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NEBRASKA NEWS.

Official Vote for President.

The state canvassing board has completed the canvass of votes cast in this state for presidential electors. The official vote discloses the fact that the McKinley electors received an average of 102,565 votes, and the Bryan electors 115,625. On Governor, Gov. Holcomb received 21,692 votes more than McColl, but only 790 more than the Bryan electors. Followings is the vote on electors:

McKINLEY.
Albert J. Burnham, Auburn.....102,565
George A. Derby, Seward.....102,565
Solomon Draper, Bloomfield.....102,565
Albert C. Foster, Omaha.....102,565
Martin L. Fries, Arcadia.....102,565
Jacob E. Houtz, Lincoln.....102,565
John L. Hendricks, Minden.....102,565
Frank J. Sadleir, Wilber.....102,565

Average vote......102,565
RYAN.
Nels O. Alberts, Saratoga.....115,625
Jacob N. Campbell, Fullerton.....115,625
Frederick J. Hale, Battle Creek.....115,625
Frederick F. Harrington, O'Neill.....115,625
Stanley L. Kosterz, Milligan.....115,625
Fred Metz, Omaha.....115,625
Olaf W. Palm, Lincoln.....115,625
Xavier Paszek, St. Paul.....115,625

Average vote......115,625
PAINE.
Joseph Bruening, Humphrey.....2,885
A. S. Godfrey, Lincoln.....2,885
Wm. Griffin, Hebron.....2,885
J. A. Kirk, Culbertson.....2,885
Charles L. Kosterz, Seward.....2,885
Fred Kennard, Oakland.....2,885
Alexander Scott, Stromsburg.....2,885
Charles Turner, Omaha.....2,885

Average vote......2,885
BENTLEY.
E. H. Agee, Friend.....767
James K. Lane, Pleasant Hill.....767
J. K. Ruth, Columbus.....767
Thos. W. Mathews, Omaha.....767
J. S. Miller, Republican City.....767
D. L. Found, Imperial.....767
A. P. Seymour, Chadron.....767
Lem J. Smith, Lincoln.....767

Average vote......767
LEVERING.
O. K. Beebe, Minden.....1,242
C. L. Carpenter, Greighton.....1,242
E. M. Cozad, Malvern.....1,242
John F. Helli, Omaha.....1,242
D. W. C. Huntington, Lincoln.....1,242
C. Lawrence, Nebraska City.....1,242
N. S. Lowrie, O'Neill.....1,242
Mary E. Rockwell, Weeping Water.....1,242

Average vote......1,242
MACHETT.
H. S. Aley, Lincoln.....182
Chas. E. Baker, Omaha.....182
August Reeman, Omaha.....182
Thomas M. Conway, South Omaha.....182
John C. Curtis, Omaha.....182
Wm. H. Daniels, Omaha.....182
Fred Teckmeier, Hebron.....182
John W. Unangst, Omaha.....182

Average vote......182

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS.

According to returns as examined by the state canvassing board, none of the constitutional amendments carried. The amendment receiving the highest number of votes was the one providing for two additional judges of the supreme court. That amendment received 84,000 votes. As the total vote in the state was 230,692, an amendment to be adopted must have received 115,347.

at a dollar a bushel.

Keith county has about \$30,000 tied up in broken banks.

Wood River people are in the midst of a great religious revival.

A farmers' institute will be held at Union, Cass county, December 17 and 18.

The Norfolk factory has turned out 15,000 barrels of sugar up to date this season.

The soldiers' home at Grand Island has 247 inmates, including officers and employees.

The Aurora Republican had two dozen notices of mortgage foreclosures in its last issue.

The Southwestern Nebraska Teachers' association, held in McCook, was largely attended.

Gage county has a female corn-husker, a single lady, who does her seventy-five bushels daily.

The Nebraska City Canning company's pack for the past season was 14,000 cases of goods.

The First National bank of Beatrice, that suspended last September, will soon reopen for business.

Grand Island is preparing to entertain in royal style the editors who gather there next month.

More than \$100,000 worth of debts of Buffalo county farmers have been paid within the last six weeks.

Burwell is to have a new creamery. The plant from German Valley will be moved there in the spring.

Ben Roberts of Gering was kicked in the forehead by a vicious horse. He will carry the scar through life.

The Gibbon Reporter says that within a radius of six miles from Gibbon 110 cars of steers are being fattened for market.

George Randolph, wife and child, of Lincoln, were found in their home unconscious from stove gas. They will recover.

Mike O'Neil, living near Julesburg, was thrown from a horse and so badly injured that the doctors think he will not recover.

A saw mill which is being operated on the Castor place near Wilber is turning out a lot of cribbing from native timber.

Sparks from a passing engine set fire to Wm. Lambert's barn near Blue Springs, completely destroying it and its contents.

The state banking board has granted leave to the bank of Paxton to go into liquidation under section 33 of the banking act of 1893, which requires them to give bond for all liabilities within a specified time.

November 21 Mrs. Barr, who runs the Juen City hotel in Hastings, lost \$240. The chief of police was notified and immediately began work on the case. Last week the chief arrested C. W. Herman for the theft. Herman confessed, and turned over \$172.33, all he left.

Wm. C. Fowler, better known as "Bill" Fowler, one of the oldest engineers in the employ of the Black Hills division of the Elkhorn, dropped dead at Chadron of heart failure. Mr. Fowler was thrown from his buggy some time ago and was severely bruised and had not resumed his regular passenger run.

Hartington's fine new school building has been completed and dedicated to the noble work of educating the youth of the city.

