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NEWS OF NEBRASKA.

Jacksonian Club's Annual Banquet at Omaha.

Most Brilliant Event in the History of the Organization—W. J. Bryan and Governor Shallenberger Among the List of Speakers.

Omaha, Jan. 12.—The Jacksonian club of Nebraska last night had as its principal guest William J. Bryan, who addressed the members on "What of the Night." The meeting was one of good cheer, despite the recent national defeat, because in Mr. Bryan's own state the result was different. There were present nearly a thousand Democrats, who cheered every leader as he entered, and even though there has been some differences of opinion between the Jacksonian club and Mayor Dahlman, that city official was cheered to the echo when he arrived.

Governor Shallenberger was one of the honored guests and on his left sat fourteen of his staff in full uniform. It was a brilliant affair, spectacularly. After the menu the speakers in order addressed the gathering, Mr. Bryan being the last on the program. Mr. Bryan's subject was "What of the Night." He reviewed the political contests of the last twelve years, claiming that the Democratic position had been vindicated by events, and declared that the party had been a dominating influence in political thought. He described in detail the influences which were most potent in the late campaign, namely: "A larger campaign fund, an army of government employees drawing their salaries from the treasury; three-fourths of the newspapers or more against us, and the coercive power of concentrated wealth."

He advocated the organization of permanent Democratic clubs in every county, the establishment of a Democratic paper in every community and the continuation of the educational work as the things necessary for future Democratic success.

Farmers' Institute at Broken Bow.
Broken Bow, Jan. 12.—The first annual farmers' institute school is in session here and is being well attended by farmers and their sons. The opera house, with a seating capacity of 400, has been secured as an assembly room and the old Central school has been fitted up as a stock judging pavilion. The women's school of domestic science will be held in the Woodmen building. The institute will last for the entire week and promises to be the best attended of any school of the kind ever held in the state.

Ask Requisition for Taylor.
Minden, Neb., Jan. 12.—County Attorney King and Sheriff Ransom have gone to Lincoln and will apply for a requisition on the governor of California for the return to Nebraska of Bert Taylor, the alleged murderer. Sheriff Ransom will go direct to San Bernardino from Lincoln for his prisoner. While feeling against Taylor is very bitter here, it is not believed any attempt at violence will be made if he is brought back.

Nebraska's Vote Cast for Bryan.
Lincoln, Jan. 12.—Nebraska's eight presidential electors met at the state capitol, cast their vote for William J. Bryan for president and selected R. E. Watzke as the messenger to Washington. There was keen rivalry for the position of messenger, and Douglas Shawvan of Boone county, who aspired to the place, was greatly disappointed at his defeat. The electors, with the exception of Mr. Shawvan, later took luncheon with Mr. Bryan.

Landseekers Meet Death.
Humboldt, Neb., Jan. 12.—Two years ago a special car took about twenty-five heads of families to the newly opened lands across the Canadian border. A local paper this week prints a story showing that six of the party have since died of violent deaths and four others are dead as the result of disease. All were well known in this section.

Returns Stolen Spoon.
Chicago, Jan. 12.—The proprietor of the Victoria hotel has received a letter from a young man in Beatrice, Neb., who states that while he was a student he stole a silver spoon from the hotel. The writer declared that he had been converted and therefore was returning the spoon as a conscience sacrifice. In the letter the spoon was enclosed.

Shallenberger Issues Requisition.
Lincoln, Jan. 9.—The first official act of Governor Shallenberger was to issue a requisition on the governor of Kansas for the return of Harry Hamlin, under arrest at Wichita, to Omaha on an embezzlement charge. The document was mailed direct from the governor's office here to Topeka.

Hord on Way to Recovery.
Central City, Neb., Jan. 12.—C. B. Hord, capitalist, who was stricken with paralysis in Omaha last week, is on a fair way to recovery. Two Omaha physicians have been in attendance on him since he was returned and say he will be able to get around within a week.

New Fire and Police Board.
Lincoln, Jan. 12.—Governor Shallenberger appointed Charles Karbach and Carl Brandeis (Dems.) as fire and police commissioners for Omaha, vice John L. Krueby and Robert Cowell (Reps.).

SHELDON TO THE LEGISLATURE.

Outgoing Governor Urges Sterilization of Delinquent Criminals.

Lincoln, Jan. 8.—Governor Sheldon, in his message to the legislature, has some strong recommendations to make and does not hesitate to tell where he stands on several questions which have been agitating the political atmosphere in Nebraska for the past few years. The liquor traffic is particularly obnoxious, in his mind, and for that reason he recommends that an absolutely state-wide prohibition law be passed, and insists on a strict enforcement of the law which provides that no man shall take a drink in a saloon that he does not himself pay for.

