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ONLY BRIEF MENTION

MUCH IN SMALL SPACE FOR THE HURRYING READER.

EVENTS COVERING WIDE FIELD

Something of Congress, Political Gossip Here and There, and News and Notes of General Character.

Political.

The biggest political demonstration made on the streets of Denver during the convention was by Nebraska democrats.

Some unidentified party cut down and burned the large Taft banner which had been suspended across the street in Lincoln. The occurrence was not accompanied by any demonstration, as few people were on the street.

Richmond Piereson Hobson made a speech in the democratic national convention in which he predicted war with Japan.

When Mr. Bryan was told that some one had cut down the Taft banner in Lincoln, he said: "I am sorry to learn of it. It was inexcusable. If the man who did it thought he was helping me or the democratic party he was woefully mistaken."

Theodore Bell, temporary chairman of the democratic national convention, reached Denver just in time to preside.

The Nebraska delegation in the seating at the auditorium, Denver, was given a prominent place.

Nebraska was represented on the committee on resolutions at the Denver convention by F. W. Brown.

General.

The members of the American tariff commission have arrived in Paris. Their first meeting with the French commission has been fixed for July 18.

United States officers arrived in Coffeyville, Kas., with Dr. J. G. Counterman, a prominent physician of New Albany, Kas., who is charged with counterfeiting. Dr. Counterman is 70 years of age.

Arrangements were completed by the general committee in charge of the welcome that Cincinnati will extend to Judge William H. Taft, July 28, when he is formally notified of his nomination to the presidency.

The following telegram was sent to Hon. W. J. Bryan immediately after the announcement of his nomination. "The Democratic Society of Western New York salutes the next president of the United States."

At Croissy sur Seine Mlle. Louise Rolande Grau, the daughter of the late Maurice Grau, for a number of years the director of the Metropolitan opera house in New York, was married to M. Jean Maurice Ganne.

The battleship Nebraska, of the Atlantic fleet, which was detained in quarantine owing to an outbreak of scarlet fever on board, having been thoroughly fumigated, sailed Saturday to rejoin the fleet at Honolulu.

William Allen White says democracy maintained its record of working by night.

Convict Preston, who is in the Nevada state prison for murder and who was nominated for president of the socialist labor party, has declined the nomination. It is thought he acted on the advice of his attorney, as he was willing to be a candidate and stated that he fully expected to receive the nomination.

The legislature of Louisiana adjourns after passing 300 new laws.

The foreign press comment on Bryan's nomination and compare him with Cleveland to his disadvantage. One German paper says he is a magnificent agitator, but lacks qualities of constructive statesmanship.

The government report on the crop situation shows a decrease in prospect percentage and wheat advances on the exchange in consequence.

Seventy-two dead and 2,736 injured are the second day totals of the accidents attending the celebration of the Fourth of July in the United States. This breaks all records for deaths since 1899.

The war department ordered Colonel W. S. Schuyler, commanding Fort Huachuca, on the Mexican border in southern Arizona, to render all possible assistance in the suppression of a serious fire raging on Huachuca mountain in the Gareses national forest.

The "Chicago-to-ocean" balloon race ended when the last of the nine contestants came to earth at West Shefford, Quebec, 800 miles from the starting point. This craft was the Flying, owned by F. J. Fielding of San Antonio, Texas. It covered approximately 100 miles more than its nearest competitor.

Since the first of the year 77,607 stray dogs and cats have been destroyed by the New York American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

A dispatch received by the Lokal Anzeiger, Berlin, from Teheran, says that the shah leaves nothing untried in order to secure the capture of the remaining revolutionary leaders.

The American battleship fleet sets sail for Honolulu as the first destination on its Pacific voyage. The battleship, Nebraska, is detained three days in quarantine because of an outbreak of scarlet fever aboard.

Hon. W. J. Bryan refused to talk politics on Sunday, although hundreds of politicians called at Fairview on that day.

