

Contract Not Yet Let.

The state board of public lands and buildings met Monday for the purpose of letting out the penitentiary to another contractor after the state had just given away nearly \$35,000 to get rid of the robber system. Kussell and Churchill seem determined to put this institution in a position where the treasury will be fleeced of a cool fifty thousand in the next eighteen months. To their credit Secretary of State Piper and others of the board are reported as seriously objecting to this infamous job. Governor Holcomb is on record as against the deal and the people should utter a protest in no uncertain terms against this proposed outrage.

The board met Monday afternoon to open sealed bids for the prison contract but a protest from L. H. Lawton was handed in, objecting to a consideration of bids at this time because he wanted to make one and was unable to get sufficient information as to sub-contractors and expenses to enable him to do so. The board had sealed bids from J. A. Buckstaff, W. J. Wildman and ex-Warden Beemer, but deferred opening of the same until September 2, to give Lawton a chance to bid. Lawton is a well-to-do stockdealer living on South Thirty-first street.

Fifth District Populists.

The populists of the Fifth Judicial district met in York Tuesday. Resolutions were passed reaffirming the principles of the Omaha platform, endorsing the official acts of Governor Holcomb, and the work done by Judge Edward Bates of York county and Judge Robert Wheeler of Polk county, who were unanimously renominated for judges of that district, which comprises the counties of Butler, Hamilton, Polk, Saunders, Seward and York.

Personal.

J. M. Kinney, an uncompromising pop of Omaha, gave us a pleasant call Thursday.

H. Cohen of Omaha, one of the right kind of fellows, took in the state convention.

Senator Allen arrived in the city Tuesday afternoon to attend the convention.

Sim Patton and Jas. Swinney, two of Otoe county's best "calamity howlers," called on the best populist paper in Nebraska on Wednesday. Come again gentlemen.

W. L. Kirk of Neligh, editor of the Yeoman, called at these headquarters during convention.

T. H. Tibbles of Bancroft, was a conspicuous figure at the convention.

R. R. James of Wayne, was a delegate to the great convention, and will read THE INDEPENDENT in the future the only populist paper in this section of Nebraska.

"Bill" Moran of Nebraska City, was a delegate to the convention and pulled THE INDEPENDENT latch string during his stay.

D. Shull of Syracuse, a populist from away back, chewed beef steak with the editor of this great populist journal Wednesday.

John Willman of Otoe county, was a delegate to the convention. He did not call on THE INDEPENDENT.

Absalom Tipton of Otoe, took in Lincoln this week and helped to nominate Judge Maxwell. Absalom is an old liner in the populist ranks.

Brother Maiben of Otoe attended the state convention.

George Blake and Jas. Craddock took in the renomination at Hastings on Thursday.

The agreeable phiz of "Pete" Oleson of Wahoo, county treasurer of Saunders was seen at the convention.

G. Becker of Richfield came in with the other leading pops and ordered this paper to his address.

Henry Hempel of Plattsmouth was a delegate and while here took time to order this paper.

Populist Hand Book.

A Populist Hand Book, similar to that gotten out last year, will be published and ready for distribution about August 24th. The book is prepared by Mr. J. A. Edgerton, assisted by Mr. Maret, Gov. Holcomb's private secretary, and will contain a statement of the asylum frauds, penitentiary frauds, impeachment trial, Hilton's defalcation, Capital National bank failure, Hill trial, comparison of expenditures of populist legislature of 1893 and republican of '95, freight rate bill, Gov. Holcomb's messages, facts on the silver question, etc., etc. The pamphlet will contain at least 65 pages and will retail at 10 cents, with a reduction to committees, etc., for large orders. No populist committee, candidate or speaker can afford to be without this little hand book. It will be the best campaign document of the year. Orders should be made at once of Mr. J. A. Edgerton, Lincoln, Neb. The book is gotten out by order of the state committee.

Hon. C. J. Smythe of Omaha will speak on bimetalism, labor day at the City park.

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A GREAT CONVENTION.

THE POPULIST'S MEET AND NAME THE NEXT JUDGE.

Samuel Maxwell the Man—A Good Attendance and Harmony Prevails.

The populist state convention which met in this city Wednesday was a great convention in every sense. It was harmonious and enthusiastic, it put out a good platform and named a good ticket.

It was 2:30 when the convention was called to order. The Lancaster county glee club composed of Henry Huckins, G. H. Walters, J. M. Thompson and "Jim" Jones sang a quartette and Rev. Snyder of Sherman, offered prayer. E. L. Heath, editor of the Rushville Standard, was made temporary chairman and Dan Althen of Gage, and J. A. Edgerton were elected temporary secretaries.

