

News from Over the State

Bad Boys in Trouble.

Sam Fields and Bert Dillon, of Oakdale, boys 14 and 17 years of age, are under arrest, charged with writing and sending the following unsigned letter:

"C. H. Torpin: We do demand you to go after dark and bury \$50 in paper money by the old stump on the northeast corner of the block your house is on. Bury it under six inches of ground the east side of that stump. Do this to-night when no one is watching. If these orders are not obeyed it will be an empty chair at your dinner table, and if you think more of \$50 than you do of a child you can keep the money and lose a child, but if the small amount of \$50 is not placed by the stump we will rob you of a child and end your life with a bullet, and if you mention this to anyone, no matter who it is, you will never see snow fall again. Wrap the money in red paper and tie with a red string."

Mr. Torpin placed a dummy package at the point directed and the place was watched, with the result of the boys being apprehended when they sought to obtain possession of the package. The parents of the boys being apprehended but the youths long ago passed beyond parental control and have a general reputation for toughness.

Father of Nine Children.

John H. Mickey, who heads the republican ticket for governor, is slightly below medium height and 57 years of age. He was born on a farm near Burlington, Ia. In August, 1863, at the age of 18, he enlisted in company D, Eighth Iowa cavalry, and served until he was mustered out in August, 1865. After returning from the war he attended school at Iowa Wesleyan university, Mount Pleasant. In 1867 he wedded Miss Marinda McCray, of Des Moines county, Ia., and in 1868 the couple came to Nebraska, locating on a homestead in Polk county. To Mr. and Mrs. Mickey were born nine children, all living. In 1879 Mr. Mickey moved to Osceola, having been chosen county treasurer. This office he held ten years. In 1881 he served in the legislature. He never held any other political office.

Child's Feet Moved Off.

John Bargman, a farmer residing between Louisville and Manley, was mowing weeds. His little child fell backward over the sickle bar of the mowing machine upon the ground, completely severing both feet above the ankles. The parents are prostrated with grief.

When Hotel Bills Are High.

A man's hotel bills are high when he is a candidate for office. Frank N. Prout was the proprietor of one room two days at the last republican state convention and paid \$20 for it. For hotel accommodations and traveling expenses J. H. Mickey paid \$89.50.

Sheriff Blocks an Elopement.

Sheriff Waddington, of Gage county, was called to Filley, where he spoiled an elopement of a young couple. The principals in the affair were Miss Reed, the 16-year-old daughter of Mrs. Vanderploeg, of Beatrice, and a young Mr. Phillips, a resident of Filley.

Banks at Sargent Merge.

The two Sargent banks, the Custer County and the Farmers' and Merchants', sold their business and buildings to a new organization, which will consolidate them and continue the business under the name of the Custer County bank.

Still After George Gould.

George Gould has been arrested for the third time, charged with aiding and abetting Amos H. Gould in forging notes and mortgages which resulted in wrecking the Platte Valley State bank at Bellewood.

Ice Cream Causes Death.

Clarence Klone, the 15-year-old son of Ed Klone, died at York from inflammation of the stomach, supposed to have been caused from eating ice cream.

Dead in Water Tank.

L. D. Jones, a farmer south of Trenton, was found dead in a water tank. He died of heart disease and fell in the tank.

Means New Building for Lincoln.

The \$300,000 recently appropriated for a new post office building in Lincoln will be used for reconstructing and enlarging the present building.

Big Mining Company at Holdrege.

The Nebraska Mining company of Holdrege has been incorporated. The capital stock of the concern is \$100,000 and the head office is at Holdrege.

G. A. R. Reunion at Franklin.

The G. A. R. encampment of southern Nebraska and northern Kansas will be held in the fine grove at Franklin the latter part of August.

Used Teeth and Hatpin.

Miss Hattie Marquardt, who is employed in the millinery establishment of Miss Bender at Norfolk, went to the south part of the city at night to do some collecting for her employer. When within a block of Main street she was accosted by two men, who demanded her money. She made an outcry and a hand was placed over her mouth. By the vigorous use of her teeth and a hatpin, which she secured in the scuffle, she succeeded in causing them to release her, after one of them had cut off the greater part of her back hair with a knife. They then knocked her down and ran away, making good their escape before the police could be notified.

Expenses Were Light.

Secretary of State Marsh boasts of having captured a renomination in the recent state convention on the expenditure of only 62 cents. Land Commissioner Follmer conducted his campaign on an extravagant basis and yet his nomination came no easier than Mr. Marsh's. Altogether he disposed of \$4.16, part of which was for hotel accommodation and the remainder for postage. Auditor Weston and Superintendent Fowler say their nominations didn't cost them anything.

