

OPENS THE CAMPAIGN.

VICE PRESIDENTIAL NOMINEE WATSON SPEAKS.

He Declares that the Populists are Going to Vote for Bryan Whether Sewall Is Withdrawn or Not—He's Going to Manage His Own Campaign in a Way that is Going to Insure the Populist Vote for Mr. Bryan.

Tom Watson Speaks.

ATLANTA, Ga., Aug. 8.—Thomas E. Watson opened his vice presidential campaign last night with an address two hours in length, delivered before an audience of 3,000 people in the rough shed used for the Moody revival meetings several months ago. Mr. Watson appealed at the outset for a non-partisan hearing, declaring that he spoke with bitterness to none and in behalf of the men who held the plow, who used the hoe, who wielded the hammer. If God gave him strength, he declared, he would plead the cause of these people through pens of reporters present before 65,000,000 people in the morning. He entered into an enumeration of the reform demands of the Populists, indicting the government for high crimes and misdemeanors in the granting of the governmental power of making money to a select class; in the unfair levying of taxes which laid the heavy hand of tribute upon those least able to sustain it; in closing the mints to the free and unlimited coinage of silver; in leaving the great public highways of the country in the control of grasping corporations, who levied tribute upon the people who were compelled to use them, and in the corruption of the ballot.

Mr. Watson explained at length his course in leaving the Democratic party after having been elected to Congress as a Democrat and by the machinery of the Democratic party. He said that his opponent had run as a straight platform Democrat, while he had made his race on the Alliance platform and was pledged to stand by that platform though the heavens fall. Furthermore, the national Alliance convention had instructed those Congressmen elected on the Alliance platform not to go into the caucuses of either of the two great parties. Not only had he felt bound to stand by principles rather than party, but he had seen that he saw now that the only chance for Jeffersonian Democracy was to unite the farmers of the South with the farmers of the West. To do that required a new party. The Southern Democrat could not be induced to go into the Republican party, nor could the Western Republican be induced to enter the Democratic party. A common rallying point was absolutely necessary. When Congress met in 1892 eleven Western Congressmen stepped out of the Republican party.

"Of the thirty Southern Congressmen elected on the Alliance platform, how many stepped out of the Democratic party?" exclaimed Mr. Watson. "Only one, and thank God I can say it, I was that one."

He explained further that he had allowed himself to be run for speaker simply to emphasize the South's desire to meet the West half way in the common battle against the East. In conclusion Mr. Watson made this significant statement: "We are not going to put up any candidate against Bryan. We are going to vote for Bryan, whether Sewall is withdrawn or not. I'm going to manage this campaign so that W. J. Bryan gets every vote we've got. I see the great evils of McKinleyism threatening us and I fear that if we are defeated in this fight McKinleyism will be entrenched forever and the battle for freedom had just as well be given up. I shall tell my people to stand by the contract made at St. Louis. Let Bryan have every vote you can muster. Let Jones say what he likes. Let him insult you if he will. Make no answer. Pray for your country. Work for her interests. Do your duty. Here's what we're going to do in our state convention: We're going to put up a full electoral ticket for Bryan and Watson. We can't vote for Sewall. Then we'll empower our committee to take off a part of our electors and put on a part of yours whenever the Democratic committee retires Mr. Sewall. The Democratic managers may have made up their minds to put Tom Watson down and keep him down, but I thank God the people of the South have entered him into no such contract. Let it be known, henceforth that the South and West will never again sit at the footstool of the North."

FUSION DEAL CLOSED.

Democrats Indorse the Populist Nominations as Past as Made.

HUTCHINSON, Kan., Aug. 7.—The Democrats of Kansas, in State convention here, adopted the report of the conference committee which was sent to abilene to meet with the Populists, and every Populist nomination was indorsed as fast as made.

RUSSSELL SAGE AN OCTOGONARIAN.

NEW YORK, Aug. 8.—Wednesday was Russell Sage's 80th birthday anniversary. He was besieged by congratulatory friends an hour before the stock market opened. He has thrown away his glasses, bears him self erectly and looks as vigorous as most men of 50. He attributes his health to methodical habits and early rising. He has not had a vacation the last decade because, so he says, he has been too busy.

