

"I write when the fit takes me," says Jack London. He should consult a specialist and be cured of fits.

Now we hear of a Chicago waiter who has saved up \$25,000. It only goes to prove that all things come to the man who waits.

The only explicit statement made concerning Grover Cleveland's illness is that he is suffering from three physicians.

Attention is called to the fact that no improvement has been made in the style of fish hooks in 200 years. Same is true of fish stories.

A Brooklyn man who recently died left half his fortune to a bartender. Most men attend to that part of the job during their lifetime.

The theory that there is no such thing as hydrophobia has its general acceptance retarded by the fact that persons still die from hydrophobia.

A newspaper says "the big financial interests are warming up to Taft." Perhaps they think the president will make it hot for them if they don't.

The bankers understand what Mr. Bryan means by the guaranteeing one another, but what they want to know is whether the presidential candidates are prepared to do as much.

William Jennings Bryan was accidentally locked in the white house during the late governors' convention. This time next year Mr. Bryan may be carrying a latch key to that establishment himself.

The republican national committee has announced a prize of \$150 for the best essay on the subject, "Why should the republican party be successful next November?" It is rumored that the committee is making no rash promises, as it don't believe it will have to put up the cash.

The depositors in the first bank that failed in Oklahoma since the new guarantee law went into effect were paid their money as soon as the institution was taken in charge by the state authorities. A similar law in Nebraska would be a mighty good thing.

This country needs a fashion magazine for common people. Pick up any fashion magazine and you will find the styles suited for millionaires only. Besides the figures represented are so wasp waisted that the styles shown would not look well on healthy people.

Gov. Hoke Smith of Georgia, recently called the Augusta Chronicle "the champion liar of the state," whereupon the Chronicle designated the Honorable Hoke "the most colossal political fraud that ever shot across the horizon." From this we conclude that the recent state campaign in Cracker-land was hot stuff.

It is thought by some of the national politicians that LaFollette will go over to the Bryan ranks this fall, and as the Wisconsin senator has a large following the defection is bound to prove serious to the republican cause. Many people think that the republican leaders are throwing away all chances of success at the polls.

An Indiana judge refused to grant a license for intoxicating liquors, though the applicant had complied with all the state law requirements which recognizes the rights of a citizen to engage in the business. The judge assigned as his reasons that the traffic made widows and orphans, broke up homes, made murderers, filled poorhouses and penitentiaries, and furnished subjects for the hangman.

Last year Sir William Crookes predicted that unless the wheat yield was increased there would be a world famine, and was loudly denounced as an alarmist. Within the year his predicted statement came true, as the world now has a deficit of four hundred million bushels. The United States has a surplus available for export of four hundred and ninety-three millions, and can supply the demand only by selling from the emergency supply.

A UNITED DEMOCRACY

No Doubt as to the Outcome at Denver.

BRYAN ON THE FIRST BALLOT

Republican Defection Assures the Triumph of the Nebraskan at the Polls. Fight For Congress to Be Vigorously Waged, With the Odds in Favor of the Democracy—Vice Presidential Timber—A Lie That Failed.

By WILLIS J. ABBOT. The heavy hand of the administration was laid upon the republican national committee in order to force it to do the Roosevelt will in determining contests for delegates to Chicago. Really it was a little "raw," as the political phrase goes, for Mr. Hitchcock, who managed the Taft campaign, to appear in the committee with a proxy for himself and with proxies for two salaried Taft employees. The situation was somewhat reminiscent of a convention of Mr. Hearst's Independence league in which all the independent statesmen present were on the payroll of the Hearst newspapers.

After the Convention, What? Of course the first trick in the national political game is to get nominated, but Secretary Taft is likely to find out that the first trick is not the whole game. The heavy hand with which his nomination has been practically forced has left its black and blue spots on the body of the republican party, and the sufferers are not likely soon to forget them. When the earnest advocates of such lifelong Republicans as Spenser Cannon, Senator Knox, Senator La Follette and Vice President Fairbanks withdrew from a meeting of the republican national committee with the statement that the committee was packed and was not gathered to do justice to all factions, but merely to force one candidate upon the party, it portends evil and disaster for that candidate. That was the outcome of the first two sessions of the republican national committee.