J. V. Wolfe presented Mr. Heath with a gavel on his assuming the position of temporary chairman the handiwork of Mr. Johnstone, one of the employes at the state penitentiary and a member of the Lancaster delegation.

While the chair was making up a committee on credentials as per vote of the convention, the glee club rendered another selection. In the midst of the selection which was being rendered Hon. C. H. Van Wyck of Otoe county appeared on the stage and the house burst into applause.

The chair then announced the following as the committee on credentials: W. L. Kirke, Antelope; W. E. Brown Butler; O. Nelson, Colfax; E. J. Hall, Hall; F. L. Leighton, Lancaster.

During the deliberations of the committee on credentials, C. H. Van Wyck was called for and responded. He said he fully realized, as fully as could any one before him, that he was in no condition to make a speech, and he did not know as he ever would. But he could and would thank them for their evidences of regard. He said that coming down on the train he had thought that we were not so near emancipation from the money power as we were seven years ago, in the time of the greenbackers. "Who could believe," he said, "five years ago that an administration elected by the people would pay out \$15,000,000 to the Rothschilds for the use of some money for a few months?"

Thanking the audience for their attention, General Van Wyck despite loud cries to "go on," retired.

Ex-Congressman McKeighan was then called for and responded in a neat speech of twenty or thirty minutes. He said that he was pleased to meet, if not see, his friends in the populist party. This was an allusion to the condition of his eyes, which threaten Mr. McKeighan with blindness. The speaker paid a glowing compliment to Governor Holcomb, who, he said, had not only retained the confidence of his own party, but won the high regard of members of other parties. The applause which greeted this sentiment attested the popularity of the governor. On the question of finance he claimed that the present administration had nullified the laws of the land and the constitution of the United States. Nullification, he said, was downright treason to the government, and the party in power would be hurled from its high position and the democratic party, would never again win another victory. Mr. McKeighan said that it was true that he permitted the use of his name as a candidate for the United States senatorship, but he had watched the course of the senator at that time and he now thanked God that Allen had been elected. He admitted what he claimed to be a fact, that owing to his physical condition he should never again be a candidate for the suffrage of the people of Nebraska. But so long as there was a spark of life in his body he should be a populist, if there were a populist party in existence. He denounced in the strongest terms certain papers in the state and out of it which had been maligning himself, Senator Allen and Congressman Kem.

Governor Holcomb followed with a brief but neat speech, followed by Senator Allen, T. H. Tibbles of Bancroft, Paul Vandervort and Clem Deaver of Omaha—in which Paul and Clem scratched each others backs very heartily—W. H. Dech and Geo. H. Abbott of Richardson. Committee on credentials coming in at this time report was made. They reported eleven counties not represented and the list as brought in by the committee was adopted.

Senator Allen was then named for permanent chairman, when the point was raised that it was customary to make the temporary organization permanent. Mr. Heath declined to serve and Senator Allen was unanimously elected.

The senator on taking the chair said that he had intended to take no other part in the convention other than an onlooker. But a Lincoln morning paper had come out with a statement that a fight was being made on him, and that it was done for the sole purpose of casting a firebrand into the camp of the populists. Word was to go out to all the world that Senator Allen had been turned down, that in his state he could not secure the temporary chairmanship of a state convention.

While the chair was appointing a committee on resolutions, Mrs. W. H. Keefer of Alvo, G. H. Walters of Bethany and Henry Huckins of THE INDEPENDENT rendered a beautiful vocal trio when the following committee was announced: W. A. McKeighan, J. N. Gaffin, W. A. Jones, J. H. Powers, H. G. Stewart, Wilber F. Eryant, A. H. Wier.

Adjournment was taken at 6:15 to 7:30. At 8:15 the evening session was called to order. After a few selections by the University Place Sons of Veterans band and a rousing speech by Dr. A. W. Irving, the following central committee was selected:

The following members of the state central committee were appointed by the delegates:

- Adams—J. P. Steele, Hastings.
- Antelope—Herman Freese, Neligh.
- Banner—Not represented.
- Blair—Not represented.
- Boone—J. A. Baird, Cedar Rapids.
- Box Butte—J. A. Neil, Hemingford.
- Boyd—Ed L. Whiting, Spencer.
- Brown—George Miller, Ainsworth.
- Buffalo—George A. Beck, Shelton.
- Burt—E. W. Peterson, Tekamah.
- Butler—W. H. Taylor, David City.
- Cass—W. Waugh, Elmwood.
- Cedar—E. D. Crabb, Valentine.
- Chase—Not represented.
- Cherry—G. P. Crabb, Valentine.
- Cheyenne—Not represented.
- Clay—G. W. Nagle, Clay Center.
- Colfax—O. Nelson, Richfield.
- Cumming—L. Dewalt, Wisner.
- Custer—C. W. Beall, Broken Bow.
- Dawes—J. L. Gibson, Crawford.
- Dakota—Not represented.
- Dawson—T. W. Hanna, Lexington.
- Deuel—Not represented.
- Dixon—C. W. Shram, Ponca.
- Dodge—J. D. Kelly, Fremont.
- Douglas—J. O. Griser, Omaha.
- Dundy—Not represented.
- Fillmore—John J. Burk, Geneva.
- Franklin—J. M. Dimmick.
- Frontier—Wm. Reed, Stockville.
- Furnas—C. F. Wheeler, Beaver City.
- Gage—E. E. Ellis, Beatrice.
- Garfield—E. D. Emmett, Burwell.
- Gosper—S. P. Yeoman, Elmwood.
- Greeley—P. H. Barry, Greeley Center.
- Hall—H. A. Edward, Grand Island.
- Hamilton—F. M. Howard, Aurora.
- Harlan—I. Maher, Alma.
- Holt—Ham Kauntzman, Neligh.
- Hooker—Old committee.
- Howard—C. E. Maael, St. Paul.
- Jefferson—Thad Williams, Fairbury.
- Johnson—Fred Kahn, Crab Orchard.
- Kearney—G. J. Richmond, Minden.
- Keya Paha—Not represented.
- Kimball—Not represented.
- Knox—John T. Langer, Niobrara.
- Keith—Old member.
- Lancaster—C. W. Hoxie, Lincoln.
- Lincoln—J. W. Ellingham, North Platte.
- Madison—C. D. Jenkins, Norfolk.
- Merrick—M. H. Rawlins, Archer.
- Nance—T. C. Reed, Genoa.
- Nemaha—D. J. Wood, Brattan.
- Nuckolls—D. S. Dusenberry, Nelson.
- Otoe—John M. Wehman, Nebraska City.
- Pawnee—T. J. Plummer, Pawnee City.
- Perkins—Not represented.
- Phelps—A. J. Shaffer, Holdrege.
- Pierce—W. A. Bonce, Foster.
- Platte—John S. Freeman, Columbus.
- Polk—J. C. Rahe, Shelby.
- Red Willow—J. A. Sheridan, Indianola.
- Richardson—J. M. Whittaker, Falls City.
- Rock—Not represented.
- Saline—Wilbur Savage, Wilber.
- Sarpy—George Becker, Richfield.
- Saunders—B. R. B. Weber, Valparaiso.
- Scott's Bluff—Not represented.
- Seward—M. D. Carey, Seward.
- Sheridan—Henry Murphy, Rushville.
- Sherman—H. M. Mathews, Loup City.
- Sioux—William J. Raum, Harrison.
- Stanton—James Brooks, Stanton.
- Thayer—F. S. Mickey, Hebron.
- Thomas—Not represented.
- Thurston—W. I. Metzie, Pender.
- Valley—C. A. Mann, Ord.
- Washington—C. A. Whitford, Arlington.
- Wayne—H. P. Miller, Winside.
- Webster—H. L. Hopkins, Cowles.
- Wheeler—C. E. Parsons, Bartlett.
- York—J. D. P. Small, York.

Judge Stark of Hamilton county was chosen chairman, Frank D. Eager of this city secretary and A. H. Weir of this city treasurer. J. V. Wolfe refusing to longer serve in this capacity.

John H. Powers then read the following platform which was unanimously adopted:

"We the people's party of the state of Nebraska, in convention assembled, do put forth the following platform of principles:

We hereby reaffirm the principles of the Omaha platform.

We declare ourselves in favor of strict economy in conducting the affairs of the state government in all its branches.

We believe the judicial affairs of the state should be conducted on the principles of justice and honesty, without partisan bias, and in the interests of the people.

After the platform was adopted the following resolutions were read and adopted, one at a time:

Resolved, That we favor the principle of the initiative and referendum in matters of legislation.

Resolved, That we are opposed to any religious test for admission to office or for membership in this party.

We invite all reform and progressive organizations and persons to unite with us, and deprecate any set which tends to give prestige and continued existence to division of reform forces.

Resolved, That if the policy of the general government in reducing the volume of money is continued we must in justice to the taxpayers demand the reduction of all salaries of state and county officers.

Resolved, That this convention most heartily endorse the position of Governor Holcomb in reference to the penitentiary contracts and his efforts to administer the affairs of the state in an economical manner.

Resolved, That we express our sincere thanks to the mayor and citizens of Lincoln for their courtesy to the delegates and visitors at this convention.

Rev. Snyder of Sherman here introduced the following resolution which was adopted unanimously:

Resolved, That we view with alarm the recent decision of the United States supreme court on the income tax law and we denounce as a gross subversion of the principles of free government the substitution of government by injunction for government by law, which has resulted in the illegal imprisonment of free American citizens, innocent of any crime known to law, without trial by jury.