FIRE AT SWIFT'S KANSAS CITY PACKING HOUSE—LOSS \$30,000.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Aug. 8.—A fire at the Swift packing plant in Armourdale last night burned out one of the smoke houses. The total loss was about \$30,000, fully covered by insurance. Joseph Hlobawetz, the night watchman at the smoke house, was burned to death and buried in the ruins, and eight other men were seriously injured. The eight men had narrow escapes from death and it was only because there was scarcely a breath of wind blowing that the fire did not spread to other buildings of the plant.

GOLD DEMOCRATS MEET.

A National Convention Sure and a Third Ticket Likely.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Aug. 8.—The provisional national committee of the gold standard Democrats who positively refuse to accept the Chicago platform and ticket, began its initial meeting here this afternoon, first considering the question of calling another national Democratic convention.

That a convention will be called there is almost no reason to doubt, but whether another ticket will be called for is still an open question, for several of those present are strongly in favor of ex-Congressman Bourke Cockran's plan of adopting an old line Democratic platform and indirectly indorsing McKinley by not naming another ticket. The members of the executive committee, General Bragg of Wisconsin, ex-Minister Broadhead of St. Louis, Editor Haldean of Kentucky, Mr. Robbins of Illinois and ex-Congressman Bynum of Indiana, are all opposed to anything but the most decisive action, though it will present letters from several men of national note in the East and South in favor of only a national sound money platform.

While over two-thirds of the States have representatives here as members of the provisional national committee, there are more advisory visitors than committeemen, for the occasion is more in the nature of a general conference of the gold standard Democrats than that of a committee meeting.

The executive committee has received the following credentials: Alabama, J. M. Falkner of Montgomery; California, E. B. Pond of San Francisco; Connecticut, David Wells of Norwich; Florida, J. L. Gaskins of Jacksonville; Illinois, John M. Palmer of Springfield; Indiana, John E. Wilson of Indianapolis; Iowa, L. M. Martin of Marshalltown; Kansas, Eugene Hagan of Topeka; Kentucky, R. T. Tyler of Hickman; Massachusetts, Nathan Matthews, jr., of Boston; Michigan, Thomas A. Wilson of Jackson; Minnesota, F. W. McCutcheon.

KANSAS POPULISTS.

A Straight Ticket Nominated After an All Night Session.

ABILENE, Kan., Aug. 8.—Yesterday afternoon the Populists in state convention, after a bitter attack had been made on Cliggitt, the Democratic nominee for presidential elector in the first district, because of charges that he had carried a gun against the striking miners of Cherokee county in 1893, adopted the fusion agreement offered by the Democrats with the understanding that if the Cliggitt charge should be proved true his name would be dropped.

Following is the ticket complete:

- For Governor—John W. Leedy of Coffey county.
- For Chief Justice—Frank Doster of Marion county.
- For Congressman-at-Large—Rev. Jerry Boklin of Wilson county.
- For Lieutenant Governor—A. M. Harvey of Shawnee county.
- For Attorney General—L. C. Boyle of Bourbon county.
- For Secretary of State—William E. Bosh of Jewell county.
- For State Treasurer—D. H. Heffebower of Miami county.
- For State Auditor—W. H. Morris of Crawford county.
- For Superintendent of Public Instruction—W. D. Stryker of Barton county.

WISCONSIN REPUBLICANS.

A Candidate for Governor Named on the Sixth Ballot—Thurston's Prediction.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Aug. 8.—The Republican State convention nominated Major Edward Schofield, of Oconto, for Governor on the sixth ballot. The result is a victory for the Philistine lawyer faction of the party and a corresponding defeat for ex-Governor Heard and his followers.

NO ADVICE BY CLEVELAND.

The President Denies Having Expressed Any Gold Ticket Opinion.

NEW YORK, Aug. 8.—In answer to an inquiry as to the truth of a report published in this city yesterday that President Cleveland had made known his disapproval of the proposed gold standard ticket project, the President telegraphs as follows to the Evening Post:

DISCOURAGED AND COMMITTED SUICIDE.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Aug. 8.—Discouraged because of his poverty, unable to secure employment and physically almost a wreck, T. P. Witten, formerly a clerk in the city treasurer's office, committed suicide at the boarding house kept by Mrs. Nichols at 331 Cherry street this afternoon.

106 AT LITTLE ROCK.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Aug. 8.—The heat hereabouts was almost unbearable to-day, the thermometer reaching 106 degrees, the highest recorded since 1872.

