

TOM JOHNSON DIES

Former Mayor of Cleveland Succumbs to Long Illness.

PASSES AWAY IN HOME CITY.

Elected Mayor of Cleveland on "Three-Cent Fare" Issue and Re-Elected Three More Times in Fierce Battles—Twice Congressman.

Cleveland, April 11.—Tom L. Johnson, twice congressman from the Twenty-first Ohio district, four times mayor of Cleveland, champion of 3-cent street railway fare and leading advocate of the single tax theories of the late Henry George, died here after a long illness. He was fifty-seven years old. His chief claim to distinction rests on his record as mayor of Cleveland. Taking up the "three-cent fare" slogan, pressed to a settlement by Governor Pingree in Detroit, Johnson was elected mayor of Cleveland on that issue, and was re-elected three



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times while the campaign for reduced fares waged with uncommon fierceness. Mr. Johnson's thorough knowledge of street railway management and methods enabled him to meet and often forestall the moves of the Cleveland company, and his financial resources gave him additional strength in the contest. To accomplish what he sought in Cleveland, he organized a rival street railway company, laid tracks on streets wherever possible and operated the system on a three-cent basis. The battle raged for years in the courts, in the council and on the streets. There were many defeats, but more victories. Those whom he sought to benefit turned against him at times, but he lived to see his contention victorious in the courts and firmly buttressed in the municipal policies of Cleveland. Under the compromise settlement effected by the late Judge Thayer, federal district judge, three-cent fares prevail in the city, and will continue until a showing of their unprofitableness is made. In that event, four cents is to be the limit. The ten years' war wrecked Johnson's health.

ROOSEVELT ASKS NO MORE

Not Aspirant For Anything Because He Has Had Everything, He Says.

Spokane, Wash., April 10.—Theodore Roosevelt made his first public declaration regarding his possible candidacy for the presidency at a luncheon given in his honor by the Commercial club.

"I am not an aspirant for anything, because I have had everything," he declared. "No other man alive—I don't know whether I ought to use this simile in the presence of the chaplain, but I am going to take chances—no other man alive has had such a good run for his money."

Mr. Roosevelt declared that he was making his tour for no other reason than that which he has already assigned—to thank the people who had elected him to the presidency.

Had he never come to the west, he said, he never would have had raised his regiment and never have become president. In conclusion, he said:

"It is the service done, not the title at the place held that counts. And you won't, any of you have to puzzle as to my motives if you will accept my statements at their face value. You have not got anything I want except your respect and good will; and all I desire is, so far as the chance arises where I am able to do so, to help you in any movement for the good of our common country."

Commodore's Funeral in Missouri.

St. Joseph, Mo., April 10.—Commodore Frank Sherman, United States navy, retired, who died at his home in Philadelphia, Friday, was buried here today beside his parents, who were St. Joseph pioneers. Commodore Sherman was appointed a naval cadet at large from St. Joseph by President Grant in 1871.

Safe Robbed at Portland.

Portland, Ore., April 11.—The safe in Massé's meat market was robbed of \$10,000.

CONDENSED NEWS

The world's annual conference of Latter Day Saints opened at Lamoni. In a duel at Morenci, Ariz., Constable Lea Scott and Night Fireman George Johnson were killed.

The lack of speculation in Wall street has brought hard times to brokers. Many of them cannot make expenses.

Robert Henderson of Council Bluffs is the new state printer and John Jamieson of Casey the new state binder of Iowa.

By a vote of 35 to 7 the Illinois senate passed Senator Clark's Chicago board of trade bill, which legalizes trading in futures.

The Colorado house, by a vote of 35 ayes to 30 noes, passed the Moffat tunnel bill. The measure now goes to the senate for action.

Women are to be given an equal chance in the police department of Seattle in positions now held by detectives, desk men and patrolmen.

Mystery surrounds the identity of a well dressed young woman, whose body was found floating in the lake at the foot of Foster avenue, Chicago.