Count Boni de Castellane will start a hot legal battle to regain possession of his children.

Mrs. Cleveland, through the Associated Press, thanks the public for expressions of condolence to herself and family in the loss of husband and father.

Frank Hitchcock has been chosen chairman of the republican national committee and George R. Sheldon of New York treasurer.

Sensational developments are expected in the trial of Prince Zu Eulen-burg, it being shown that the prince has tried to influence witnesses.

The ruling of the comptroller of the currency is that the Modern Woodmen must take the offensive in their fight to have their claim against the Chariton, Ia., bank allowed.

Senor Ugarte, the Honduran minister in Washington, has received advice which to him, indicate that the projected hostilities against his country by Guatemala and Salvador have been nipped in the bud.

When Adolphe S. Levi of St. Louis opened his jewelry store the other morning he discovered burglars had looted the place and secured \$900 in cash and \$15,000 worth of diamonds and old gold.

Washington.

To expedite and economize the work of administering the national forests the bureau of forestry will establish about October 1 next field headquarters in the west.

The clerical force here will be somewhat reduced, many being needed to carry on the proposed work west. Headquarters of forest districts will not be changed.

The democratic clubs of the District of Columbia celebrated the nomination of William J. Bryan on the Washington monument grounds by firing a salute of forty-seven guns, one for each state.

That the freight rates on yellow pine lumber from Arkansas and Texas points should not be higher to Des Moines than to Omaha was decided by the interstate commerce commission.

The Greater Des Moines committee had complained against the Chicago Great Western, Missouri Pacific and Washab and other railroads that 2 1/2 cents per 100 pounds is unjust as compared with 23 cents from the same territories to Omaha.

Senor Velez Gollicia, the Venezuelan charge d'affaire in Washington, called at the state department and presented the Acting Secretary Bacon his letters of recall. This action was taken by direction of President Castro and is the result of the withdrawal from Caracas of Jacob Sleeper, the American charge.

A perfect understanding between Mexico and the United States as to this government's purpose to take all steps possible to prevent violations of neutrality laws on the Mexican border was reached at two hour's conference between Acting Secretary of State Bacon and Ambassador Creel. The ambassador had no complaints to lodge against any officials.

Foreign.

The long drought, with intense heat reaching at times 90 or more in the shade, is having disastrous effects throughout the Apulia region in Italy. In the hope of receiving rain through divine intercession it was decided to carry in procession through the town the centennial image representing Calvary.

Information has reached the state department of a proposed revolutionary movement against the government of Honduras under the leadership of former President Bonilla. No details were given. The governments of Salvador and Guatemala have given directions to prevent any movement of that character taking form in those countries.

Since the anti-Japanese troubles in California, Japanese emigrants to the United States have greatly diminished. Last year 1,967 landed at San Francisco, while 2,868 returned home.

Sixty Cossacks at Teheran, took up a position behind the British legation where many persons have taken refuge, with the expectation that the refugees would make an endeavor to escape from the building. The British charge d'affaires had protested to the Persian government against this action of the Cossacks and has demanded that the governor appear before him in full uniform and apologize.

Count Sumarakoff Elston, the eldest son of Prince Mussupoff, was killed by Count Manteuffel, an officer of the horse guards in a duel with pistols at St. Petersburg. The men met on Krestovsky island in the Neva as the result of a challenge issued by Count Manteuffel because of a family quarrel.

Personal.

With the Peary Arctic club's pennant fluttering from her main truck and the stars and stripes at the mizen the Arctic exploration steamer Roosevelt left New York again in quest of the North pole.

Rev. Simpson Ely, 59 years old, died at the Wakefield home, Villa Heights, Joplin. He was a noted evangelist.

A correspondent of the New York Evening Post writes a glowing account of his trip through Nebraska and the west.

Candidates for president and vice president of the United States were nominated and a platform was adopted by the national convention of the socialist labor party at New York. The ticket named is as follows: For president, Martin R. Peaton of Nevada; for vice president, Donald Munroe of Virginia.