MANY MILLIONS LOST.

STOCK EXCHANGE CLOSED TO PREVENT A PANIC.

The Bursting of the Big Bubbles—Notion Drops Out of the Diamond Match and New York Biscuit Speculations—Biggest Deal of the Kind in History—The Losses Great—Moore Brothers the Principal Victims.

A Stupendous Collapse.

CHICAGO, Aug. 5.—The speculative deal in Diamond Match and New York Biscuit stock has come to an end. The Moore Bros. have failed. The greatest speculation ever known in Chicago has culminated in the failure of the people who were behind the deal. The Chicago stock exchange adjourned at 10 o'clock this morning for an indefinite period. This action was decided upon at a meeting held last evening at which were present the members of the stock exchange, governing committee and a number of prominent capitalists.

The speculative deal of which the failure is the culmination is by all odds the most important in the history of Chicago stock exchange affairs. It began early in this year. The stock of the Diamond Match Company had been selling along 130 for quite a time and there had been no special activity in the market. Just prior to the Venezuela incident, the tip had got out in inside circles that there were to be some important European developments in connection with Diamond Match affairs and the buying of the stocks commenced by strong people. The Venezuelan panic interfered with the speculation and the stock dropped during the general decline at that time to 115. From there the rise started which the most remarkable in the history of the exchange.

A strong group of speculators, headed by John H. Moore and William H. Moore, began buying the stock. It moved up with scarcely a halt. The bears occasionally endeavored to interfere with the rise, but they each time found that there was both speculative genius and financial strength behind the market, which was unlike anything in local speculative affairs. The rise went on for a considerable time before the general public had any intimation of what was really behind the advance.

When the decline in stock markets generally came, following the Democratic convention, the stock was selling at 224. The values of other securities tumbled day after day, but Match was held steadily without so much as a fractional decline. The Moores bought the stock with confidence that inspired confidence in others. The people who had the best information about the company's prospects seemed to feel absolutely certain of the value of the security, and prices were held through all the sharp fluctuations in other stocks—fluctuations which carried West Chicago to the lowest point in its history, and marked startling declines in all other securities.

Yesterday the stock was held with hardly a waver at 222, but there was an outpouring of long stock which led the keen observer of the market to fear that the load might become too heavy, and the events later in the afternoon proved that those fears were correct.

The deal in Diamond Match was only part of this great speculative operation. The Moore Bros. had organized the New York Biscuit company several years ago after the first great success of the Diamond Match company. The panic of 1893 had hit the biscuit company severely as it did all the other industries and the stock was far below par. The success which was met with in a speculative manipulation of Diamond Match led to a desire to see what could be done with New York Biscuit and that stock was taken several months ago and advanced from 70 to 108.

From that it dropped back to 92, and for weeks was held close about that figure, in spite of the sharp declines in other securities. Enormous quantities of this stock were also poured upon the market, but they were taken with the same steadiness which marked the action of Diamond Match. The accumulations, however, represented a great sum in time, and the operations in the stock will add largely to the total of the amount involved.

It is not at the present time possible to make any estimate of what the figure is. The Moore's have unquestionably purchased an enormous line of New York Biscuit and Diamond Match. The high price at which Match has been selling makes the sum involved extremely large. The capital stock of the Diamond Match Company is \$11,000,000, and of New York Biscuit \$9,000,000.

FINE TROTTERS MAIMED.

Horses Worth \$60,000 Injured in a Wreck—Four Attendants Hurt.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Aug. 5.—A wreck this morning at North Indianapolis on the Big Four road caused a car containing trotting horses belonging to J. E. Bush of Louisville to upset and every horse was so much injured that it is thought none will ever race again. The value of the animals is said to have been \$60,000. David Barnum, in charge, Dennis Porter of Louisville, George Fagan of Lexington and Charles Brock of Kentucky were injured, none fatally.

The wreck was caused by a hot journal. The horses were on their way from Freeport, Ill., to Louisville. Their names were May Queen, 3 years old, no record; Hal Corker, 2; 1; Sally Bronson, 2; 1; 3; King Henry, a green colt of great promise; Minnie Defoe, 2; 1; Buster, 2; 1; 2.

SILVER LESSONS.

Armour Gives Meat and a Mexican Dollar for an American Dollar.

