

NEBRASKA NEWS

H. T. CLARKE, JR., NOMINATED FOR COMMISSIONER.

RACE A VERY CLOSE ONE

Mr. Clarke's Opponent, Mr. Caldwell, Only 302 Votes Behind Him According to Latest Returns.

Returns from the ninety counties of the state have now been secured, and unless some glaring mistake has been made in the figures, H. T. Clarke leads Caldwell by 303 on the final count. The canvass by the state board is not likely to change these figures seriously. Much delay was experienced in secur-



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Who was successful in receiving the nomination for state railway commissioner at the primaries Sept. 3.

ing the final returns from the outlying counties and uncertainty as to the outcome existed until the last one had come and been counted. The totals were, for Clarke, 19,216; Caldwell, 18,907.

CHILDREN OFF THE STAGE.

Labor Commissioner Ryder Serves Notice on Theater Managers.

No more children will be permitted to perform on the stages in Nebraska. John T. Ryder, deputy commissioner of labor, who under the law is empowered to enforce the child labor law, notified managers of Lincoln theaters that hereafter any stunts with children in them would have to be cut from the bill. He is anxious that the managers of other theaters take notice, for he intends to enforce the law in the future. All this came about by reason of Mr. Ryder's visit to a Lincoln play house, where he witnessed a skit in which a little child, probably 4 years old was one of the hits.

FIRE AT GRAND ISLAND.

Spectacular and Threatening Blaze Burns an Old Church.

Grand Island had the most spectacular and threatening fire Friday it has suffered for years. An elevator owned by A. D. Sears, and the old Presbyterian church, formerly a school building, used as stores for hay, were burned, the elevator being completely, and the school and church, landmarks, partially destroyed. The flames had reached the cupola of the elevator before the department arrived and it was unable to save much of the building.

Insurance Orders Would Combine.

It is reported, though the report is not confirmed by Insurance Deputy Pierce, that the American Order of Protection, with headquarters at Lincoln, wants to combine with the Fraternal Life association of Hastings. Application has been filed with the state auditor for such a combination, as the law requires, and the insurance department is investigating the affairs of the two organizations before giving its consent to the merger.

Present Rouse With Token.

As a token of their friendship and appreciation of his services while principal of the Plattsmouth schools for five years, the teachers of the Plattsmouth schools presented Prof. E. L. Rouse a handsome signet ring, bearing his initials and grade rank, and a pair of fine gold cuff buttons. Prof. E. L. Rouse and family departed for Peru, where he has accepted a chair in the State Normal school.

Brakeman Hurt at Friend.

While attempting to board a passing car, W. A. Shannon, a Burlington brakeman employed in switching in the yards, at Friend, fell under the car and had one leg severed at the knee and about half the foot on the other limb. Local physicians dressed the wounds. Shannon is a single man whose home is in Oklahoma.

GIRL TOO MUCH FOR ROBBER.

Fremont Young Woman Put Would Be Thief to Flight.

Miss Maud Johnson, a young woman employed as a domestic at the home of Mr. G. H. Hodges, Fremont, proved too much for a would-be burglar, and saved the family silverware by putting up a bluff with a butcher knife which put the thief to flight in short order.

Miss Johnson was alone in the house at the time she discovered the robber, but this fact was of no advantage to the latter. The thief, a young man, obtained entrance to the house by representing himself as an employe of the gas company who had come to read the gas meter. Miss Johnson showed him the way to the cellar, and went about her duties, supposing he was what he represented himself to be. A few moments later, however, she came on him in the dining room, with several pieces of silver in his hands. She at once grabbed a big butcher knife from the table, ordered the fellow to drop the silver, and then drove him out of the house.

After the departure of the visitor Miss Johnson turned the butcher knife on the potatoes for dinner, doing great execution.

ANDERSON TO FILL VACANCY.

Crete Man Named to Take Place on Board of Regents.