THE STATE CAPITAL

MATTERS OF INTEREST TO ALL CITIZENS.

DEPOSIT OF PENSION MONEY

A Former Rule Has Been Repealed and a New One Will Be Adopted by the State Board.

New Rule for Old One.

The rule requiring members of soldiers' homes in Nebraska to pay a portion of their pension money to the cash funds of the homes, recently fought through the courts till its legality was sustained and then suspended by the state board of public lands and buildings till further orders, has been repealed by the board and a new rule will be adopted. At a prolonged session of the board this was decided upon and as the member of the board who was delegated to draft the new rule does his duty the action of the board will be made official.

The new rule which was tested in the courts and which was upheld and which is now rescinded provided that each member of the homes might retain \$12 a month of pension money and pay 10 per cent on all over \$12 a month and not more than \$16 a month; 20 per cent on all over \$20 and not more than \$23; 30 per cent on all over \$24 and not more than \$29, and whatever the commandant and board shall deem just on all over \$30. If a member is helpless the rule provided that he should pay a portion of pension money deemed equitable by the board and commandant, unless he should have a dependent wife or children. Another rule that was never mentioned in the court proceedings provided that any member having a dependent wife or minor children who refuses to contribute two-thirds of his pension, on demand, for the use of such dependents, offers good grounds for his discharge.

It was discovered by the board that the rule had not been enforced at the Grand Island home, but was enforced at the Millard home. As it was considered more favorable than the old rule adopted many years ago by the populist administration, the members of the present board supposed it would be satisfactory to all concerned. In this they were incorrect as shown by the injunction suit that was commenced by a member of the Grand Island home and backed by prominent politicians.

Although the state board won the suit in the supreme court, the suit is still pending and the plaintiff has a right to file a motion for a rehearing. Until the suit is finally settled the board cannot adopt a rule that would take any part of pension money, even if the members desired to do so. It is understood the rule agreed upon will provide that no veteran who is able to earn a livelihood or who has means of support shall be admitted to the home and that such veterans may be honorably discharged at the discretion of the board. No pension money will be retained, but if in the judgment of the board any member of the home is incompetent to handle his own pension money he will be required to deposit all of it with the commandant and it will be paid back to him in installments such as the commandant deems necessary for the good of the member and when the member is discharged from the home he will receive back all his funds on deposit with the commandant.

Removing Dead Animals.

Health Officer Rhoad, who did much in the way of rescuing the flood victims Monday and Tuesday, made a tour inspection of the low lands. Fifteen large animals were found dead by the health officer and many hogs. The remains of innumerable chickens cover the yards on the flooded bottoms. Most of the larger animals were removed last week and the remainder and those that will be found will be taken care of. The team of mules, drowned on North Fourteenth street, were found, one on the roadway and the other a considerable distance from the point where they were lost. A horse was found north of the right of way about twentieth street and a team of horses near the old East Lincoln mill on the Northwestern. The bodies of a few cattle were found in the west bottoms. Many more are expected to be found lodged in the debris where the stream is choked at various bridges.

Boats are Missing.

Only twenty-three of the forty-one boats used by the city officials during the recent flood have been located and returned to their owners. Many of them are still in the hands of individuals in the flood districts where they were used. The police are making an effort to find the missing craft and restore them to the people to whom they belong.

Will Ask for Medal.

Some of the men who witnessed the heroic work of Bert E. Small of Saginaw, Mich., in saving the lives of eleven people at Ashland, will petition Carnegie for a medal for the young man. Small is a sailor, about twenty-four years old, and was on his way to the grain fields of Kansas where he expected to secure work. He rescued nine people from almost certain death, under most difficult conditions, and two men from perilous positions. Frank E. Schaaf, of 140 South Thirtieth street, witnessed the bravery.

PIECE WORK FOR CONVICTS.

Mr. Lee Has Another Proposition for Consideration.