Defrauded School Districts.

A stranger giving the name of L. L. Winn disposed of school warrants amounting to about \$300 to the Norfolk National bank. The warrants were drawn on country districts surrounding Norfolk and in sums ranging from \$15 to \$45. The names of the proper officers were signed to the warrants, but a mistake in one of the signatures was discovered. The interested parties were called in and denied the signatures and Winn was sent behind the bars.

Death in Strange Manner.

The body of David Kennicutt, an old and respected farmer living about four miles southeast of Arlington, was found hanging by the neck. It is thought Kennicutt had a fainting spell and in falling his cravat caught in a hook on the granary door, as it was in that condition that the remains were found. As there is no cause why he should commit suicide, it is thought that it is a case of accidental hanging.

Depressing Effect on Fairfield.

The absorption of the Kansas City & Omaha railway by the B. & M. is highly distasteful to the people of Fairfield, owing to the fact that Fairfield will cease to be a division station and that some 30 or 40 railroad men and their families will be obliged to change their residence to some other point on the line.

Diver's Antic Results Seriously.

A man named Beno, who did the high diving act for the Kinnebrew show, which stranded at Beatrice, injured himself badly by driving an awl into his head. The awl was extracted with difficulty. It is thought the fellow is losing his mind, as the day previous he jumped, head foremost, into a box of broken glass.

More Trouble at Beatrice.

There is trouble brewing at the institute for the feeble minded at Beatrice. Superintendent Johnson has asked for Steward M. A. Metzger's resignation. It is a continuation of the trouble had between the superintendent and steward last year, when Gov. Savage visited the institution and read the law to both sides.

Woman Causes Double Tragedy.

A. D. Lange, a business man of Seward, shot and instantly killed John Hand, another merchant. Lange then walked to his home, a distance of a block, where he fired two bullets into his own body. The tragedy followed alleged persistent attentions on the part of Hand to Mrs. Lange.

After 30 Years of Waiting.

Last Saturday Niobrara witnessed the event for which it has been waiting for 30 years—the advent of a railroad. The first rails on the Elkhorn extension were laid in the city limits at that time. The event was the occasion of the most enthusiastic demonstration ever held in the town.

It Burned All Right.

Bernard Eddyvath, a seven-year-old boy at Fremont, dropped a lighted match into a can of powder and looked into it to see if it would burn. An explosion followed and the boy's face, neck and chest are badly burned and it is doubtful whether his eyesight will be saved.

Nebraska City's First Pipe Organ.

A new pipe organ purchased for the First Presbyterian church at Nebraska City by the young women of the congregation, was dedicated Sunday in the presence of a large audience. It is the first pipe organ in Nebraska City.

FUSION IS COMPLETE

Democrats and Populists Nominate State Ticket at Grand Island.

Thompson for Governor on Tenth Ballot—Gilbert, Powers, Broody Brennan, De France, Smith and Lyman Nominated.

Grand Island, Neb., June 25.—Fusion was accomplished by the democratic and populist state conventions when both bodies unanimously nominated W. H. Thompson, of Grand Island, a democrat, for governor.

The nomination of Thompson by the populists came on the tenth ballot, when he received two-thirds of the votes cast. Ex-Gov. Poynter moved to make the nomination unanimous and the motion prevailed. Thompson had already been nominated by the democrats and the action of the populist convention completed the nomination.

The ticket was completed by the following nominations: Lieutenant governor, E. A. Gilbert, populist, York; secretary of state, John H. Powers, populist, Hitchcock county; attorney general, J. H. Broody, democrat, Lincoln; commissioner public lands and buildings, James C. Brennan, democrat, Omaha; auditor of public accounts, Charles Q. DeFrance, populist, Lincoln; for superintendent of public instruction, Claude Smith, populist, Dawson county; treasurer, Dr. J. P. Lyman, populist, Hastings.

Wearily all-night sessions were held by populists and democrats and at seven o'clock in the morning both conventions adjourned for breakfast without having secured a nomination for governor. Each of the conventions had selected a nominee for governor during the night, the populists naming M. F. Harrington, of Holt county, and the democrats selecting C. J. Smyth, of Omaha. Both conventions began to ballot on these names and entered into a deadlock, which lasted until five o'clock in the morning. At that hour William J. Bryan was nominated by the populists by acclamation and the democratic convention notified. Mr. Smyth appeared before the convention and announced that fusion with himself as a nominee seemed impossible, and offered to withdraw. At the same time Mr. Harrington announced his withdrawal. Mr. Bryan thanked the convention for the honor, but said he could not accept the nomination for reasons already familiar to the public. He made a plea for harmony and for fusion. After discussing a mode of procedure a new ballot was ordered.

