injuries within a few hours. His companion was badly hurt.

Stock Soars to \$10,000,000. Jefferson City, Mo.—The Missouri, Kansas and Texas Terminal Railroad company of St. Louis Tuesday fled with the secretary of state a certificate of increase in the capital stock from \$100,000 to \$10,000,000.

VIOLATES THE LAW

UNION PACIFIC TURNS DOWN ITS OWN MILEAGE.

ATTORNEY GENERAL COMPLAINS

Rules for Fraternal Men's Drills at the State Fair—Other Matters at the State Capital.

Attorney General Thompson has complained to the railway commission that a Union Pacific railroad conductor refused to accept mileage from a book bought by the attorney general more than one year ago. The railway commission will go after the railroad company for violating the Knowles law, which provides that railroads shall issue 1,000 miles of transportation for \$20, the mileage books to be good in any person's hands for two years from date of sale.

The Union Pacific and other roads after delay, placed such books on sale, but seek to override the law by limiting their use for one year.

It is said the railroads have strictly enforced the one year limit and accept the unused mileage at the end of one year as payment upon a new \$20 book.

Assistant Attorney General George Ayers was on official business when he presented a one-year book to a Union Pacific conductor. The mileage was refused and Mr. Ayers paid his fare in cash. The penalty for a violation of the Knowles law is a fine of from \$100 to \$500.

Drills at the State Fair.

Following are the rules governing the competitive drill of fraternal societies at the Nebraska State Fair this year:

All teams wishing to enter the above contest may do so by notifying H. J. Gildersleeve, 306 Fraternity building, Lincoln, on or before September 5. No entrance fee will be charged; tickets of admission to the grounds will be furnished captains only for the actual number taking part in drill. The entry list must give the names of the captains, and the number of persons constituting their teams. The selection of judges who are to act without compensation will be made by the board of managers of the State Board of Agriculture from recommendation made from the head offices of the society represented.

The judges when appointed will meet and agree on the rules for scoring the contest, subject to the handicaps adopted by the Board of Agriculture, and the decision of these judges shall be final. The captains shall draw for their turn to appear for drill by lot; the drill will take place on the race track on Tuesday morning, September 6, beginning at 10 a. m.

The handicaps are as follows: "Teams having won first prize at any state fair meeting since 1902 will be handicapped seven points; teams composed entirely of men, five points; of ladies and gentlemen, two and one-half points; entirely of ladies, no handicap."

BROWNE TRIAL IS HALTED

Judge Kersten Orders Investigation into Charges of Jury Tampering in Bribery Case.

Chicago.—Denouncing efforts of interested persons to influence jurymen in the Lee O'Neil Browne trial as a travesty on justice, Judge Kersten Tuesday excused an entire panel of veniremen until an investigation could be made.

His action was taken after almost two-thirds of the last panel had admitted that there had been attempts made to influence them toward a decision favorable to Browne.

Judge Kersten called each of the veniremen by name and asked if he had been approached. Nearly every one said "Yes," and Judge Kersten then dismissed the entire panel.

STEAMERS CRASH; 39 PERISH

Thirty-Two Passengers and Seven Seamen Drown When Vessels Collide in Fog.

Gibraltar.—Thirty-two of the passengers and seven of the crew of the Spanish steamship Martos were drowned in the sinking of the ship on Tarifa point at the entrance to the Straits of Gibraltar, Tuesday.

The Martos was in collision with the German steamer Elsa in a dense fog. She foundered a few minutes after being struck. The survivors were landed here.

A dense fog prevailed at the time of the collision.

Nine of the victims on the Martos were first-cabin passengers. The other 23 passengers who perished were in the steerage.

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Dogs Are Increasing. Dogs have kept pace with the growing prosperity of the state and not only has this class of property increased in number, but also in value. Last year all the dogs could have been bought for \$59,350 if the value placed upon them by the assessors had been paid, while this year the assessed value of the dogs of the state is \$606,110. The average assessed value figure is used in the computation this year. There were assessed last year a total of 111,530.

Increase in Switching Rates. Frank Ransom, attorney for the Union Stock Yards company, filed a brief with the state railway commission in defense of the increase in switching rates which the stock yards company wants the commission to approve. The Updike Milling company had previously raised the objection that the switching affecting them had been put into effect by the stock yards company voluntarily and it was therefore to be presumed that the rate was satisfactory. Ransom argues that it is not a proper presumption.

The Only Road to Success. If you are ashamed of your business. The man who advertises judiciously every week is known from center to circumference.—Perryville (O.) Enterprise.

STATE ASSESSMENT.

Thirteen Million Increase Over Last Year.

The assessed value of all the property owned in Nebraska is \$411,958,354. This is an increase over last year of \$12,972,535, the assessed value for 1909 being \$398,985,819. The amount of taxes the people of Nebraska will have to pay into the general fund of the state and into the university fund on the five mill levy is \$2,059,791. The amount paid last year was \$2,194,421.

At its final meeting, the board ordered the various counties to restore to the assessment rolls deductions that had been made by banks for bad paper or bad securities held. This increased the assessment of Douglas county some \$1,200,000 and affected slightly several other counties.