Given a fight within the organization of his own party, with the bitter hostility of organized labor, which has exceeded in extent anything which two months ago any one could have suspected; with the negro vote, which in the tier of states north of the Ohio river almost holds the balance of power, and with the revolt of the old soldier element due to his almost incredible folly in attacking General Grant in an oration delivered at Grant's tomb and in the presence of Grant's son, Secretary Taft will face some political troubles after the convention which he and Roosevelt control shall have nominated him.

The Democratic Outlook. So far as the Denver convention is concerned, its outcome has ceased to be in any doubt whatsoever. Mr. Bryan will be nominated on the first ballot, will dominate the convention and therefore will be able to avert the time honored practice of those who desire to commit treachery of writing a platform upon which the candidate cannot stand. The most bitter newspaper opponent of Mr. Bryan concedes to him enough votes to bring him within seventy-two necessary to nomination up to June 7. I am quoting from the New York World. But the World puts Pennsylvania, Rhode Island and Connecticut in the unstructured and the hostile column. Out of those states, no one of which adopted the unit rule, Mr. Bryan will not get less than sixty votes. It describes the six votes of the District of Columbia as contested. The contest is the veriest farce, and in all probability the contesting delegation will never go to Denver.

Two Possible Vice Presidents. The talk of the nomination of John Mitchell for vice president does not do much. If he were really seeking it or if friends were seeking it for him with any sort of concerted effort he would, in my judgment, be nominated. But there is a concerted effort in Illinois to secure his nomination for governor of that state. The argument is made that with Mitchell for governor in the state in which he was brought up and in which the coal miners are only less numerous than they are in Pennsylvania the state would be swung as readily as if he were on the national ticket. If that course should be adopted it would be possible to get the Mitchell strength in one state and put a candidate on the national ticket who might swing another state. The work that is being done for Representative Francis Burton Harrison is being conducted something along this line. Mr. Harrison is able and deservedly popular. His family is one of the best known in the south, his father having been secretary to Jefferson Davis and having been arrested when the deposed president of the "lost cause" was captured. Mr. Harrison is well known on the Pacific coast.

The Fight For Congress. Chairman Lloyd of the national democratic congressional committee has opened headquarters in the Union Trust company building in Washington and is prepared to send out documents to all democrats or others desiring information on the issues of the coming congressional campaign. Mr. Lloyd has begun his work with a vigor that argues well for its outcome. Indeed, the situation politically is such as to encourage a sturdy democrat to fight for the next house. There are almost forty congressional districts in each one of which a change of a very few hundred votes would substitute a democrat for the sitting republican, and Lloyd proposes to make that change. The chairman is a staunch

friend of Mr. Bryan and was elected to his present position by the united vote of the militant Bryan men in the house of representatives. With the chances for a democratic president so good as they are now every effort should be made to keep in congress men who are known to be in accord with the principles of the probable democratic presidential nominee. For example, there is Henry T. Rainey in the Twentieth district of Illinois. At one time he was the only democratic member in congress from that state. He has fought well and ably for tariff revision against the wood pulp and print paper tariff and for free raw material to be used in shipbuilding. I select the case of Mr. Rainey as an illustration simply because I have some reason to believe that the protected industries and some of the un-democratic democrats within the party are likely to make a fight upon him. There are doubtless other instances of the same sort. It behooves democrats who hope for a democratic administration, backed by a democratic congress, to fight for the return to the house and to the senate of the men who in the days of adversity which, we believe, are now passing have stood for the party and for the cause.