CHICAGO, Aug. 5.—Phillip P. Armour, the packer, has had printed notices distributed among his 5,000 employees announcing that for an American silver dollar he will give them 50 cents worth of meat and a Mexican silver dollar in change. He also has prepared a circular showing the rates of wages and prices of goods for the working classes in Mexico as compared to what is received in this country.

SWEPT BY DEMOCRATS.

The Size of the Majority in Alabama the Only Question—Frauds Charged.

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Aug. 5.—The size of the Democratic majority seems to be all that remains in doubt with regard to the result of yesterday's state election, though Populist leaders are claiming frauds of the grossest kind. Because of the slow process of counting the votes under the new ballot law, returns are necessarily slow, but there is no doubt of a complete Democratic victory. Incomplete returns from about half the counties so far received indicate Democratic gains in all but Mobile and Macon. In the former the Democrats appear to have lost some 500 votes by stay-at-homes, but the county is still in the Democratic column by 500 majority. In Macon county, which gave Oates a majority of 800 in 1894, the result is doubtful.

To-day the lowest Democratic estimate places the majority at 25,000, and the highest at 60,000. The legislature is safely Democratic by at least two-thirds.

RECORD BREAKING HEAT.

The Southwest Warmer for Ten Days Than Has Ever Been Known.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 5.—The weather bureau issued the following special bulletin to-day: "Intensely hot and unusually dry weather has prevailed throughout a portion of the Southwest, including Western Tennessee, Northern Louisiana, Northern Texas, Arkansas, Oklahoma and the Indian Territory, during the past ten or twelve days, the temperature reported being, in many instances, higher than any previously recorded by the weather bureau during this season of the year. Maximum temperature of 100 degrees and over have occurred daily in Arkansas and Oklahoma during the period mentioned and throughout most of the region the temperatures have ranged continuously above 95 degrees. At Little Rock and the city of Oklahoma maximum temperature of 104 degrees occurred on August 1, which were, respectively 6 and 7 degrees higher than the previous record at these stations during the first ten days of August. During the past twelve days the maximum temperature at Little Rock has been 100 degrees on seven days, 102 degrees on seven days, 103 degrees on four days and 104 degrees on one day."

MILLIONS LOST.

Moore Bros' Liabilities Placed at Between \$4,000,000 and \$5,500,000.

CHICAGO, Aug. 5.—It is estimated by those in a position to know that the Moore Bros. have lost between \$1,000,000 and \$5,500,000 in the Diamond Match deal. Some say it has wiped out every cent of their immense fortunes. This morning the following was posted on the front door of the Stock exchange: "The Chicago Stock exchange has adjourned subject to the action of the governing committee.—J. E. Wilkins, Secretary."

STONE TO NOTIFY BRYAN.

Missouri's Governor Will Tell the Candidate of His Nomination.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Aug. 5.—Senator Stephen White of California yesterday telegraphed Governor Stone that he would not be able to be in New York city upon August 11 to notify Mr. Bryan of his nomination according to the plans of the Democratic national committee, and asking him if he would not act in his stead. Governor Stone at once answered that he would. The notification will take place at Madison Square garden on the evening of August 11, and it will mark the formal opening of the campaign. Governor Stone will leave Jefferson City as soon as the nomination for governor is made, and it is probable that as soon as Mr. Bryan hears of the change of program he will invite Governor Stone to accompany Mr. Brand and himself on their trip to New York.

BISHOP NEWMAN CHALLENGED.

BOSTON, Aug. 5.—George F. Washburn of this city, eastern member of the national executive committee of the People's party, has issued a challenge to Bishop John P. Newman of San Francisco to name a single Populist who is known as an anarchist. The challenge is in reply to a newspaper report which stated that Bishop Newman had made a statement that the Populists were no better than anarchists and were not good American citizens.

PASSENGER TRAINS COME TOGETHER NEAR BOSWORTH, MO.—ONE KILLED.

CARROLLTON, Mo., Aug. 5.—A head-on collision of passenger trains on the Santa Fe took place two miles east of Bosworth, a station fifteen miles east of here at 11 o'clock yesterday morning, resulting in the death of Engineer Fred Heady of Fort Madison, and the serious injury of Chicago, and the painful maiming of eight others. The company lost property in the wreck worth thousands of dollars.

