

# The Avoca Department

News Items Gathered Each Week by a Special Reporter for This Department of the Semi-Weekly Journal

Avoca and Syracuse play ball here next Thursday.

Gus Mohr went to Lincoln Wednesday in his auto.

O. Tefft and H. G. Wellensiek were at Lincoln the first of the week.

Edward and William Wulf were at Omaha Tuesday and Wednesday.

Samuel Johnson and wife are entertaining relatives from Sumner.

L. F. Dunkak made a trip to his farm in Perkins county last week.

B. C. Marquardt and family were Lincoln visitors the first of the week.

Adolph Zimmerer was here from Nebraska City several days this week.

All arrangements are nearly completed for the Odd Fellows picnic here on August 11th.

Asa Johnson, Lloyd Harmon and Misses Pearl Harmon and Florence Smoots were at Omaha Tuesday.

The social given by the Congregational ladies Saturday evening was

largely attended and a neat sum realized.

Chas. Kuhge who went to Nuckols county a few years ago has sold his farm. He has not yet decided where he will locate.

A party was given at the Oxford hotel Monday evening in honor of Miss Susie Henley of Rockport, Mo. About thirty were present.

Ora E. Copes and wife and W. L. Gillin and Miss Louise Ruge have returned from Langdon, Mo., where they have been spending several days fishing. They report an enjoyable time.

National Encampment G. A. R. Atlantic City, N. J., September 19 to 24, 1910.

On September 13th to 17th, inclusive, the Missouri Pacific Railway Co., will sell round trip tickets at rate of \$43.90 regular limit September 29th, extension limit October 28th. See H. Norton, agent, regarding stop-overs, side trips, etc.

## ANNUAL PICNIC I.O.O.F. AT AVOCA

Arrangements For a Grand, Good Time Thursday, August 11, 1910

The Odd Fellows of Avoca and of Cass and Otoe counties intend to have the time of their lives on Thursday, August 11, when they will hold their annual picnic at Avoca. As is always the case with the picnics which the lodges of the two counties hold, there will be a program of much more than usual interest. There will be speaking by prominent orators and in addition many games of more than usual interest. The chief orator of the day will be Hon. Will Hayward of Nebraska City, who will address the gathering from a fraternal standpoint. Mr. Hayward is a well known orator and is thoroughly capable of furnishing an interesting and instructive address. He has had a great deal of experience in lodge matters and is a man who can thoroughly expound the doctrines of fraternity to all who attend.

The base ball games are to be one especial feature of the day designed to amuse and entertain the monster crowd which will attend, the teams secured being well balanced and well worthy of a good fight. The three contending teams are Elmwood, Avoca and Manley. The first game will be between Elmwood and Manley and the winners will play the Avoca team immediately following the first game. This makes the second game consist of Avoca and either Manley or Elmwood depending upon which team wins the first combat. The games ought to be interesting and ought to draw large crowds.

There will be sports of many other kinds on tap also and for the young folks a steam merry-go-round will be on the grounds and in service. A platform dance will be given during the day and evening which promises to be very largely attended and well handled.

On the whole the Odd Fellows from all appearances will make this the sixth anniversary picnic, one of the finest and best in the history of the organization. There promises to be a very large attendance from all parts of both counties and much interest taken in the gathering.

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## BRYAN FIGHTS TO LAST DITCH

Loses Fight for County Option, 650 to 193.

### TURNED DOWN BY CONVENTION

After Debate on Resolutions Lasting Until Early This Morning Democratic State Convention at Grand Island Gives Him Decisive Defeat—Eight O'clock Closing Law Indorsed.

Grand Island, Neb., July 27.—Mr. Bryan has lost his fight in the Democratic state convention for county option. The party that he has led for years turned him down by a decisive vote after a debate lasting until 1 o'clock this morning. The vote was 650 against county option and 193 for. Mr. Bryan went down with his editors flying as he said he would and he remained up and fighting until whipped clean and decisively. He was hammered hard and long. He was talked to as no one has dared to speak in years. He was reminded that he received brewery support in Nebraska and he was told by M. F. Harrington that his grievances against the brewers were unfounded. H. B. Fiehart reminded Bryan that he voted against prohibition and congratulated the party for defeating it. Frank Ranson accused him of refusing aid in securing legislation for the people when aid was needed and so on down the line.

