

NEWS OF NEBRASKA.

Drops Dead at Telephone.
Beatrice, Sept. 6.—John P. Anderson, for the past eighteen years a prominent groceryman of this city, dropped dead while talking at the telephone in his store.

Fusionists to Have Barbecue.
Lincoln, Sept. 6.—The fusion campaign will be formally opened in Lincoln Sept. 17 with a grand barbecue and general jollification at Lincoln park, at which George W. Borge, candidate for governor, will be the principal speaker.

Child is Brutally Assaulted.
Fremont, Sept. 6.—Anna Olson, 102 years old, was the victim of a brutal assault last night. She was left bound and gagged in a cornfield by her assailant, who has been around town for a week, and is supposed to have left for Omaha on a late train. His name is not known here.

Child Smothers in Vault.
Beatrice, Neb., Sept. 5.—The sixteen-months-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Coatsy of this city was found dead in the vault of a water closet on a farm southwest of Beatrice, where the family were visiting with Mrs. Coatsy's sister. In the afternoon the little one was missed and a search instituted, lasting all night, the body being discovered in the vault. Death was caused by suffocation.

Overcome at News of Death.
Omaha, Sept. 1.—Mrs. Edith Porter, the only daughter of W. H. Thompson, the well known Democratic politician of Grand Island, and former nominee for governor, died suddenly at the residence of her parents. The father of the deceased was in Omaha on business and was immediately notified by telegraph. News of the death completely unnerved him and he had to be taken to his room at the Paxton.

Watson to Make Four Speeches.
Lincoln, Sept. 1.—Announcement was made by the Populist state central committee that Presidential Candidate Watson had been secured to make four speeches in the state during the campaign. All of these are to be made state gatherings, with barbecues, for which the bees have already been donated. One of the speeches will be at Cambridge, the second at Broken Bow, and the two others at places not yet selected.

Broncho Kills Rider.
Oakland, Neb., Sept. 1.—Charles J. Larson, a farm hand, was instantly killed by recklessly riding horseback on a broncho. In company with the three Swanson boys, for whom he was working, he was coming to town. They were riding at full speed and ran into a horse and buggy driven by John Gleason, who was on his way home from town. Larson was thrown from his horse into the ditch and his head was smashed and his neck and shoulders broken, killing him instantly.

Lincoln Man Takes Poison.
Lincoln, Sept. 2.—Rudolph Schneider, aged fifty-nine, died presumably from the effects of some poison taken with suicidal intent. The man was taken violently ill and physicians treated him for poison. He rallied and was thought to be on the road to recovery, when he suddenly collapsed and died. He had been despondent ever since the death of his son in Omaha last week, and his friends feared he would take his own life. He was employed by the city at work on the streets. He leaves a widow and several children.

Bryan Returns to Lincoln.
Lincoln, Sept. 2.—W. J. Bryan returned to Lincoln today and will leave tomorrow with his family for Grand Canon, Ariz., to remain three weeks or a month. It is possible he will also visit points in Colorado before he returns to begin active campaign work. While here today Mr. Bryan is expected to confer with the fusion state committee and tentatively arrange his speaking dates in this state. His services are in demand in other states, but he has thus far made no fast promises, and is expected to devote considerable time to Nebraska.

Nurse Caught Under Train.
Lexington, Neb., Sept. 3.—Miss Alice Maline, a professional nurse, whose home is twelve miles northwest of Cozad and who has been nursing two typhoid fever patients in this city, concluded she would go home for a short rest. When Miss Maline arrived at the depot yards a freight train was on the sidetrack, between her and the depot and she crawled under it. Just as she did so the train pulled up to open the crossing. Miss Maline was caught under the wheels and terribly mangled, requiring the amputation of both limbs below the knees. Very little hopes are entertained of her recovery.

Nebraska Crop Conditions.
Lincoln, Sept. 7.—Weekly bulletin of the Nebraska section of the climate and crop service of the weather bureau: The last week has been favorable for the advancement of farm work. Haying, threshing and plowing have progressed satisfactorily. The third crop of alfalfa is generally a good one and is largely secured in good condition. In a few instances winter wheat sowing has commenced. Corn has improved in condition quite generally and the early planted is maturing rapidly. Some fields are now beyond injury by frost. The late planted has grown well, but will require about two weeks without frost to mature, while some very late fields will need three or four weeks.