Clinton R. Lee having received no reply from the board of public lands and buildings to his offer to give 50 cents a day for convict labor and to pay the state \$200 a month for power and rent, has submitted another proposition which he believes the members may desire to investigate. It is an offer of from 25 to 60 cents a dozen for brooms to be made by the convicts, damaged or spoiled work to be done over or not paid for. This is called the piece price plan. As the members of the board know nothing about the comparative merits of this offer, time will be taken to investigate it. The offer does not designate the number of men to be employed but says the contractor will take as many different grade brooms as he is able to market. This is supposed to mean he would lay off men whenever he is unable to sell his product. He is to furnish the material and foreman to superintend the work, the state to furnish power, present workshops and storage rooms. It is reported that the average price per dozen paid to free labor is 45 cents. The proposition of Mr. Lee contains the following scale to be paid per dozen for the making of brooms of different grades:

Lock or run down finish.....\$0.25
Cloth finished..... .30
All styles railroad brooms..... .30
Solid wire run down, Fynelyte style..... .35
Barn and heavy and No. 1 and No. 2 wire, smelter..... .35
Braided finish..... .40
Three wire smelter..... .49
Oriente brand and style..... .50
Hostler brand..... .50

This offer provides that all work shall be turned out in a merchantable manner and as directed by the foreman, the contractor to have made as many of the different grades enumerated as he is able to market. In case work is damaged and therefore unsaleable as regular grades, such work shall be either taken apart and done correctly or no payment to be made for damaged work of that sort.

As to Crops.

The week was cloudy and cool, with an excess in rain in nearly all parts of the state.

The daily mean temperature was between 64 degrees and 70 degrees, which is about 6 degrees below the normal. Sunday was the warmest day, with a maximum temperature very generally about, or slightly above, 90 degrees.

The rainfall was above normal in most of the state. It exceeded one inch in nearly all counties, while in several southeastern counties it ranged from three to more than six inches. Showers occurred quite generally Wednesday and Thursday, with rainfalls ranging from one-half to a little more than one inch. Showers occurred very generally Sunday night. In the western half of the state the rainfall was light, but in many central and eastern counties it was very heavy, ranging from three to five inches in twelve hours. This excessive rainfall caused the rivers and streams to overflow their banks and flood the low lands.

Peculiar State of Affairs.

A peculiar state of affairs came out in the hearing before Lieutenant Governor Hopewell on the requisition for the return of George Satterlee to South Dakota. It seems that Satterlee owed N. J. Conroy \$700 and Conroy owed C. M. Thompson of the Rock County bank \$700. The banker began to press Conroy for his money. Satterlee's debt to Conroy was secured by a mortgage on a bunch of horses. Satterlee removed from South Dakota into Keya Paha county, Nebraska, and Conroy asked for his return on the charge of removing mortgaged property. Satterlee owns about \$10,000 worth of property which would not be execution proof in the collection of the obligation. The case has been continued.

No Action Taken.

The application of the Missouri Pacific to put the old 3-cent passenger rate into effect and the request of the Union Pacific for permission to cut out all of the short line rates have not been passed upon by the state railway commission. The commission is not inclined to disturb recent rate legislation in the state. Besides the 2-cent fare act is still in the courts and it is impossible for the commission to anticipate the judgment of the courts.

Charged With Larceny.

County Attorney Tyrrell filed in the district court an information charging Mrs. Alpha Shevalier with larceny of money and property amounting to \$7,840 from the Horn estate. The money and property taken by Mrs. Shevalier from the estate is described in the information as follows: Cash found on Mrs. Shevalier's person and in safety deposit box, \$6,540; one seal-skin cloak, \$300; diamonds, gold and jewelry, \$1,000.

For Profanely Swearing.

Can a youth be sent to the state industrial school for swearing? Joy Roberts, a Kearney county boy, over 14 years of age, contends through his attorney that he has unlawfully been sentenced to the reform school because of profanely swearing. The attorney has appealed to the supreme court, alleging that the intent of the law is that persons who have committed felonies or who have proved to be incorrigible can be sentenced to the state industrial school.