Bryan and Ryan. The malignant effort of a New York paper to make it appear that in 1904 Mr. Bryan received \$20,000 from Thomas F. Ryan as the price of his support for Judge Parker has fallen exceedingly flat. The charge was explicit at the outset, and the assertion was made that the money was handed to Mr. Bryan's brother-in-law by W. F. Sheehan, chairman of the executive committee of the democratic national committee. Now, Mr. Sheehan is not and never has been a political friend of Mr. Bryan, yet he met this situation as any man of honor and self respect would. He wrote to Mr. Bryan a letter, which he gave to the press, stating that the \$15,000 sent to the state committee of Nebraska for use in that state was taken from the general fund of the democratic national committee, to which there were many contributors. He did not say whether Mr. Pultizer was a contributor, but Mr. Pultizer's contributions to democratic politics have been chiefly confined to attacking democratic candidates. There was no more reason to believe, according to Mr. Sheehan, that this was \$15,000 from Thomas F. Ryan than that it was \$15,000 from thirty to forty different contributors, and finally the chairman of the executive committee concluded his letter by declaring that he knew well that Mr. Ryan had no knowledge of the contribution or to the purposes to which it had been put. As for the story that the money was paid as the price of Bryan's support of Parker I can speak with some personal knowledge. Before he left St. Louis after that most disastrous and not wholly creditable convention he personally told me that he would go into the campaign for Parker notwithstanding his opposition to the New York man's nomination. The money referred to was not sent to Nebraska for many weeks after that conversation. I might note in passing also that Mr. Ryan volunteered to speak in New York state for Judge Parker, but the sapient managers of that gentleman's campaign asked the Nebraskan not to come. The state was lost by the biggest hostile majority ever given in a presidential campaign.

Chandler of New Hampshire. Former Senator Chandler—Bill Chandler, as he is better known—is in grave danger of becoming a democrat, and a radical democrat at that. In a speech before a negro audience in Washington the other night he urged his audience to impress upon their fellow men of color the necessity of voting the democratic ticket in the event that Mr. Taft should be nominated. He insisted that the present situation of the negro in the south was due to the fact that the men of that race had always voted the republican ticket, would always be expected to vote it, and that for that reason they might not expect any favors from the party to which they were shackled by wrist and ankle. Senator Chandler wound up by urging the voters of the colored race to break away from the republican party and by a certain manifestation of independence writing either from that party or from the democratic party, to which he urged their vote should be given, political concessions for themselves.

Nobody has ever accused Chandler of being other than a machine republican. He was one of the great factors in the Louisiana returning board which finally and fraudulently seated Rutherford B. Hayes in the White House. True, it may be said that he is out of office and expressing the vindictiveness of a man who has lost, first, the place of a United States senator and, second, a high place under the appointment of the president of the United States. But a railroad beat him for United States senator because he was too frank and outspoken. The president dropped him from his executive position for precisely the same reason. In these days of equal autocracy in the White House and in railroad offices the man who thinks for himself and who speaks according to his thought is exceedingly liable to suffer. That has been the case with Bill Chandler. And that now from his station as a mere private citizen, but with his extended acquaintance and his brilliant intellect, he continues to keep up his fight shows surely that he has in him the stuff that heroes are made of. The negro vote to which he appeals holds the balance of power in the states which border the northern side of the Ohio river. The fight which he has begun may be of vital importance in the pending presidential campaign. Washington, D. C.

THE STOCKMEN

A Good Crowd, a Good Meeting and a Good Time—Governor Sheldon and a Stuffed Steer Star Attractions.

Owing to unpropitious weather and other causes the attendance at the annual meeting of the Stock Growers' Association in this city last week was not up to the average, but those who did attend made up in enthusiasm what they lacked in numbers. The meeting was held in the Phelan opera house and was called to order at half-past two o'clock Thursday afternoon by R. M. Hampton, president of the stock growers' association.

Engene Burton, county attorney of Box Butte, delivered a neat welcoming address to the stockmen and other visitors, and Bruce McCullough of the So. Omaha Drivers' Journal, responded with a spicy and witty speech. Dr. R. A. Ramsey, of Washington, D. C., who is connected with the national bureau of animal industry, made the first "long talk." His subject was "Mange or Scabies." The Herald's restricted space forbids even a summary of this and the other able essays delivered at this meeting.