The social question is then touched upon and the retiring governor handles it without gloves. He says careless and ill advised marriages cause untold harm and in this connection says: "I therefore recommend for your earnest consideration a change in our marriage laws, so that it will be impossible for any man or woman to marry until a certificate from a physician licensed to practice in this state has been presented, containing a statement that their health is good and that they are capable of producing healthy offspring. Those who are a burden upon society should not be permitted to do so."

LEGISLATURE DOWN TO WORK.

First Important Business to Come Up is Canvassing of Vote.

Lincoln, Jan. 11.—The legislature got down to business today, both branches having been fully organized last week. The first business of importance to come up is the canvassing of the vote on constitutional amendments. Extraordinary interest is taken in this canvass, because it is said that the Democratic majority will attempt to unseat the Republican supreme judges selected by the former administration, as provided for in the amendment adopted at the last election. The Democrats declare the amendment does not become law until the vote is canvassed by the legislature, and that the judges appointed by Governor Sheldon do not properly hold their seats. This matter may become the cause of a bitter struggle.

The banking law will probably be introduced this week. The bill will provide for "prompt" but not "immediate" payment of depositors in the event of failures. This has been accepted on after an extended conference between William J. Bryan and former State Chairman P. L. Hall, the latter being a banker. It is said that the banker finally succeeded in bringing the commoner to his way of thinking.

Nebraska Pioneer Dead.

West Point, Neb., Jan. 11.—John E. Shadammann, one of the oldest settlers in the Elkhorn valley, is dead, aged eighty-nine, having died of infirmities resulting from old age. Shadammann was captain of the first organized company of militia in Nebraska, which was used in most part for fighting Indians, which occupied most of the time of the company. He was at the head of a government surveying corps which located the Nebraska-Kansas line.

Farmers' Telephone Declares Dividend

Shelton, Neb., Jan. 9.—Some idea of the profits of a well operated independent telephone company were shown when the directors of the Farmers' Home Telephone company of this county declared a dividend of 10 per cent and showed a substantial working balance in the treasury. The company also constructed a number of new lines and maintained the entire system in a high class manner during the past year. G. W. Barrett was re-elected president.

Matthews Replies to President.

Omaha, Jan. 9.—T. L. Matthews, former United States marshal in this district, who was summarily dismissed from the service in connection with the land fencing action brought against Constock and Richards, who were later convicted of fraudulent land grabbing, and who was mentioned in President Roosevelt's recent message to congress, has defended himself against the president's words by declaring them entirely false.

First Lobbyist Registers.

Lincoln, Jan. 8.—F. H. Monroe of Washington, D. C., registered in the office of the secretary of state as a lobbyist, in conformity with the anti-lobby law passed by the last legislature. Mr. Monroe is the first man to register under the provisions of the law. He will endeavor to persuade the members of the legislature to pass a bill submitting to the next general election an amendment to the constitution for the initiative and referendum.

Railroads Must Install Telephones.

Lincoln, Jan. 8.—The state railway commission issued an order which will have the effect of compelling railroad companies of the state to install telephones in all stations whenever patrons make the request, to be maintained at the expense of the roads. There are between 900 and 1,000 stations in Nebraska.

Reception and Inaugural Ball.

Lincoln, Jan. 8.—Last night at the state capitol building occurred the reception to Governor Shallenberger and the new state officers in the house chamber and the inaugural ball in the senate. The functions were largely attended by society people of the city and state.

CARMICHAEL KILLS SELF.

Preacher-Slayer Leaves Letter Admitting Adair Murder.

Rev. John M. Carmichael, who last week in the Little Methodist church at Rattle Run, Mich., killed Gideon Browning, the village carpenter, and then burned the body in the stove, committed suicide at Carthage, Ill., by cutting his throat with a pocketknife. He died at the county hospital after he had been taken from the boarding house of Miss Miranda Hughes, where, as a stranger, he had been living since last Friday.

In a long letter found in his suit case, Carmichael told in detail the story of the killing of Browning; how he had fallen a victim to Browning's hypnotic power and meeting him in the church Tuesday night, was compelled to obey his every command; how finally, when Browning attacked him with knives, he, Carmichael, defended himself with a hatchet. After killing his victim with the hatchet, he said, the red-hot stove in the church, suggested itself as the best method of disposing of the body. Before putting the body in the stove, however, he exchanged some of the dead man's clothing for his own, which had become bespattered with blood.

Declares Husband Was Insane.