Five out of the six counties called cast their vote for Harrington, the populist choice, when that gentleman appeared to say that he had positively withdrawn and asked the convention to nominate W. H. Thompson. The suggestion was acted on with unanimous consent, and Thompson was borne to the platform on the shoulders of a number of delegates.

TRIBUTE TO THOMPSON.

Citizens of Grand Island, Irrespective of Party, Do Homage to the Fusion Nominee.

Grand Island, Neb., June 26.—This evening several thousand people, irrespective of party affiliations, marched to the home of H. H. Thompson, the fusion candidate for governor, to join in extending congratulations to Grand Island's esteemed citizen. O. A. Abbott, Sr., W. H. Platt and Charles G. Ryan extended the congratulations of the city to their honored fellow-citizen, and assured him that this confidence, respect and good will of his fellow-citizens would remain with him not only throughout the campaign, but throughout life. If successful in the contest he would ever, while the executive of the state, have the trust, confidence, love and esteem of his fellow citizens, his neighbors, his friends. If defeated the speakers hoped their love for him, their sympathy, would sweeten defeat.

Mr. Thompson was introduced and was heartily cheered. He responded most feelingly. The noblest reward of life was the esteem of those of one's home, his city, his county and his state. In the conflict that was not yet begun no word of disparagement against his opponent would ever come from his lips. That opponent was a man of high character and throughout the campaign, so far as he was concerned, he would treat his opponent as one gentleman should treat another. In the battle of life there should be but one aim in the heart—to leave the world some little better than one found it. To his young friends he would say, life was far too short for carrying grudges, far too short for harboring revengeful feelings. He most heartily thanked, for himself and on behalf of his family, this tribute of respect from his neighbors. He was, upon conclusion, given three cheers and the crowd passed in single file, shaking hands with the candidate and extending individual congratulations.

SECOND DEGREE MURDER.

The Jury Returns a Verdict Against Jessie Morrison—The Case May Be Again Appealed.

Eldorado, Kan., June 30.—When the 12 men who held in their hands the life of Jessie Morrison, on trial here for the third time for the murder of her rival, Mrs. Olin Castle, June 29, 1900, filed in the court room Saturday and took their places in the jury box all eyes were turned on the pale and trembling defendant. As the words, "murder in the second degree," were read, she fell into her father's arms in a swoon, throwing one arm around his neck and extending the other to her brother. She sobbed piteously.



MISS JESSIE MORRISON.

She was then taken in charge by the sheriff and placed in her old cell, a small room about 10x20 feet.

The penalty is from ten years to life imprisonment. Sentence will be pronounced this week, and the case may be appealed to the supreme court again. Eleven men stood for conviction and one for acquittal on the first ballot; on the second all stood for conviction, but one man held out for manslaughter until the seventh ballot, when the verdict was secured.

At the first trial the jury did not agree. At the second trial a verdict of second degree manslaughter was rendered and the defendant was sentenced to five years in the penitentiary.

CROPS BADLY DAMAGED.

St. Louis and Vicinity Vastly by Storm of Unusual Severity—World's Fair Buildings Injured.

St. Louis, June 30.—This city and vicinity yesterday was the center of a rainstorm of unprecedented severity that had prevailed almost incessantly since Saturday morning. At times the storm equalled a cloudburst in severity. The storm is the most widespread that has been experienced in this country for many years, according to weather bureau officials, extending from the Rocky mountains to the Alleghenies. Considerable damage, the total estimated at about \$250,000, resulted from the wind that accompanied the rain, which blew down trees, telephone, telegraph and trolley poles and interfered with communication of all sorts. From the country surrounding come reports of destruction to crops and the washing out of railroad tracks and bridges, causing considerable delay to trains. Five hundred feet of the north wall of the varied industries palace at the world's fair grounds fell last night as the result of the storm, the water undermining the foundations when the wind was at its height. In places the world's fair grounds are covered with water.

JESSE JAMES REBURIED.

Moldering Bones of the Ex-Bandit King Placed in the Baptist Cemetery at Kearney, Mo.

Kearney, Mo., June 30.—The moldering bones of Jesse James, Missouri's bandit king, were buried yesterday for the last time in the Baptist graveyard here. The body, which had rested since his tragic death at the hands of Bob Ford in St. Joseph in 1882, was disinterred yesterday morning at the old Samuels homestead, 3 1/2 miles northeast of this place, in the early forenoon, placed in a new black casket and in the afternoon was reburied by the side of his wife and little brother in the family lot in the cemetery on the edge of town.