Dr. Clark, of Denver, chief cattle inspector, spoke briefly on the subject so exhaustively treated by Dr. Ramsey. T. B. McPherson, one of the South Omaha delegation, spoke interestingly on the questions of transportation and commission charges. Mr. McPherson is president of the national live stock exchange and the So. Omaha exchange. A stuffed steer which in life weighed 1750 pounds was an attraction of this meeting that was visited by many. It was exhibited in the old Rumer block. Interesting addresses were delivered by Dr. A. T. Peters and Dr. C. A. McKim, both of Lincoln, and others, on Friday.

At the business meeting in the afternoon the following officers were chosen: President—R. M. Hampton, Alliance. Vice-President—E. P. Meyers, Hyannis. Secretary-Treasurer—E. M. Searles, Lincoln.

Governor Sheldon addressed the association Friday afternoon and made a fine impression. He attended the ball in the opera house Friday night and was a boy among the boys. (His wife was not with him). The governor made many friends by his cordial, simple and unaffected manners.

Enjoyable music was furnished during the sessions of the association by Miss Ethel Nolan, Miss Mary Smalley, Mrs. J. O. Thomas and Mrs. W. S. Cruikshank.

The following resolutions were unanimously adopted by the association: Whereas, the Stock Growers Association some years ago urged that a law be passed creating the position of state veterinary and preparing laws for protecting the health of live stock within the state, and

Resolved, That this Association appoint a committee of three, said committee to ask the different live stock associations throughout the state that they consult together and formulate some laws for the protection of health of live stock within the state of Nebraska, this committee to have the authority to give the endorsement of this Association to such a law when made to their satisfaction.

Resolved further, That it is the opinion of this Association that it is for the best interests of all live stock breeders that a law be passed creating a sanitary board or live stock commission with proper power and authority in the action they have taken in appealing the case holding that the stockyards was a common carrier.

Resolved, That we, in annual meeting assembled, wish to show our appreciation of the splendid work done by our governor, George F. Sheldon, and the secretary of agriculture, James Wilson, in formulating rules which are rapidly stamping out mange, or scabies, from the herds of Nebraska.

Resolved further, That it is the sense and opinion of this Association that it is for the best interests of the South Omaha stock exchange in the action they have taken in appealing the case holding that the stockyards was a common carrier.

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JUNIOR NORMAL NOTES

Professor Wilson gave an interesting talk at chapel Tuesday on loyalty. He spoke of loyalty to home, to teachers and to school, and gave some valuable suggestions along the line of school ethics.

Miss Evelyn Eiter, a normal student, resigned her position in the Bridgeport schools to accept a nine months rural school at \$60 per month. She is one of Cheyenne county's most successful teachers, and the district securing her as teacher is to be congratulated. School began the second week with good attendance as that of last week. The enrollment Tuesday was 215.

Supts. Ritchie and Pate spent Saturday and Sunday in Sidney.

A class in vocal music has been organized and will be in charge of Supt. Phillips. The object is to teach such elements of music as should be taught in rural schools.

A class in school law has been organized and is in charge of Supt. Pate. This class will study such parts of the school law as should be known by all teachers.

The members of the faculty have noted and commented upon the spirit for work that seems to be abroad throughout the entire body of students. Never before has there been such a body of students here for work as there seems to be this year. There is no "new certification" law now staring these teachers in the face and compelling them to attend in order to pass examinations. Most of the teachers here have certificates in force, and are attending from the desire to better prepare themselves for their work. Better prepared teachers are in demand, and those who are progressive will reap the benefit in increased salaries.

Some school directors are visiting the normal for the purpose of selecting teachers. This is a good plan, and directors needing teachers would do well to visit the schools and consult with Principal Hayes or any of the county superintendents regarding teachers.