Former Supreme Court Justice Leventritt of New York was appointed a referee to take testimony in the suit of Mary W. Gates for a divorce from Charles G. Gates.

K. Okura of Tokyo has been given \$50,000 to be devoted with a similar amount, donated some time ago by the emperor, to the relief of the poor and sick of Japan.

A shortage of \$8,500 was reported in the wholesale stamped envelope department of the Chicago postoffice. The head of the department, John J. Daly, has disappeared.

President Taft sent to the senate the nomination of W. L. Day as United States district judge at Cleveland. Judge Day is a son of Associate Justice Day of the United States supreme court.

Cliff Root, an old-time stockman of the Musselshell country, Montana, murdered his father-in-law, F. A. Rehner; his stepson, James Bridges; Mrs. Thompson and his wife and then killed himself.

The New Jersey supreme court in an opinion in a damage suit against the Lehigh Valley Railroad company holds to be constitutional the employers' liability law passed by the legislature in 1909.

General Stanley Williams, deserter from the United States army, was killed in a fight at Mexicali, Mex. Williams' death was caused by a shell that plowed through the head at the base of the skull.

Patrick J. Keeley, formerly a detective in State's Attorney Wyman's office, who was found guilty of perjury in his testimony in the second trial of Lee O'Neil Browne, at Chicago, was granted a new trial.

At the annual meeting of the Cunard Steamship company, Alfred A. Booth, chairman of the board of directors, foreshadowed the possibility of a rate war between competing transatlantic steamship lines.

Senator LaFollette intends to establish by legislation, if he can, the right of government employees to organize unions in the same manner that trades are organized and affiliated with the American Federation of Labor.

The report is confirmed that Mr. Williamson, British assistant political officer at Sadiya and Lakhimpur, in Upper Burma, and a party accompanying him were murdered on the border of Assam by Abor savages.

The tariff board has begun its investigation of the cotton schedule of the Payne-Aldrich law and will conduct the work so far as is practical simultaneously with the investigation of the woolen schedule now under way.

Advances recently made by express companies in charges for the transportation of liquors in packages were considered excessive by the Interstate commerce commission and were suspended until an inquiry could be made into their reasonableness.

Senator Young has taken up the cause of Bradford Knapp, son of Dr. S. A. Knapp, who died recently, and is trying to get him named to succeed his father in charge of the demonstration farm work in the south for the department of agriculture.

ROADS WIN BIG RATE CASES

United States Judge Decides Against Minnesota Rail Commission.

St. Paul, April 10.—Judge Sanborn in the United States circuit court decided the Minnesota rate cases against the state railway commission.

He held that the necessary effect of reductions ordered was substantially to burden and directly to regulate interstate commerce, to create unjust discriminations between localities in Minnesota and those in adjoining states in violation of the constitution, and to take the properties of the railroad companies without just compensation.

This Man Is Four Legs Shy.

Trinidad, Colo., April 10.—To lose four legs in exactly the same manner is an experience well calculated to strain credulity, but that is what has befallen Roy Thorpe of this city. Several years ago Thorpe fell from a train while beating his way and had both his legs cut off. He secured a pair of wooden legs. While beating his way from a neighboring town Thorpe again fell under the car wheels and again lost both legs. This time, however, he was uninjured.

NEBRASKA NEWS

Only Handful See Finish of Thirty-second Session.

BIG BILLS YET IN BALANCE.

Governor Aldrich Has Host of Measures to Decide Upon—No Action on Telephone Bill—Otoe Wants Forester School at Nebraska City.

Lincoln, April 11.—The Thirty-second legislature of Nebraska came to its formal close when a motion to adjourn sine die was made in the house by Quackenbush and in the senate by Skiles. As a matter of fact Quackenbush was not even in the state house when his motion was read, but he had been given the honor and his written motion had been in the clerk's hands all day.