The resolution declaring for the initiative and referendum provoked considerable debate but was finally adopted.

The reading of an anti-A. P. A. resolution created considerable uproar but Geo. Abbott of Richardson offered a substitute opposing any religious test as a certificate of membership in the populist which was adopted with a whoop. The Omaha delegation waxed warm over the matter but the convention realized that it was not sitting as a religious conference and the effort on the part of certain parties to create disturbance was without effect and that order of business was completed.

MAXWELL NOMINATED.

Balloting for a candidate for supreme judge was the next order of business. Adams county being the first on the list cast entire delegation for Samuel Maxwell when the remainder of the convention followed suit save three votes from Boone county for D. B. Carey and thirty-nine from Douglas county for Geo. A. Magney of Omaha. Mr. Maxwell was then declared the unanimous choice of the convention and Messrs. W. E. Campbell, Carey, McKeighan and Allen were named a committee to inform Mr. Maxwell of his nomination. Mr. Carey subsequently withdrew and Gov. Holcomb was placed on the committee in his stead.

Jas. H. Bayston of Red Willow, H. M. Casebeer of Lancaster, Mrs. Ella W. Beattie of Douglas, were placed in nomination for regents of the state university, two to be nominated. The vote stood: Bayston, 575; Beattie, 578; Casebeer, 218 1/2. Prof. Bayston and Mrs. Beattie were declared the nominees.

W. A. McKeighan was elected national committeeman to fill the vacancy caused by Mr. Chamberlain having removed from the state.

At 12:40 the convention adjourned. Judge Maxwell has not publicly announced his acceptance and the committee appointed to wait on him will not do so for a few days. The call coming so unanimous from many thousands of the best citizens of Nebraska, no man of Judge Maxwell's standing could well afford to refuse the nomination. We believe we are in a position and our information is such as to say to the populist of the state that Mr. Maxwell will make the race.

Oratory was plenty throughout the whole session.

Those chronic kickers and shysters who have been so industriously trying to malign or kill off some very good populists got handsomely roasted by several speakers. Those chronic backbiters and kickers ought to be turned down.

George W. Blake is known as one of the best rustlers in the state. His efforts to make the meeting of the state convention all that could be desired added much to its success. Wish we had 100,000 more Blakes.

Many of the delegates visited the penitentiary and expressed satisfaction at the management of affairs there but they were "hot" at the work of the appraisers and the enormous price they placed on the Dorgan plunder.

Labor Day.

September 2nd, will be the next legal holiday and should be observed by all. It will be celebrated in the city park, near the court house. There will be able speakers who will favor and oppose the free coinage of silver 16 to 1. All are invited to hear both sides from the same platform. No admission fee to park. Only two blocks south of court house.

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The Lancaster county populists have opened headquarters at the corner of Eleventh and O, where populists made welcome at all times. The boys are preparing for a hot campaign.

Hans and Kund Kundsens robbed a Union Pacific train near Brady Island last week Wednesday. They were taken in court at North Platte this week Wednesday, pleaded guilty, and were given ten years in the pen and will arrive Thursday. They secured \$12 in cash for their trouble.

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REMARKABLE SUICIDES.

Louis Hammond and His Bride Die Only After Repeated Cool Attempts.

Boston, Mass., Aug. 27.—The suicides of Louis Hammond and his bride of Des Moines, Iowa, in the American house here last week were most remarkable in many ways. Before attempting to end their lives, they signed their names to a letter addressed to the coroner, telling him of what they contemplated, and why they sought self-destruction.

Tuesday the two took chloral, but neither died. It is supposed that they took an overdose, which occasioned nausea and saved their lives. The day following they made a second attempt, and on this failing, Mrs. Hammond swallowed morphine, while her husband stood by and waited the result. She died at 10 o'clock that morning.

Then Hammond endeavored to kill himself. He took morphine, but this failed to do its work. Then he drove a hat pin, several inches long, into his breast, until he could move his heart with it, but this also failed. Then he took morphine and chloral again, and, thinking after waiting several hours, that this agent had failed once more to do its work, he locked his dead wife in the room while he went out to purchase a revolver. He died some time Thursday night. It was probably the chloral and morphine which caused his death, as the revolver was found with all its chambers filled.

Hammond was about 35 years old. He was formerly in the perfumery business at 68 Maiden Lane, New York, the firm being Hammond & Britner. In New York he met and wooed his bride, Miss Kathryn Sawyer, and, after dissolving partnership in July he went on the road for G. M. Diner & Co. of Des Moines. He has a sister at St. Paul, Iowa.

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