A. B. Persinger, president of the school board at Lodge Pole, which is ninety-seven miles from here, visited the Normal to secure a teacher to take the place of Miss McLennon, a normal student who resigned to accept a position in the Alliance schools. Mr. Persinger was highly pleased with the large enrollment of the normal and expressed himself as strongly favoring the location of a permanent state normal in this part of the state.

Miss Clara Gifford, drawing superintendent of the York schools, visited the normal last week on behalf of the North State School Review and secured a goodly list of subscribers for this new and newsy school journal.

Students who enrolled since the last issue of The Herald are as follows:—Herbert Nelson, Nellie Calder, Agatha Gregg, Alice Morris, Virginia Watson, Winifred Spacht, Josie Hampton, Retta Myers, Frances Lockwood, of Alliance; Mary Rowland, of Bridgeport; Emily Otteman, of Sidney; S. J. Quantock, of Minatara; Sadie Hanna, of Bayard; Lily Colyer, of Eisco; Nina McFall, of Lakeside; L. F. Cunningham, of Clara.

Rev. Graves talked to the students Wednesday on the poetry of the bible. He told of what the poetry of the East consists, explained the different kinds and then read extracts from the bible illustrating the various kind. This is the first of a series of talks on this subject to be given by Rev. Graves.

Prof. Walton has arranged for meetings of the basket ball squad almost every evening since the opening of the normal but the daily rains to which this country is subject have prevented their materializing, but on Tuesday evening the elements were favorable and the first practice game played. The ladies of the town have challenged the normal team to a game to be played in the near future and the girls intend to do their part to see that the normal colors are not trailed in the dust.

The enrollment has increased until it is now about 220. A letter from State Supt. McBrien states that of the eight junior normals, Alliance, O'Neill and McCook lead in the number enrolled and that the race for leadership will be between these three schools.

Additional enrollment: Emily Otteman, Sidney; Herbert Nelson, Fannie Shanklin, Alliance; Leona Bowdish, Crawford; Elsie Lane, Scottsbluff; Nettie Uhrig, Hemingford. Quite a number of teachers who enrolled only for institute have become so favorably impressed with the quality of work being done here that they have decided to remain for the entire session of the normal.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS REPORTED BY A. F. BALDRIDGE, Bonded Abstractor. Richard H. Watkins to John C. McCorkle, ne of 27, 26-49, \$1600. Richard H. Watkins to John C. McCorkle, sw of 26, 26-49, \$1600. F. M. Knight to E. H. Boyd, e of se of 28, 26-49, \$600. E. H. Boyd to John C. McCorkle, se of 28, 26-49, \$1600. Edwin G. Cirk to Jenette Hubbell, sw and s of nw of 14, 27-47, \$1 and other val. John Robinson to Myrtle L. Robinson, lot 7, Co. add. to Alliance, \$2000. Dirk Roe to Viola B. Shorey, se of 23, 25-49, \$2800. Will G. Simonsen to Patrick H. Dillon, ne of 35, 26-48, \$1. Hutchinson Co. Land Co. to Ludwig Kirchmann, s of 26 and se of 14, 25-50, \$4500. Peter Rubendall to Albert Schafer, nw 1/4 of 34-25-47, \$3200. Charles William Wilcox to Prude Broyles Jr., lots 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10, block 1, Wyo. Ave. add. to Alliance, \$140.

RANDOM NOTES

BY UNCLE GEORGE. TRIBUTE FROM AN UNKNOWN ADMIRER. It isn't often that flowers are strewn in the rough pathway of our life, therefore we feel like returning thanks when we find a few at our feet. We don't know who has handed us the following bunch, as it came through the postoffice and had no name attached, but as it is evidently contributed by someone who appreciates our intellectual gymnastics, we beg to assure him of our most distinguished consideration. Here is the bouquet:—

Liars' Council of the Ancient, Reckless and Independent Order of Prevaricators. LIAR'S LICENSE. This is to certify that Uncle George is entitled to Lie from now until the election of Bill Taft, he being a duly qualified Liar, and having passed through a thorough examination, satisfied the Liars' Council of the Ancient, Reckless and Independent Order of Prevaricators that he is a fit and proper person to hold a License. Witness my hand this 11th day of June, A. D. 1908. U. R. ANOTHER, Sec. to His Infernal Majesty. ULI DONTU, Recorder.