Charles B. Anderson of Crete has been appointed by Governor Sheldon to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of University Regent E. C. Calkins of Kearney. Mr. Calkins took a place on the supreme court commission some time ago. Mr. Anderson was nominated for regent by the republicans of the state at the primary held on September 3. The appointment will hold until the election in November. Inasmuch as Anderson is a candidate for the term beginning the first of January, there will be a period of two months intervening between the expiration of his appointive tenure and the time for him to begin serving regularly.

Is Nearly Electrocuted.

George Joiner, an employe of the Morton printing company, Nebraska City, came near being electrocuted. He found a loose telephone wire laying in the alley back of the office and picked it up and it was alive being crossed with one of the high voltage wires from the electric light station. He fell screaming to the earth and none dared approach him because a light rain was falling and sparks flew in every direction. People stood around and saw the flesh burning from his hands. He would have been killed but for the fact that Manager Eagan, of the electric lighting plant heard the screams and telephoned the power house and the current was cut off. The young man was unconscious and it was some time before he was restored. His hands were so badly burned that he will not be able to work for some time.

Game Warden Wins Trophy.

Chief Game Warden George L. Carter now has in his office the Thorpe trophy for marksmanship at trap shooting. The trophy is an immense silver smoking set, the principal design being a horseshoe, all in solid silver. The prize was won last time from W. D. Townsend at Omaha, Carter scoring \$1 to his opponent's \$9. Mr. Carter has been challenged by Dr. M. A. Housen of Arapahoe and the match will take place in Lincoln, September 23. At the end of two years the trophy will be shot for by all who have won it during that time and it will then become the permanent property of the winner in the final contest.

Block Stock Yards Project.

The Union Pacific Railroad company has removed to the federal court the injunction case which John Frazier brought against the company and in which he secured a temporary restraining order prohibiting the further construction of the extensive stock yards at North Platte, because, as he alleged in his petition, the refuse of the stock yards would be emptied into a stream which fed a lake from which he secured his supply of ice.

Leg Caught in Wheel.

Albert McVey, a young farmer residing with his parents on a farm five miles west of Nebraska City, attempted to stop a horse which was attached to a buggy and in some way got his left leg caught in the wheel of the buggy, was dragged some distance and was whirled about like a top. The bones in the leg were broken in a number of places and protruded through the flesh. The foot was almost torn from the limb.

Man Killed at Alliance.

At Alliance George H. Nabb, employed by the Forest Lumber company on one of its drays was instantly killed the other day. He had delivered a coal order and was off the wagon when his team started to run. He tried to catch the horse by the bit but missed his hold and fell under the wagon. One of the wheels passed over and crushed his head. Death was instantaneous.

COAST CLEAR?



NEW COMMANDER OF G. A. R.

Charles G. Burton, of Kansas City, the New Officer.

Internal Revenue Collector for Western District of Missouri—Sketch of His Life.

Saratoga, New York.—Charles G. Burton, formerly of Nevada, Mo., now of Kansas City, a former member of congress, Thursday was elected commander-in-chief of the Grand Army of the Republic which is holding its forty-first annual encampment here. The new commander-in-chief was opposed by three candidates—Gen. John T. Wilder of Knoxville, Tenn., Chas. Burrows of Rutherford, N. J., and Patrick J. Coney of Topeka, Kan. His plurality was more than 300.

Judge Burton is internal revenue collector for the Western district of Missouri, having been appointed by President Roosevelt. His headquarters are in Kansas City.

He was a candidate for national commander of the G. A. R. at the Minneapolis encampment last year, and was at that time one of the four leaders in the race. He has been commander of the Missouri department of the G. A. R., his election to that post having taken place in Joplin in 1893. He is one of the youngest men enlisted in the civil war. Judge Burton was born in Cleveland, O., April 4, 1846. In childhood his parents moved to Trumbull county, O., where he received his early education. In 1861 when he was 15 years old, he enlisted in the Nineteenth Ohio infantry. He was in the battle of Shiloh and skirmishes around Corinth, Miss. After 14 months' service he was discharged for disability. Later, however, he re-enlisted for the "100-day campaign" in 1864.