In the house the audience entertaining the final motion and watching the last bills signed consisted of Members Sink, Liver, Eggenberger, Harrington, W. Z. Taylor, Mockett, McKissick, Grossman and the speaker.

In the senate President Morehead was in the chair and Senators Talcott, McGrew, Smith of Fillmore, Selleck, Skiles and Jansen were in their seats. The hearty and vociferous ayes which were shouted when the motion to adjourn was put came from a weary group of employees.

Otoe Wants Forester School.

Senator Bartling during the 114 hours introduced a resolution, which passed, calling attention to the failure in congress of the Burkett measure to appropriate \$250,000 for a forester school at Nebraska City and asking the state delegation in Washington to continue efforts to honor the memory of J. Sterling Morton by securing the establishment of such a school.

The governor was notified by a committee of Representatives Grossman, Mockett and Gerdes and Senators Reynolds, Selleck and Tanner, that the session was about to close. In the last few days the governor has been signing bills at the rate of two or three an hour and his office force is exhausted with the strenuous pace at which he is working them in trying to dispose of the mass of legislation which he must finish within a few days. The bills signed were minor for the most part and he has failed as yet to dispose of any of the measures which he may possibly veto. The telephone bill, the Omaha appropriation bill and the other measures in doubt are still hanging in the balance.

SCHULZ MUST GO TO PRISON

Chauffeur Convicted of Manslaughter—Losses in Supreme Court.

Omaha, April 10.—First to be convicted of a killing as the result of reckless driving in Omaha, Al Schulz, chauffeur, has lost in his appeal to the supreme court. He must serve out his sentence of three years in prison imposed in the district court here.

Schulz was arrested on an order from the supreme court. Dressed for a party, the convicted man was taken into custody at his home, 1728 South Twelfth street. He is held at the county jail.

Schulz was convicted of manslaughter in the district court. He was arrested June 25 to answer for the death of William Frug, who was killed in a crash between his machine and that driven by Schulz.

MRS. LILLIE GETS INSURANCE

Lancaster Court Decides Woman Didn't Kill Husband.

Lincoln, April 10.—Mrs. Lena M. Lillie, convicted of the murder of her husband, Harvey Lillie, and later pardoned out of the penitentiary, won a suit in the supreme court against the Modern Woodmen of America on a \$3,000 policy of insurance on the life of her husband.

The district court of Lancaster county decided that she did not kill her husband and was entitled to the insurance money. The supreme court affirms that decision.

BOY RUN OVER BY AUTO

Son of Roy Sluyster of Clay Center Probably Fatally Injured.

Clay Center, Neb., April 11.—Roy Sluyster, nine-year-old son of Roy Sluyster, a drayman of this city, was run over by an automobile driven by Mr. Adams, an undertaker here. Those in the auto say that they were running about six miles an hour when the boy, who was playing ball in the street, ran directly into the machine and was struck across the face by the fender of the machine, knocking him down. He has not regained consciousness after thirty-six hours.

New Homestead Improvement.

Lincoln, April 11.—The first automobile shed ever listed on a homestead proof in the United States land commissioner's office was filed by Harry L. Dixon of Benkelman. Dixon filed on 320 acres of land near Benkelman. He lists his total improvements on the homestead as \$3,000.

Young Man Killed in Sand Pit Cave-In.

Hastings, Neb., April 10.—Frank Hildebrand, aged twenty, perished in a cave-in at the sand pits of the W. H. Ferguson Sand company, near Brickton, nine miles south of Hastings. He was buried several feet deep and died before rescuers could reach him.

PROMINENT FARMER KILLED

Thrown on Handles of Plow and Dies of Hemorrhage of Intestines.

Table Rock, Neb., April 11.—Injuries received by being thrown on the handles of his plow caused the death of George W. Wheeler, a prominent and wealthy farmer. Mr. Wheeler died of hemorrhage of the intestines. The accident occurred when the plow struck a root. Mr. Wheeler was a brother of Mayor A. J. Wheeler of University Place. He leaves a wife and three small children.