Don't sit down in silent woe; Get busy; Swear you'll get another show; Get busy; Luck will stand and smile on you, If you'll stand a knock or two; Don't give up and don't get blue; Get busy.

Edison says that four hours sleep each day is enough for anybody. Edison manufactures electric lights.

There's a Pearly Beach in Alliance as attractive to girls as a molasses barrel is to flies.

Some self-made men ought to be ashamed of their job.

What is home without a father? The Famous Clothing company offer a \$15 suit of clothes to the father showing the biggest family of boys in Alliance on the Fourth of July. Here's where the old man and the boys get their innings. The females are not always the whole menagerie.

J. A. Amsberry is a candidate for the legislature in the Broken Bow district. A citizen of Broken Bow named Chas. Huckleberry is suggested as a fit opponent. Bill Berry is also being urged to run by his friends, who claim that the office is due Berry.

If I can live To make some pale face brighter, and to give A second luster to some tear-dimmed eye, Or e'en impart One throb of comfort to an aching heart, Or cheer some wayworn soul in passing by; I can lend A strong hand to the fallen, or defend The right against a single envious strain. Perhaps, of much that seemeth dear and fair To us on earth, will not have been in vain. —Helen Hunt Jackson.

THE COURSE OF TRUE LOVE The daughter of Governor Cutler, of Utah, eloped with a poor young man named Butler, who drives a grocery delivery for a living, and married him a few days ago. The happy pair then returned to the gubernatorial mansion and asked for the paternal "bless you, my children," but the "old man" promptly kicked his new son-in-law down the front steps and locked his daughter in her room.

From Cutler to Butler, It seems to me plain, That the change is so slight That none should complain. But there is an old adage In this world of woes, That the course of true love Never smoothly flows.

Bayard and Bridgeport will unite in a celebration of the Fourth at Bayard.

Gov. Hoke Smith, of Georgia, was defeated for re-nomination last week by Joe Brown. Smith was "done up brown," so to speak.

Eighteen cattle were killed by a bolt of lightning on the Kibbourne ranch near Sheridan last Thursday, thus proving Kibbourne an ominous name. The cattle jammed themselves into a fence corner during the storm and were electrocuted by the electrified fence wires.

A BOOZE FIGHTER There's a "bug" in the town of Scottsbluff Who smokes "cigs" and thinks he is tuff. He lives in a town that is oh, so dry! And he hits the balls that are oh, so high! His motto is "Lay on, McDuff, And d—d be he who first cries enuff!"

Last Thursday a baby "twister" lit on Margaret Hagerly's claim, five miles east of Bridgeport, picked up her buildings and carried them to Helengone. The same afternoon several funnel-shaped clouds were observed churning the air violently some miles northwest of Alliance, but as no damage has been reported, they evidently did not descend to earth. These terrors are dropping down so near us that the timid are seriously contemplating the building of cyclone cellars.

The editor has been "enjoying" some more experiences with his new auto. Desiring to give Governor Sheldon all possible pleasure during his visit here last week, the editor invited the governor to ride out to the ball game in his touring car. Our "poet" tells the rest of the story:—

The governor went a-riding, With a faith that was abiding In the editor's new machine; But they stuck in mud abhorrent, And there ensued then a torrent Of words that set fire to the gasoline.

Beal Bros. received a carload of Texas watermelons Sunday. On one of them the following was scratched: "Retta Unicker, Tuta, Texas, file me." Boys, here is a chance for fun. The Texas girls may be a little off on orthography, but they are as full of life as a Texas steer.

Largest stock of Rugs, Carpets, Linoleums, Floor Oil Cloth and Mattings in Alliance. Geo. D. Darling's store.