After the war he finished his schooling in Ohio, studied law, and was admitted to the bar in 1867 in Warren, O. The following year he moved to Virgil City, Mo., and formed a law partnership with the late E. E. Kimball. In a few years he moved to Nevada, Mo., where he lived until he moved to Kansas City. He was elected circuit attorney in 1872, and in 1879 was given the republican caucus nomination for United States senator. The next year he was elected circuit judge of the Twenty-fifth judicial district, and he served in that office six years. He was a delegate to the republican national convention in Chicago in 1884. In 1894 he was elected representative of the Fifteenth Missouri district.

Killed by a Trap Gun.

Topeka, Kan.—Marshall Tuttle, aged 9 years, was killed Saturday night at Sibley, a small station south of here in a pitiful manner. G. Karnes, a merchant, had set a revolver fastened by wire to the door of a henhouse to catch a thief and the boy did not know the trap had been loaded and opened the door.

Neidringhaus Has Resigned.

St. Louis.—Chairman Thomas K. Neidringhaus, of the republican state committee, resigned Thursday at a meeting of the committee and Walter S. Dickey, of Kansas City, was selected as his successor. Mr. Neidringhaus gave pressure of business as his reason for resigning. Secretary McCoy also resigned.

Moors Reopen Negotiations.

Paris.—Admiral Philbert cables that the Chaoulas and some of the other warring tribesmen in the vicinity of Casa Blanca have reopened negotiations for peace.

MARCHED IN A STORM.

Ten Thousand G. A. R. Veterans Braved the Elements to Follow the Flag Once More.

Saratoga, N. Y.—The Grand army of the Republic held its parade Wednesday; it's forty-first, in memory of the days of war. Ten thousand veterans, the remnant of the once victorious army whose scores of thousands passed in review at the national capital when the war was over, braved a driving storm to march again beneath their battle flags. Unmindful of the stress of storm, as in the days of "sixty-one, those that were left passed in review, over a measured mile through village streets, a distance suited to their gathering years. For an hour and more the veterans walked between lines of cheering people, keeping step to the music, which again and again right cheerily played "How Dry I Am" and "Wait till the Sun Shines, Nellie."

Governor Charles E. Hughes, his military staff, the National officers of the Grand Army and distinguished visitors stood on the reviewing stand a little while, sheltered from the driving storm only by a flimsy covering of cloth through which the rain swept almost unchecked. It was not a cheerful day, nor a good one for men burdened with the weight of years. "I have never seen anything so inspiring or so pathetic," said Governor Hughes, when the last flagging, dripping veteran had passed the stand. "When the serious consequences of the march through the rain to many of the veterans are considered, it is a revelation of the courage and determination of the American people seldom seen. It should serve as an inspiration and an encouragement to us all. It was splendid, magnificent."

The Kansas Is Not Swift.

Washington.—The battleship Kansas, sistership to the Vermont, has just completed her speed trials and while her record is slightly below the 18-knot speed which the ship was required to make in her acceptance trial, several months ago, it is said that the navy department that her record is entirely satisfactory. Captain Southerland, president of the trial board on board of the ship reported to the navy department Thursday by wireless via Provincetown, Mass., as follows: "Kansas finished successful steaming and gun trials. The average speed for four hours with full power was 17.81 knots and for 24 hours endurance trial 17.99 knots."

A Race War on Shipboard.

San Francisco.—One hundred and fifty Japanese and Chinese cannery hands engaged in a desperate battle with knives on the high seas during the voyage of the bark Electra to this port from Nushagak, Alaska, and the encounter terminated only after more than a dozen of the contestants had been wounded and as many more placed in irons in the vessel's brig.

Earthquake in Aleutian Islands.

New York.—The earthquake reported to have occurred in the Aleutian islands on September 1 and 2, news of which has reached Seattle through an officer of the revenue cutter Rush, is believed to be the "lost earthquake" recorded early in the month on the seismograph at Washington, in England and at Ottawa.