ALABAMA'S ELECTION.

POPULISTS NOT PLEASED WITH RESULTS.

The Outcome May Prevent Fusion on Bryan—The Secretary of the State Committee Makes Wholesale Charges of Fraud, and Declares that Goodwyn was Fairly Elected Governor By From 16,000 to 18,000 Majority.

Populists Not Pleased.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Aug. 6.—The following significant signed statement was made public this morning by Secretary Frank Baltzell of the Populist campaign committee:

"The election last Monday was characterized by frauds more widespread than any previous elections and in the 'black belt' in defiance of the law and contempt of the opposition, which the law required to be recognized by from three to ten representatives at every poll. In Montgomery, at the court house poll, an illiterate suspected that his ticket was wrongly marked and showed it to a friend to decide, and the fact was developed that a Goodwyn ticket had been marked for Johnson. The illiterate was arrested and jailed for showing his ticket and the marker who was guilty of the crime was not interrupted. In the 'black belt' counties the reports state that Dallas or some other 'black belt' county will send up the usual majority, which means that whatever majority may be needed from those counties will be sent up next Saturday when the vote shall be canvassed."

"The Populists are very much exasperated on account of wrongs practiced upon them and will not support the Bryan Democratic electors. They will put out an electoral ticket for Bryan and Watson. The Democrats can take down their ticket, vote that ticket or see 100,000 votes practically lost. If this shall not be done, the Populists will refuse to vote and let the silver Democrats work out their destiny and repent of their meanness. Self-respect, manhood and civil liberty are dearer to some people than free silver or any other political issue. The Hon. A. T. Goodwyn made a brilliant and effective campaign, visiting nearly every county and speaking to the largest audiences ever accorded a speaker in this state. He has been elected by from 16,000 to 18,000 majority in the white counties and received about 40,000 votes in the 'black belt,' but these 40,000 votes are counted for Johnston, giving him a majority of about 25,000."

FUSION IN KANSAS.

The Plan Agreed Upon By Populists and Democrats.

ABILENE, Kan., Aug. 7.—The Populist state convention has nominated State Senator J. W. Leedy for governor and Frank Doster for chief justice of the state supreme court, and has adopted the fusion proposition presented by the representatives of the Democratic State convention, in session at Hutchinson, with the agreement that Cliggitt's name shall be dropped as first district elector if it proved that he shouldered a musket against the miners in 1893.

The agreement means that the Populists will vote for the Democratic electors and the Democrats will, in turn, support the whole Populist State ticket, which will not have a Democrat on it.

A sop was thrown to the middle-of-the-road Populist element in the shape of a proposition that if Watson should have more votes in the electoral college than Sewall the Kansas electors should vote for him for Vice President.

WILL SEWALL WITHDRAW?

Story That Both He and Watson Are to Give Way.

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LIVE STOCK AND PRODUCE MARKETS.

Quotations From New York, Chicago, St. Louis, Omaha and Elsewhere.