Socialist Leader Assaulted.
Norfolk, Neb., Sept. 3.—Colonel Bigelow of Lincoln, a socialist leader, was assaulted by thirteen farmers during a speech in a school house near Pierce. He was driven out. Prosecution will follow.

Labor Day at Lincoln.
Lincoln, Sept. 6.—Labor day was celebrated here by all the unions of the city and many small towns in Nebraska sent delegations. The finest parade ever given by the Lincoln unions was presented and in the afternoon exercises were held at one of the parks, where addresses were delivered by local speakers.

Newton Breaks Jail Again.
Butte, Neb., Sept. 1.—Reuben Newton and Bill Bennett broke jail, undoubtedly assisted, as the window bars were broken from the outside and the locks on the steel cages where the men were confined were taken off and are missing. Considerable damage was done to the jail. This is Newton's second get-away, he only having been brought back last week.

Dan Patch Paces Fast Mile.
Lincoln, Sept. 1.—In an exhibition mile on the state fair grounds track Dan Patch lowered the record for a half mile track, and clipped three-quarters of a second off his own best time for a half mile track, made at Des Moines last week. He covered the mile in 2:05 1/4 on a track still a trifle lumpy from recent rains. He was accompanied by a runner, but no wind shield. The time by quarters was: Quarter, 32; half, 1:04; three-quarters, 1:55; mile, 2:05 1/4. Fifteen thousand people saw the performance.

State Fair Leaves Surplus.
Lincoln, Neb., Sept. 5.—The board of managers of the state fair closed up shop and will not open again until the early part of October. The total expense of the fair, including premiums, is estimated at \$30,000 and on hand and in sight the treasurer reports \$48,000, leaving the managers to the good about \$18,000. Out of this, however, there will have to come about \$1,500 for expenses and salaries to next January and between \$6,000 and \$7,000 on hand from last year. The fair will net this year something like \$10,000.

Engineer Has Neck Broken.
Fremont, Sept. 1.—John L. Pope, the engineer at the Harris brick yard just south of this city, was caught in the fly wheel of his engine and so badly injured that he died in a few minutes. A boy who was in the engine room at the time says that Pope turned on the steam a little and then took hold of the spokes of the fly wheel to start it. He slipped and his left arm went under the belt, drawing his body up against the wheel and breaking his neck. Mr. Pope was seventy-three years of age and had lived in this city for twenty years.

TWO SHOT AT FAIR GROUNDS.
Horsemen Involved in Fight Which May Have a Fatal Termination.
Lincoln, Sept. 2.—Sam Winters was shot through the stomach and probably fatally injured, and Max Wagoner shot in the hip in a row at the state fair grounds at an early hour this morning. The man who did the shooting is James Young, colored. The other two are white men. Young was taken to the city jail. The injured men are both in the city hospital.
According to the story told by Young the other two men were drunk, came to the barn where he was sleeping and announced their determination to whip him. Young says he fired one shot over their heads. They kept on advancing and he fired again and Winters fell, and with the third shot he brought down Wagoner.

POSSE CHASES HORSETHIEF.
Missourian, With His Wife, Steals Four Teams on One Trip.
Ansley, Neb., Sept. 6.—People of this part of Custer county are engaged in a hunt for a horsethief which has lasted three days, and while at one time they thought they had him surrounded it is now reported that he made his escape, and a posse is still following him.
The team of William Laffin and the buggy of W. A. Crandall of Overton were stolen by a party giving the name of John G. Rhodes of Springfield, Mo., who was accompanied by his wife. Crandall and F. S. Bunnell overtook the outfit about sixteen miles north of Ansley.
As the pursuers approached Rhodes and his wife abandoned the team and took refuge in a patch of tall sunflowers and opened fire on Crandall and Bunnell, using a shotgun and a revolver. The shots missed their mark and Crandall and Bunnell took possession of the deserted team, driving out of range of the guns.
While they were driving from danger Rhodes and his wife left the cover and took a team and farm wagon from a boy who was driving along the road. They proceeded with this until they overtook a man driving a better team attached to a wagon, and forced him to make a trade. A short time after that they came upon a man driving a faster team attached to a buggy, and again traded horses without the consent of the owner.
By this time the immediate community was aroused and a posse was organized to chase the thief. It was reported here that they had Rhodes surrounded in a pasture near West Union, but later it was said that he had escaped.
Rhodes is about five feet ten inches tall, smooth shaven except for a week's growth of beard, which, with his hair, is sandy. He is slightly pack-marked.

14 PERISH IN FLAMES

FIVESTORY TENEMENT IN NEW YORK BURNS.