Hunters Have Ducks.

Lincoln, April 11.—Frank Bonsor, Robert Scott and P. M. Van Horn, three hunters of this city, are facing a charge of violating the state game laws. The men were arrested by Deputy Miller of the office of the state game warden, near a small lake in this county. The deputy claims he found seventeen wild ducks in their possession. The hunters deny the charge, claiming they found the ducks. The case will be tried tomorrow before a justice of the peace.

Water and Light at Wymore.

Wymore, Neb., April 11.—The electric service company has made a proposition to the Burlington railroad to pump water for the company and the railroad officials view the proposition with favor. Under the terms of the proposal, the electric company is to build a plant on the Blue river and furnish the current to run pumps, and the railroad company is to build a pipe line from their plant in that city to this.

Young Woman Takes Acid.

York, Neb., April 11.—In the York city park Miss Anna Robinson of Benedict drank carbolic acid and died before she could be rushed to a hospital. She was the daughter of Horace Robinson, a prosperous farmer living near Benedict, and had just arrived in York from her home. No reasons have been found for the deed.

Seward Couple Is Acquitted.

Seward, Neb., April 10.—After being out all night they jury in the case of the state against David F. Dougherty and Frances M. Young, uncle and niece, tried on a statutory charge, returned a verdict of not guilty. The couple was brought back from Illinois some months ago by Sheriff Gillan.

Grain Elevator Is Burned.

Elkhorn, Neb., April 11.—Fire which threatened to wipe out the town destroyed Nolte's grain elevator with a loss of \$4,000. Sparks from the burning building were driven over the town by the wind and several minor fires occurred. The citizens were put to their utmost to save the town.

Woodmen of World to Meet.

Hastings, Neb., April 11.—Several hundred delegates and visitors are expected tomorrow for the biennial convention of the Woodmen of the World for the jurisdiction covering Nebraska and North and South Dakota.

Broken Bow Arson Case Postponed.

Broken Bow, Neb., April 10.—Judge Hoctler in the district court granted a continuance in the case of Willis Moore, who is charged with burning the Custer county court house. The case will come up at the next jury term in September.

Kirwin Given Life Sentence.

Butte, Neb., April 10.—Cornelius P. Kirwin, who killed Ed L. Jones at Gross, Neb., Nov. 10, 1910, was found guilty of murder in the first degree and the penalty fixed at life imprisonment.

Dr. Rich Held Under Bond.

Grand Island, Neb., April 11.—Dr. Max L. Rich of this city is under arrest and \$2,000 bond to await preliminary hearing April 24 on the charge of illegal practice.

SYMPATHETIC STRIKE OFF

Eight Thousand Coal Miners in Ohio Ordered to Return to Work.

Indianapolis, April 10.—Rescinding the order of their predecessors, members of the new executive board of the United Mine Workers of America, which came into office with President White, annulled the sympathetic strike order, sent out by former President Lewis on March 18 to miners in western Pennsylvania and eastern Ohio, but decided to stand by the 2,000 men in the Tucurawas field, who originally were on a strike. The action of the executive board will mean the return of about 8,000 miners to work.

KANSAS RECORDS SAFE

Recovered Intact From Ruins of Leavenworth Court House.

Leavenworth, Kan., April 8.—The records of the first Kansas territorial court, which began in 1855 and which were reported destroyed in the fire that recently destroyed the Leavenworth court house, were found in the ruins. The old court papers were placed in steel boxes and the docket books on steel roller shelves a short time before the fire and were unharmed. The records of the court are of great value to abstractors throughout this part of the country.

Mission Jubilee Ends.

Mason City, Ia., April 10.—The jubilee session of the missionary society of the Christian church closed, the last session being featured by an address by Miss Annette Newcomer, who leaves Iowa soon for a trip around the world to visit all the mission stations of the denomination.



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