There are two crushed, broken hearted women in Adair, Mich. They are Mrs. John H. Carmichael, widow of the preacher-murderer, and Mrs. Browning, mother of Gideon Browning, killed by Carmichael. The minister's wife, harrowed for a week by forebodings and uncertainty, was told that her husband had been found and before she had fairly grasped this news she was told that he had died from his self inflicted wounds. The aged Mrs. Browning heard in the news of Carmichael's death and his strange confession the end of her hopes that the identification of the murdered man as her son was a mistake. The community for miles around is wildly excited over the sensational outcome of the strange case. Mrs. Carmichael is prostrated, but is still firm in her declaration that her husband was insane when he killed Browning.

QUAKE AT PORT TOWNSEND.

Shock Extends Over Fifty Square Miles in Washington.

An earthquake shock caused some damage at Port Townsend, Wash., lasting from ten to fifteen seconds. The trembler took the form of a vibratory convulsion, swaying buildings and breaking many windows and fragile roofs.

Reports from adjoining localities available by telephone state that the force of the shock extended over an area of at least fifty square miles, and in several districts two distinct shocks, separated by more than a minute, were felt. In many places in this city where water pipes had been frozen the earthquake broke the mains and flooded the houses. The Alaska cable parted.

Gompers Opposes Assessment.

President Gompers of the American Federation of Labor favors making an appeal to labor and its friends for necessary funds to prosecute an appeal from the Judge Wright decision in the contempt case, or of abandoning it altogether.

CHICAGO GRAIN AND PROVISIONS.

Features of the Day's Trading and Closing Quotations.

Chicago, Jan. 11.—Wheat prices broke sharply on the local exchange today because of general selling, based chiefly on a heavy snowfall throughout a large section of the winter wheat belt of this country. At the close prices were 1/2 to 3/4 below the final quotations of the previous session. Corn, oats and provisions closed steady. Closing prices:
Wheat—May, \$1.06; July, 97 1/2c.
Corn—May, 61 1/2c; July, 61 1/2c to 61 3/4c.
Oats—May, 51 1/2c to 51 3/4c; July, 46 1/2c to 46 3/4c; Sept., 39 1/2c.
Pork—Jan., \$16.35 to 16.37 1/2; May, \$16.60.
Lard—Jan., \$9.40; May, \$9.60.
Lard—Jan., \$8.47 1/2; May, \$8.72 1/2.
Chicago Cash Prices—No. 2 hard wheat, \$1.99 1/2 to 1.05 1/4; No. 3 corn, 58 1/2 to 59c.

Chicago Live Stock.

Chicago, Jan. 11.—Receipts at the stock yards today were the largest on record, the estimated arrivals being 42,000 cattle, 80,000 hogs and 26,000 sheep, comprising 3,279 carloads. The high price of corn was given as the reason for the liberal movement. Cattle—Weak, with prices off 15 to 25c; steers, \$4.60 to 7.40; cows, \$3.00 to 5.50; heifers, \$3.00 to 5.75; bulls, \$3.25 to 3.50; calves, \$3.50 to 10.00; stockers and feeders, \$2.50 to 5.10. Hogs—Weak, with prices 10 to 20c lower; choice heavy shipping, \$6.10 to 6.15; butchers, \$6.00 to 6.10; light mixed, \$5.50 to 5.75; choice light, \$5.75 to 6.00; packing, \$5.70 to 6.00; pigs, \$4.50 to 4.65; bulk of sales, \$5.75 to 6.00. Sheep—Steady; sheep, \$4.00 to 5.90; lambs, \$5.25 to 8.10; yearlings, \$4.25 to 7.25.

South Omaha Live Stock.

South Omaha, Jan. 11.—Cattle—Receipts, 7,400; slow, 10 to 15c lower; native steers, \$4.00 to 7.00; cows and heifers, \$3.00 to 5.25; western steers, \$2.50 to 6.00; Texas steers, \$3.00 to 6.15; canners, \$2.00 to 3.00; stockers and feeders, \$2.75 to 5.35; calves, \$3.00 to 7.25; bulls, stags, etc., \$2.00 to 5.00. Hogs—Receipts, 6,000; 10 to 15c lower; heavy, \$5.75 to 6.00; mixed, \$5.65 to 5.75; light, \$5.50 to 5.85; pigs, \$5.50 to 5.25; bulk of sales, \$5.60 to 5.90. Sheep—Receipts, 5,500; steady; yearlings, \$6.00 to 6.85; wethers, \$5.25 to 5.75; ewes, \$1.25 to 6.15; lambs, \$6.50 to 7.75.

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