The following table shows the assessed valuation, which is one-fifth of the actual value by counties for the years 1909 and 1910:

County	1909	1910
Adams	4,498,362	6,640,391
Antelope	3,875,415	4,165,517
Barnes	1,748,728	2,772,275
Blaine	397,429	435,474
Boone	9,021,673	2,182,224
Box Butte	1,748,728	2,772,275
Boyd	2,814,365	3,518,297
Brown	1,128,971	1,225,224
Buffalo	1,075,119	2,411,121
Burt	5,598,231	5,719,519
Rutler	8,857,094	7,097,905
Cass	8,007,865	8,909,446
Cedar	5,495,549	5,777,579
Cherry	97,497	1,058,945
Chesapeake	2,125,210	2,188,179
Clay	4,475,029	6,817,059
Collins	9,613,237	5,109,481
Cuming	6,238,945	6,455,925
Curry	1,138,229	3,886,613
Dakota	2,571,025	2,616,015
Dawes	1,852,442	2,010,585
DeWitt	6,282,445	6,418,547
Dixon	1,437,594	836,559
Dodge	4,912,758	4,127,806
Douglas	3,397,478	8,508,274
Dundy	30,555,732	37,689,387
Fillmore	1,125,712	1,445,628
Franklin	3,513,803	3,597,464
Fremont	2,509,425	2,736,361
Furnas	4,222,943	4,387,793
Gage	10,091,416	11,960,145
Garfield	487,067	544,342
Grant	2,148,450	2,173,734
Greene	872,426	392,883
Greely	2,106,717	2,194,387
Hall	6,281,100	6,281,100
Hamilton	2,389,751	4,002,232
Harrison	2,690,710	2,706,722
Havaw	3,397,478	3,725,767
Hitchcock	1,848,470	1,829,225
Holt	2,618,228	2,618,225
Hooker	2,397,478	2,508,274
Howard	3,712,207	3,728,489
Jefferson	6,691,655	6,781,844
Johnston	4,306,829	4,000,424
Kearney	9,043,222	4,146,822
Keith	1,940,788	2,922,227
Kimball	829,123	829,123
Knox	1,356,878	1,356,878
Lincoln	4,744,102	4,960,404
Logan	20,009,109	20,009,109
Loup	4,678,354	4,981,961
Madison	2,389,751	2,389,751
Merrick	4,251,776	4,385,170
Morrill	867,874	1,091,637
Muskegon	1,813,229	2,272,174
Nemaha	3,827,959	4,511,022
Nevada	5,349,595	5,449,128
Nickajack	8,448,248	8,508,274
Osage	4,222,943	5,040,087
Pawnee	1,051,755	1,150,822
Perry	4,002,232	4,002,232
Pierce	4,009,216	4,176,832
Platte	7,525,538	7,525,538
Polk	4,852,416	6,051,064
Red Willow	2,805,202	2,849,179
Richardson	1,813,229	2,272,174
Rock	829,123	911,638
Saline	2,200,774	2,367,742
Sarpy	2,325,123	2,922,227
Saunder	9,362,226	9,528,992
Scott's Bluff	1,526,625	1,671,805
Sevier	6,238,945	6,000,424
Shoshone	2,266,044	2,484,059
Sheridan	2,690,710	2,706,722
Stanton	1,813,229	2,272,174
Thayer	1,813,229	2,272,174
Thomas	457,368	572,153
Thurston	1,579,484	2,006,544
Valley	1,579,484	2,006,544
Washington	6,032,142	6,228,134
Wayne	4,419,449	4,417,500
Webster	4,578,444	4,647,053
Wheeler	472,468	555,300
York	6,625,679	7,908,442
Total	\$398,985,819	\$411,958,354

The amount to be paid into the general fund this year is \$1,795,426, against \$1,647,833 paid in last year.

The State Board of Equalization, fixed the assessed valuation as above. As a whole the taxes to be paid are less this year than last, because the board reduced the levy from 5 1/2 mills to 5 mills, of this 4 mills is for the general fund. The university 1 mill levy is fixed by law. While more money will be paid into the general fund for the purpose of paying the expenses of the state government, yet the total amount to be paid for state and university purposes is decreased a total of \$134,630.

Beer Signs Still Up.

In spite of the fact that Lincoln has been without saloons now for nearly a year and a half there are still a few beer signs hanging "high and dry" over the side doors of places where the wet goods were formerly dispensed.

Nebraska's Poultry Wealth.

The poultry in Nebraska is valued at 2,369,895. This is an increase from \$1,839,485 in 1909, as reported by the county assessors.

State Fair Plows.

In previous years the machinery exhibit at the Nebraska State Fair has been so great that it almost seemed impossible to increase the display, yet year after year more exhibitors have asked for space until this year the scenes about that portion of the grounds will be far in excess of all former years. Exhibitors of this class each year are beginning to discover that it is the best way to bring before the public their stock in trade and each year increases the demand for space.

Governor Accepts Invitation.

Governor Shallenberger has been asked to be the guest of the committee in charge on the occasion of the visit of Colonel Roosevelt to Omaha on September 2 next. He has written to Victor Rosewater, chairman of the committee, saying he will accept.

Johnson Granted More Time.