NEBRASKA NEWS AND NOTES.

Items of Greater or Lesser Importance Over the State.

The corner stone of the new Elks building at York was laid last week.

We publish a list of Omaha business houses in another column. In writing or calling on them please mention this paper.

By prompt action the farmers in the vicinity of Malcolm thing that they have succeeded in exterminating the Canadian thistle which recently threatened to become such a pest throughout the neighborhood. The seeds, it is thought, were brought in in some eastern grass seed sown in a certain pasture, and grew unnoticed for a season.

Ninety per cent of the retailers in Nebraska who were asked by the Dry Goodsman and General Merchant (St. Louis), which paper issued a "prosperity edition" about the business outlook, replied that they expected to do as much or more business for fall than they did last year, while only from 50 to 75 per cent of the merchants in other states gave as good assurances.

Ditch matters are engrossing the attention of the Dodge county authorities at present, a petition has been filed by owners of property lying north of Fremont for a ditch seven miles long, varying from twelve to thirty feet in width and six feet deep. The proposed waterway will drain thousands of acres which the signers allege is now unfit for cultivation because of an excess of moisture.

At the various scenes of the wrecks caused by the late storms, says a Geneva dispatch, the debris is being gathered, this being an arduous task. At some of the places new barns have already taken the place of the old. At the Merriam farm a new barn is up and a large new foundation for a residence laid south of where the old home stood. Much of the corn and small grain on the lowlands is completely destroyed.

An ordinary life policy in THE MIDWEST LIFE of Lincoln, Nebraska, for one 25 years of age would cost \$20.91 for the first year and \$16.40 a year thereafter. Payments after the first year could be paid every quarter at a cost of \$4.35 a quarter. THE MIDWEST LIFE is an old line company and is furnishing safe and sound insurance, good for all time, at a rate which is within the reach of all. Agents wanted. Write for particulars.

D. Clem Deaver, superintendent of the homeseekers' information bureau of the Burlington is arranging for the winter trip of the exhibit car which will be started east about September 1. The car will contain products from Nebraska, Colorado and Wyoming, one-half the space being given to dry farming and the other half to irrigation. Wisconsin will be added to the territory covered by the car, which last year visited Iowa, Illinois and northern Missouri.

There is a lively fight on in Pleasant Grove school district, Otoe county, over the removal of the school house. At the election twenty-eight voted to move the same and seventeen against, but the law does not permit the moving of a school house unless it is three-fourths of a mile from the center of the district and both sides will have surveyors out there to ascertain just how near the center of the district it is located and may call another election to decide the matter.

A feature of the Fourth of July celebration at North Platte was the public wedding at high noon of Joseph Beirborer and Mrs. Walling, which was witnessed by several thousand. The ceremony was performed by Justice Grimes of the district court on one of the main streets of the city. The groom was married with his hat on. The couple were the recipients of many and various gifts which had been offered to the couple that would get married on this occasion.

"In behalf of the Territorial Pioneers of Nebraska I want to urge all the officers and members of the County Pioneer associations to make a special effort to get as many of their members and others to join the state association of Nebraska Pioneers," said President A. N. Yost of the Nebraska Pioneers at Omaha. "I would like also, to see a pioneer organization in every county in this state, and there is no reason why there should not be. All it costs to organize is an effort, and a very small effort at that."

The total fatalities from the disastrous wreck on the Northwestern line, near Clinton, a small station west of Valentine, has now reached thirteen, of which four were train man and nine were tramps, who were beating their way, and officials say there may be more bodies buried beneath the enormous piles of coal. The spot where the culvert was washed away has never been known to contain more than a foot of water at a time and when the double header plunged into the hole it was filled with nine feet of water.