Victor Wilson spoke for Mr. Bryan, and so did W. R. Patrick, while the great convention cheered Bryan repeatedly and only occasionally was it discourteous to him. The plank provides that county option or any other plank for the regulation of the liquor question is not a party creed and that any other changes to be made in the liquor laws should be made by direct legislation.

Smyth is Chairman. The convention organized by making Constantine J. Smyth of Omaha temporary and permanent chairman and adopted a resolution that in effect prevented W. J. Bryan from addressing the convention on county option or any other issue until reported from the platform committee.

The convention applauded Governor Shallenberger when he pledged himself to sign a county option bill if such a measure is passed by the next legislature and he is re-elected. The turn-down of Mr. Bryan came when G. M. Hitchcock moved that all resolutions be referred without debate to the resolutions committee and no resolutions be discussed on the floor of the convention, except where reported as a majority or a minority report. This proposition brought Mr. Bryan to his feet and he moved that it be amended so as not to preclude the offer of any resolution after the platform had been adopted. Only a slight discussion followed before Judge Bryant moved the previous question, and then the roll was called. The result was 394 yes and 465 no.

Platform Committee Delays. Dissension among the membership of the resolutions committee delayed the presentation of the divergent reports until long after the hour at which they were to report at the evening session. A crowd that packed the tent, preventing many of the delegates from occupying their seats, also delayed the proceedings.

The differences of the Shallenberger and Dahiman factions on minor points of the platform did not prevent a solid front by them against the county option issue, of which Mr. Bryan was the only sponsor.

Three liquor planks were reported from the resolution committee. M. F. Harrington presented the majority report, opposing making county option or any other phase of the liquor question a party issue, and favoring the strict enforcement of the present law. Mr. Bryan presented his plan: "We favor county option as the best method of dealing with the liquor question." H. B. Fiehart read his plank: "We favor local option as we now have, but are opposed to county option." Judge Oldham spoke for the majority report.

Following the address of Judge Oldham against county option, Mr. Bryan spoke for more than an hour in favor of county option. He said in part:  
Bryan Makes Plea.  
"If I have advocated that which is not good for the state, let me feel your wrath. If you find I have done anything that is not for the good of the Democratic party, I do not ask your mercy. Who less than I could desire to disrupt the Democratic party? Am I not aware what a repudiation at your hands will mean to me? It has been said that I am making this fight because I am not a candidate. Nothing could be more untrue.  
"I have been called a dictator for expressing my opinion. Your candidates here have expressed their sentiments. By what law am I compelled to remain silent when I feel that the good name of my state is at stake? It has been said that I

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# E. G. DOVEY & SON

have been sold out by the liquor interests in my own state. I have been sold out by these liquor Democrats in my own state and saved by the votes of self-respecting Republicans, who refused to aid in it. I expect to be in politics for many years yet. I expect to aid in the work of the Democratic

party, but I will not remain silent when a band of political assassins attack me."

The Platform. The Democrats of Nebraska, in convention assembled, present to the voters of the state the following declaration of principles of self government and for protection of human rights as proclaimed by Thomas Jefferson at the birth of Democracy in America. We endorse the last Democratic national platform and the Nebraska Democratic state platform of 1908 and 1909. We congratulate the party upon the widespread revival of Democratic sentiment, which gives promise of Democratic victory.

We see in the passage of the present tariff an example of subservency of the Republican administration to privileged interests of the country. We congratulate the country that Democratic opposition has thus far succeeded in defeating the iniquitous ship subsidy. We recognize in the many excessive rates on such favored products as steel, woolen goods, rubber, lumber and others, the return which the Republican politicians are making to the plundering trusts for campaign contributions two years ago.