List of Dead Includes One Man, Four Women and Nine Children—Balcony Gives Way and Five Firemen Fall Four Stories.

New York, Sept. 5.—Fourteen persons were killed and nearly a score injured in a fire in a five-story double tenement in Attorney street. It was one of the worst fires in the loss of human lives that has occurred on the east side in several years, although the property loss was slight. The dead include four women, one man and nine children, ranging in age from three months to twelve years.

Many of the injured were taken to hospitals and it is thought that several of these will die. The small number of men among the killed and injured was due to the fact that most of the men who lived in the building, following the Attorney street custom in hot weather, were asleep on the roof, while but few of the women and children were there. Those on the roof made their way to safety over neighboring roofs. Meanwhile the members of their families who had remained in their rooms found, escape cut off, and panic reigned throughout the structure.

The fire started about 3 a. m., and there was considerable delay in sending in an alarm. When the firemen reached the scene some of the tenants were jumping from the windows and from the ends of fire escapes that reached only to the second floor; others were crouching in the smoke in the small rooms and narrow halls. The fire is supposed to have been caused by the explosion of a lamp that had been left to light the hall on the second floor and the sleeping tenants were not aroused until the hallway was ablaze and escape through the building cut off. Most of the dead were found on the two upper floors.

While the search of the building was going on four firemen were at work on a fourth floor balcony, when it gave way. Another fireman on the balcony on the floor below was also carried down and was probably fatally injured. The other four were badly hurt, but will recover.

Leon Sober, an owner of the building; Morris Levine, the agent, and Henry Breitman, the superintendent, were arrested and were charged with criminal negligence.

EXPLOSION OF NITRO-GLYCERINE

Five Lives Are Lost by Premature Shot at Findlay, Ohio.

Findlay, O., Sept. 5.—Five are dead and an equal number seriously injured as the result of a premature explosion of a quantity of nitroglycerine near Upper Sandusky.

The dead: Malen Lookabaugh, Lefe McKay, Joseph Fox, Corine Wise, Emanuel Urean.

The injured: Ernest Wise, leg badly mangled and internally injured, will probably die; Louis Lookabaugh, ear blown off and otherwise injured and not expected to recover; Alice Wise, Mary Gulliford, Claire Lookabaugh.

The accident occurred while McKay, an oil well shooter, was engaged in lowering the nitroglycerine. At the time his assistants, the Lookabaughs and Fox, together with the others, were grouped about the well.

Seven Are Killed in Wreck.

St. Louis, Sept. 5.—The bodies of the two unidentified women who were killed in the wrecking of a suburban street car by a Wabash passenger train at the Sarah street crossing and which laid at the morgue all night were identified as those of Mrs. John J. Merkley of Trenton, Ont., and Mrs. Sophia P. Aldrich of Indianapolis. The other dead are: John W. Wilson of Kirkwood, George W. Majors, Harry B. Culp, Andrew McKinley of St. Louis; M. B. Bristol of Webster Groves, Mo. The conductor and motorman of the car which was wrecked were released on \$10,000 bonds each to appear before the coroner's inquest.

Ready for Big Maneuvers.

Gainesville, Va., Sept. 5.—The strength of each maneuver camp was doubled by the arrival of 12,000 militiamen. Skirmish lines will be established today and at midnight General Grant will endeavor to force the brown army under General Bell back through Thoroughfare Gap. A tour of the country in automobiles was made by General Corbin acting as guide to Mrs. Corbin, Miss Patten, her sister, and Mrs. Grant, all of whom came to camp from Washington to remain during the maneuvers.

Five Drowned in Lake Erie.

Cleveland, Sept. 5.—Five men were drowned in Lake Erie as the result of the capsizing of a twenty-two-foot naphtha launch, in which they were en route from Cleveland to Vermilion to attend a yacht race at the latter place. The dead: John D. Begley, Albert G. Treiber, Paul Hartner, employees of the Cuyahoga Abstract company; Max Hurlig, a traveling salesman for a New York city firm; Jules Hurlig, draughtsman employed by the Garry Iron and Steel company. The Hurligs were brothers.

Meat Death at a Crossing.

Battle Creek, Mich., Sept. 5.—Mrs. Alvin Russell was struck and instantly killed and her husband probably fatally injured by a fast Grand Trunk train at Renton. Their buggy was demolished. The man's skull was fractured and left arm and right hip were broken. He is a prominent farmer, fifty years of age.

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