State Treasurer Brian has bought \$500,000 worth of California state bonds at par to net the state 4 per cent interest. He went to California the latter part of last week, in answer to a notice that the bonds were to be sold to the highest bidder.

The residents of the village of Smartville, Johnson county, came into court with a petition and prayed that the name of the place might be changed to St. Mary. The request was granted and the postoffice department acknowledged the new name. The Burlington railroad company objected and still calls the village Smartville.

NEBRASKA POINTERS

STATE NEWS AND NOTES IN CONDENSED FORM.

THE PRESS, PULPIT AND PUBLIC

What is Going on Here and There That is of Interest to the Readers Throughout Nebraska.

Beatrice has let the contract for its new high school.

Three hundred chickens were stolen from a Bohemian farmer near Virgins.

The chautauqua at Geneva worked under great disadvantage because of wet weather.

A number of bridges in Seward county were washed out by recent heavy rains.

Miss Hazel Osgood, a Johnson county teacher, was painfully injured by a giant fire cracker.

By the collapse of a platform at Edison on the Fourth a number of people were severely hurt.

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The Lang canning factory at Beatrice has opened for the season with a force of fifty hands. The prospects are good for an enormous pack of beans, corn, apples and pumpkins.

The fireworks in the store of H. E. Weldman at Plattsmouth caught fire on the Fourth, causing an explosion that wrecked the store and injuring severely H. E. Weldman. A large number of people were in the store at the time the accident occurred, but they all escaped with slight burns.

At Chadron, W. D. Combs was shot twice with a double-barrelled shotgun by his son while he was arguing with him in an attempt to dissuade the boy from leaving home. The injured man was at once taken to a doctor who extracted the shot which filled Combs from the chin to the waistband. The son is fifteen years old.

An order has been issued by Judge T. C. Munger from the United States court transferring Thomas O'Brien, from the Lancaster county jail to the Dodge county jail at Fremont. The prisoner asked to be removed from the Lancaster county jail on the ground that his health was being injured by confinement there.

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Emile Sandose, a prominent farmer living on Pine creek, about seventeen miles south of Rushville, was murdered by Ralph Neuman, a young man, who has been in that section of the country for about one year. Neuman came here from Kansas and taught a term of school down in that neighborhood and has been circulating around doing nothing in particular since his school closed. The trouble arose over a homestead filing.

W. T. Snell was drowned at Ashland in the surging waters of Salt creek while trying to save his chickens. The swollen waters of the creek had backed up into his yard and were washing the chickens. He started to save them and while in the chicken house, the swift current of the waters struck the house carrying it away. Mr. Snell remained on the top of the house until it was carried down into the Platte river where it was overturned.

The eastbound Burlington train No. 42 had a narrow escape from a serious accident at Birdsell, near Alliance, that was only avoided by the engineer being able to clearly see some ties and other obstruction that had been placed on the track. The train was stopped and an investigation was made, showing that a number of spikes had been pulled along one rail and a number of ties and pinch bars piled on the track with the evident intention of ditching the train.

Few men in the country are more interested in the outcome of the presidential election than Min Foster, residing in Bluff precinct, Hamilton county. If Bryan is elected Mr. Foster will have his hair cut for the first time in twelve years. When Bryan was nominated at Chicago in 1898 for the first time Mr. Foster enthusiastically expressed his confidence that the great commoner would win. His friends bantered him, but not being a betting man, he refused to offer or receive odds. Instead he declared that he would not cut his hair until Bryan was elected president. He thinks that after November next he can be shorn of his locks.

The Lincoln gas works were shut down two or three days on account of high water.

Mrs. Grinstead, wife of P. W. Grinstead, a former superintendent of the Fremont schools, was bitten on the hand by a pet dog at her country home in Kentucky and was hurried to Chicago for treatment at the Pasteur Institute. Mr. Grinstead was in Cleveland at the time and left hurriedly for Chicago, reaching there in time to meet his wife. Chicago physicians say that although the dog had a violent case of rabies, they have begun treatment in time to effect a cure.