Spanish War Veterans Adjourn.

Sandusky, O.—The fourth annual encampment of the United Spanish war veterans of America adjourned at Cedar point Wednesday afternoon. Boston won out for next year's encampment over Asbury Park, Denver and Cedar Point.

RESIST A TWO-CENT RATE

Railroads Decide to Defy the Kansas Commissioners.

Gov. Hoch Declares He Will Go Limit of Executive Power to Compel Obedience.

Chicago.—At a conference held in Chicago Tuesday the Kansas railroads decided to ignore the railroad commission of that state and refuse to obey its order requiring a two-cent passenger rate. The roads were represented by their general counsel and their executive officers in charge of traffic. The refusal was based upon the alleged unfairness of the situation brought about by the action of the commission which requires two-cent fares beginning October 5. The railroads insist that the action of the commission is a political move in the interest of the commission and not of the people. They declared that they had appealed to the sense of justice of the commission without avail and that if a two-cent rate is to come in Kansas it must come by compulsion of law.

Topeka, Kan.—Gov. Hoch stated Tuesday night, on being informed of the action of the railroads in Chicago in deciding to ignore the Kansas two-cent fare order, that he would go to the limit of his executive power to enforce the order. He would not say flatly whether or not he would call a special session of the legislature.

Problem for Gov. Hoch.

Topeka, Kan.—Pressure is being brought to bear on Gov. Hoch to prevent him from calling a special session of the legislature to act on the two-cent fare question. Attorney General F. S. Jackson thinks he can secure the two-cent fare without a special session. He suggests that a case before the railroad commissioners be brought on the plea of the "reasonableness" of the rate. If the railroads refuse, the case would be carried to the supreme court. This course would necessitate another hearing before the railroad commissioners. Gov. Hoch, it is understood from his close friends, wants to call a special session and thinks it the best way to settle the question.

Requires a Big Bond.

Chicago.—Appeal bonds aggregating between \$5,000,000 and \$7,500,000 must be furnished by the Standard Oil company of Indiana before the supersedeas asked for will be issued by the United States circuit court of appeals. Without the supersedeas the government will be at liberty to levy on the property for execution under the judgment of \$29,240,000 returned against this company in Judge K. M. Landis' court for rebating.

Railroad Shows Good Earnings.

Chicago.—The annual report of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul railroad, which was issued Wednesday, shows gross earnings of \$60,548,600; operating expenses and taxes, \$41,686,500, leaving net earnings of \$18,862,100. After the payment of interest on bonds the revenue for the year showed a net balance of \$12,919,900. During the year 7 per cent dividends were paid on both the common and preferred stock.

Wellman's Dismal Fiasco.

Trondhjem, Norway.—Walter Wellman arrived at Tromsøe Thursday night on board the Frithjof from Spitzbergen on his way home. Mr. Wellman announced that he had definitely abandoned for this year after a disastrous trial of his airship, the proposed attempt to reach the North pole.

Children Barred from Stage.

Lincoln, Neb.—Labor Commissioner Ryder has sent notices to Nebraska theatrical houses, warning them not to permit children under 16 years to appear on the stage. The rule also applies to all opera or theatrical companies giving performances in the state.

Dr. Blue Will Assume Charge.

San Francisco.—Dr. Rupert Blue, of the United States marine hospital service, arrived here Thursday from Washington to assume charge of the campaign against contagious disease in this city. He will act in conjunction with the local board of health.

New York Bonds Sold Well.

New York.—New York City bond issue of \$40,000,000, bids for which were opened Tuesday, was heavily oversubscribed at premiums ranging up 103. J. P. Morgan & Co., the National City bank and Kuhn, Loeb & Co., bid for large blocks.

Hawaii Has Bonds for Sale.

San Francisco.—A. J. Campbell, treasurer of the territory of Hawaii, arrived here Thursday on his way east to float an issue of \$398,500 of territorial bonds recently authorized by the legislature for the purpose of constructing public works.