OMAHA.	
Butter—Creamery separator.	15 @ 18
Butter—Fresh to good country.	11 @ 14
Eggs—Fresh.	8 @ 8 1/2
Poultry—Live heavy.	10 @ 11
Spring Chickens.	10 @ 11
Lemons—Choice Messinas.	4 @ 5
Apples—Fancy White.	12 @ 14
Potatoes—New.	2 @ 3
Oranges—Per box.	4 1/2 @ 5
Hay—Upland, per ton.	4 50 @ 5 00
Potatoes—New.	2 00 @ 2 50
Apples—Per bushel.	2 00 @ 2 50
SOUTH OMAHA STOCK MARKET.	
Hogs—Light Mixed.	2 85 @ 2 90
Hogs—Heavy Weights.	2 70 @ 2 80
Cows—Steers.	2 80 @ 2 90
Bulls.	2 80 @ 2 90
Milkers and springers.	2 75 @ 2 85
Stags.	2 60 @ 2 75
Calves.	2 75 @ 3 00
Cows.	2 50 @ 2 60
Heifers.	2 15 @ 2 20
Stockers and Feeders.	2 20 @ 2 35
Western.	2 25 @ 2 45
Sheep—Native Weilers.	2 00 @ 2 25
Sheep—Mixed Native.	2 75 @ 2 85
CHICAGO.	
Wheat—No. 2, Spring.	58 @ 58 1/2
Corn—Per bushel.	21 @ 21 1/2
Oats—Per bushel.	18 1/2 @ 19
Pork.	7 00 @ 7 20
Lard.	2 80 @ 2 85
Cattle—Native Steers.	3 25 @ 3 35
Choice Calves.	3 25 @ 3 40
Hogs—Averages.	2 10 @ 2 30
Sheep—Lamb.	3 00 @ 3 50
Western Sheep—Averages.	2 50 @ 3 00
NEW YORK.	
Wheat—No. 2, red winter.	61 @ 61 1/2
Corn—No. 2.	31 @ 31 1/4
Oats—No. 2.	23 1/2 @ 24
Pork.	8 50 @ 9 25
Lard.	4 10 @ 4 50
ST. LOUIS.	
Wheat—No. 2, red, cash.	59 1/2 @ 60
Corn—Per bushel.	21 @ 21 1/4
Oats—Per bushel.	18 @ 19
Hogs—Mixed packing.	2 90 @ 3 20
Cattle—Native Shipping Steers.	3 50 @ 4 00
KANSAS CITY.	
Wheat—No. 2 hard.	50 @ 51 1/4
Corn—No. 2.	21 @ 21 1/4
Oats—No. 2.	18 @ 19 1/4
Cattle—Stockers and feeders.	2 10 @ 2 30
Hogs—Mixed.	2 80 @ 3 10
Sheep—Lamb.	3 50 @ 4 00
Sheep—Muttons.	2 25 @ 2 45

to nominate L. D. Lewelling, he received the greatest reception accorded any speaker, and when he mentioned the name of his candidate, the friends of the ex-governor tried their best to raise the roof.

The second speech for Governor Lewelling was made by S. W. Case of Franklin county.

The Balloting Began.

A motion to permit each candidate to address the convention for five minutes was voted down and the roll was called for the first ballot, which resulted as follows: Harris, 209 1/2; Lewelling, 15 3/4; King, 12; Leedy, 60; Munger, 27; Campbell, 13.

Before the second ballot could be called the motion was renewed to bring the candidates before the convention and, after a wordy scrap it carried.

The first speaker was King and he was followed in turn by Campbell, Leedy, Munger, Lewelling and Harris. Leedy caught the most applause.

After the speeches had been completed, the second ballot was taken. It resulted: Harris, 202 1/2; Lewelling, 139 1/2; King, 104; Leedy, 97; Munger, 15; Campbell 12.

After the second ballot an effort was made to adjourn, and the chairman declared a motion to that effect carried, but a roll call was demanded and the motion voted down. On the third ballot Harris received 184; Lewelling 122; Leedy 152; King, 94; Munger, 6; Campbell, 12.

Another effort was made to adjourn, but it was overwhelmingly voted down. The convention was determined to force a nomination. As the roll call commenced for the fourth ballot it looked as though a stampede to Leedy would be made. The stampede materialized, the ballot resulting: Leedy, 491; Harris, 31; Lewelling, 6; King, 55; Munger, 6.

Then followed a great demonstration. Mr. Leedy's friends carried him, big as he is, on their shoulders to the platform.

He thanked the convention briefly for the honor conferred upon him.

Governor Lewelling was again called forward. He congratulated the convention upon its selection, and said that the nominee would be the next governor of Kansas. Colonel Harris was also called for, but he had gone to his hotel.

The other defeated candidates were called for but they did not respond. At 1:30 the convention adjourned till 9 o'clock.

When the convention met this morning Colonel Harris took the stand and pledged his hearty support to Mr. Leedy. The platform was then adopted.

DROUGHT IN ARKANSAS.

The People in a Large Section of the State Suffering From Thirst.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Aug. 6.—Drought exists in a large portion of Arkansas and in some sections human beings are actually suffering from the pangs of thirst. There have been isolated thunder showers in various parts of the State recently, but in some counties no rain has fallen since April 13. A man who arrived here this morning from an overland trip through portions of Jefferson, Cleveland and Bradley counties, says that people in some localities are hauling water for drinking purposes in barrels a distance of twenty-five miles, and for an entire day he was unable to buy a glass of water to quench his thirst. White river is running dry and the mayor of Fayetteville has issued a proclamation prohibiting the sprinkling of streets, the water being needed for drinking purposes.

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