A Child Crushed to Death.

Kansas City, Mo., June 30.—Birdie Barnett, three years old, daughter of W. D. Barnett, of Independence, Mo., was run over and killed on South avenue by a farmer's wagon in that city Saturday afternoon. The farmer drove away after the accident, leaving the child lying in the street. It is not known who he is, but an effort is being made to find out.

Destructive Tornado in Indiana.

Evansville, Ind., June 30.—Three persons were killed and eight injured in a tornado that passed over this county Saturday night. The deaths occurred at St. Wendel, about ten miles from this city. The path of the storm was about two miles wide. Many buildings were demolished.

CALLS HIM A THIEF.

Aguinaldo Was Out for Loot and for Gain, Says Dewey.

Independence Was Never in the Filipino Leader's Mind, According to the Admiral—Sensational Evidence Regarding the Surrender of Manila.

Washington, June 28.—Admiral Dewey continued his testimony before the senate committee on the Philippines Friday. Replying to questions put by Senator Patterson, he said that he had begun negotiations with the governor-general of the Philippines, Gen. Jaudens, for the surrender of the city and the negotiations were conducted through the Belgian consul, who after the death of the British consul had been very courteous in acting as a go-between. It was a diplomatic negotiation, no letters being written.

Asked by Mr. Patterson to explain his statement that Gen. Merritt had not accepted the report that the Spaniards had agreed to capitulate, Admiral Dewey said that was only his belief. "I don't believe," he said, "that the general entirely trusted the Spanish authorities. Still he did not say so in so many words. I may add that I have since learned that some of the Spanish officers were tempted to fire at us, but they did not do so. Even my own flag lieutenant did not accept their proffer as in the best faith. I knew, however, that they would surrender for I understood the straits they were in."

Mr. Patterson then read Mr. Wildman's letter of July 18, 1898, saying that Aguinaldo had conducted himself in a dignified manner, etc., and the admiral assented to the truth of this statement. Speaking of Aguinaldo's loyalty the admiral said he had become suspicious of the leader before the receipt of his proclamation of July 15. He said: "I began to suspect that he was not loyal to us when he demurred to moving out of Cavite when our troops arrived."

Admiral Dewey said he had forwarded the proclamations of Aguinaldo to Washington without reading them. "The days and nights were not long enough for my work at that time," said the admiral. "Since you have asked my opinion," said he, in answer to a question, "I will say I believe Aguinaldo was there for gain, for loot, for money, and that independence never entered his head."

Senator Carmack asked him why he furnished such a man arms and helped to organize his army, to which the admiral replied that "all was fair in war" and there were no American troops in the islands to oppose the Spaniards. Answering several questions the admiral said he thought he knew Aguinaldo better than Gen. Otis, Gen. Bell or any other officer, as he saw more of him. "He had not been in Manila 48 hours before I saw he was there for loot; he was then taking everything he could lay his hands on from everybody, and I expect he got the lion's share." Senator Carmack asked "you don't know of a single dishonest act on the part of Aguinaldo, yet you regard him as a thief?" Admiral Dewey said: "I think I shan't answer that question," and taking his hat and bowing, left the room.

OFF GO THEIR HEADS.

Leaders of the Chinese Who Destroyed British and American Missions Suffer the Customary Penalty.

Pekin, June 28.—The viceroy of the province of Szech-Chuan has notified the government that the American and British mission buildings at Tien Ku Chao have been destroyed by a mob and that a missionary has been murdered. His name and nationality were not reported. An imperial edict just issued deprives the local magistrate of Tien Ku Chao of his rank and orders the extermination of the rioters. Several of the leaders of the outbreak are reported to have been beheaded. Apparently this was an anti-idemity rising, like those which have occurred elsewhere in China.

TO SHORTEN MAIN LINE.

The Santa Fe "Cut-Off" in New Mexico Will Make It the Shortest Route to the Coast.

Topeka, Kan., June 28.—General Manager Mudge, of the Atchinson, Topeka & Santa Fe system, said that his company would at once build from Portales, on the Pecos Valley line in New Mexico, to Albuquerque. This will be known as the "cut-off" and will shorten the Santa Fe main line to the coast 200 miles and make their road at least 50 miles shorter than any other overland coast route.

Is It a Combine or a Fight?

Chicago, June 28.—Is there a project on for consolidation of the big packing concerns into one gigantic concern or is there a battle royal on between the Armour and Swifts for control of the provisions supplies of the world? These two questions suggest the two theories that have grown out of recent transactions in the packing business.