We condemn the president for surrendering to Aldrich and Cannon the control of tariff revision and for using his patronage to force unwilling congressmen of the Republican party to accept their dictation. We deplore the president's folly and weakness in surrounding himself with a cabinet of trust advisers. We favor the conservation of the natural resources of the country and condemn the policy under which favored capitalists and political syndicates secure control of water power, coal mines and other sources of the nation's wealth in the states and Alaska unrestrained and apparently favored by the present national administration. We condemn the president for retaining in his cabinet the close friend and former attorney for the powerful and unscrupulous syndicate, caught in the very act of plunder.

We join the Democrats everywhere in pledging the party to the cause of tariff reform, economy and simplicity in government, trust prosecution and the ratification of the income tax amendment. We have confidence that upon the national issues and in an attack on national evils we shall receive the co-operation and support of independent voters and win a sweeping victory in Nebraska.

We heartily approve of the daylight saloon law, and we commend the courageous action of Governor Shallenberger in approving it. We approve and endorse the administration of Ashton C. Shallenberger. His acts have been honest, wise and patriotic. We invite a careful scrutiny of the executive power which two years ago was committed to our trust in his selection as governor. His administration has been one of fidelity and devotion to the party pledges upon which we invited the suffrages of the people.  
We endorse the action of our last legislature in carrying out the platform pledges of the party. We are in favor of the following amendments to our constitutions:  
First—Providing for biennial elec-

## FILING FEE SUIT IS HEARD

Judge Frost Takes Case Under Advisement.

WRONG PLAINTIFF IN ACTION.

Lawyers Representing Secretary of State Aver National Committeeman Rosewater Is Not Financially Interested, Hence Application for Primary Injunction Should Be Denied.  
Lincoln, July 28.—The application of Victor Rosewater, Republican national committeeman, for an injunction to prevent the secretary of state from certifying out to the county clerks the names of Democratic and Populist candidates for office who filed double, and present a only one receipt showing that only one filing fee was paid, was heard before District Judge Frost. The attorneys representing Mr. Junkin based their objection to the injunction on the ground that Mr. Rosewater was not the proper party to institute the suit, as he was not financially interested. Judge Frost has taken the case under advisement.

STOLEN RIG RECOVERED  
Horse Taken by Auto Thief Near Stella Is Found Near Horton.  
Stella, Neb., July 28.—William F. Stoltz, accompanied by John Tolly, was called to Horton, Kan., to identify the horse and buggy stolen from him Monday night by the thief who made his escape when found in the McGinnis cornfield with the Wheeler automobile. Sheriff Fenton found the horse and buggy on the road between Powhattan and Horton, in Brown county, Kansas. The thief made his escape in a cornfield.

Identification of the rig was from a big milk can tied to the back of the buggy, the thief having taken the can filled with milk from the Stoltz farm. As word was telephoned far and wide the milk can was mentioned and so as the rig passed through Brown county passers-by noticed the outfit and in this way the sheriff was able to keep on the trail.

AVIATION MEET ENDS  
Curtiss Circles Field at Omaha in Five-Loop Dash.  
Omaha, July 28.—While the mercury stood at 100 degrees and the spectators were oppressed with the most intense heat of the year, Aviators Curtiss and Mars executed several good flights, concluding the visit of the aeronauts to the city.  
Curtiss five times encircled the field and Mars three times accomplished that feat.  
Curtiss and Mars are to make their way to Pittsburg and enter upon an aviation exhibition, while Ely goes to Rochester for a series of flights. Mr. Ely will join the main staff before it finishes the Pittsburg meet.

In Honor of Marie Douglass. The home of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Teegarden was the scene of much pleasure last Friday evening when their daughter, Miss Grace, entertained in honor of her friend, Miss Marie Douglass of Plattsmouth. Progressive diversion intermingled with piano and vocal solos and reading afforded entertainment. Refreshments were served at a late hour, after which the guests departed, having spent a most enjoyable evening.—Weeping Water Republican.

Mrs. J. W. Johnson accompanied her son Frank to his home at Omaha this morning where she will visit for a few days. Mr. Johnson's little daughter is quite sick, and Mrs. J. W. Johnson goes to visit the little sufferer.

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