Wm. Shaffer, a young Maple Creek farmer, has husked and cribbed 1,050 bushels of corn in ten days, making an average of 105 bushels a day.

J. T. Connors, a livewoman of Grafton, while getting hay from the loft slipped through a hole and fell across the manger, breaking three ribs.

The milling company at Gering is using alfalfa straw for fuel. It answers the purpose very well, but keeps two men busy stuffing it into the fire-box.

Thomas Mankowski of Omaha, an employee of Hammond's packing house, South Omaha, was killed by the cars on Bryan, Gov. Holcomb received 21,692 votes more than McColl, but only 790 more than the Bryan electors.

Mrs. Everett of Lyons, mother of Franklin, Andrew and Benjamin Everett, died recently in her 96th year and supposed to be the oldest person in Burlington.

A depot has been put in at Bracken, the new station about half way between Nemaha and Auburn. It is probable that a postoffice will soon be established there.

Bert Bush, a farmer residing north of Irvington, was killed last week while on his way home. His wagon went over an embankment and he was found dead under the box.

Gov. Holcomb honored a requisition from Iowa for the return of J. W. Carter to Council Bluffs, where he is wanted for stealing \$6 cash and \$50 worth of goods from a hardware store.

Wm. Hunter, a boy of 8 years, who lives at Albright, was struck by the Union Pacific fast mail train and fatally injured, dying soon after the accident. He was playing on the track.

T. M. Stone, for several years past proprietor of the Gardner house, Orleans, died last week. He had been a resident of that place for twenty years and was widely known to the traveling public.

The Frontier County Republican says the vote on the poor farm question in Frontier county was 684 for and 381 against. The proposition, not having received two-thirds of all the votes cast, is lost.

The Battle Creek enterprise says, John Lucht near that town milks twenty-five cows, and that his cream for October brought him \$101.36 at the creamery, and he had sweet milk to take home for his pig.

Mrs. Bittenbender has the distinction of having received the largest number of prohibition votes cast in Nebraska for seven years. Rev. Jole Warner received 1,560 votes for governor on the water ticket.

The election for postmaster at Table Rock was held recently by the Australian system, the polls being held open from noon until 7 p. m. There was a tie vote on two candidates and the contest will come off again.

Two of the prisoners, Thomas and Kephart, who escaped from the county jail at Nebraska City, were captured near Minersville, after an exciting chase. The officers have traces of the third, and hope to capture him.

The Nebraska state voluntary firemen's association will hold its fifteenth annual convention in Columbus Jan. 19, with the visitors that city will entertain about 600 fire boys during that time.

A brakeman, who was on top of a furniture car, which is higher than ordinary box cars, was struck by the bridge between Table Rock and Humboldt while the train was passing under it. It is feared his injuries will prove fatal.

For the month of November the mortgage record of Polk county shows that there were nine farm mortgages filed amounting to \$5,838; released, 12, \$11,659; city mortgages released, 2, \$1,700; chattle mortgages filed, 60, \$23,628; released, 15, \$4,606.

After a two days' trial in the district court at Tecumseh in the Garretson-Ernest \$10,000 breach of promise suit, the jury, after being closed for two hours, brought in a verdict for the defendant, Miss Lulu Garretson, daughter of Wm. Garretson of Johnson.

Dannebrog, a village nine miles west of St. Paul, was the scene of an attempted bank robbery. The door of the Dannebrog State bank was broken open and a clumsy attempt made to blow open the safe. The heavy outside door was forced, but the inside one was not molested. The robbers left with the job half finished and without any booty.

A Guthrie (Okla.) dispatch says: W. L. Cundiff, one of the most prominent lawyers in the territory, has been committed to the Norman insane asylum. He has become crazed over politics. He is a personal friend of W. J. Bryan and nominated the latter for congress the first time. Ten days ago he returned from Nebraska, having stumped the state for the silver candidate. His condition is dangerous.

The large barn of Zeek Johnson, who lives five miles from Holdrege, was burned and his hired man lost his life in the flames. The barn cost \$1,200. Nine horses, 500 bushels of oats, forty tons of hay and some farm machinery were also consumed. There was some insurance. The cause of the fire is a mystery and different theories are advanced. The victim of the flames was about 25 years old and had worked for Johnson about a year.

E. J. Hall, who has been deputy state oil inspector for the past two years, died suddenly at the Lincoln hotel last week from a stroke of apoplexy. He was one of the best known newspaper men of the state. Up to a short time ago he was editor and proprietor of the Grand Island Democrat, and previous to that time he had edited papers in Saunders county and other portions of Nebraska. He leaves a wife and three children, who live at Grand Island. He was sick only about two hours.

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EXTRA SESSION CERTAIN.

CONFIDANTES OF MCKINLEY SPEAK POSITIVELY.

BEEN FULLY DECIDED ON.

Chairman of Ways and Means Committee Dingley to Formally Make Such an Announcement at the Proper Time—Will Convene Shortly After March 4—Senator Thurston Talks.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—Friends and confidantes of Mr. McKinley who have come direct from Canton, Ohio, bring the positive announcement that a call for a special session of Congress, to be convened a few days after March 4, has been decided upon. It is stated that Mr. Dingley, chairman of the House committee on ways and means, will make this intention formally known at the proper time.

Senator Thurston said: "I am convinced a session of the next Congress will be called for about the 15th of March. The ought to be satisfactory. I cannot quote anyone, but I do not consider that there is any doubt on the point. The complexion of the Senate will not be allowed to influence the decision at all. The Republican administration has been elected under a pledge to the people to reform the tariff and its duty to this country is to proceed about that business at the earliest possible moment and either to keep its pledge or make it manifest that it is impossible to do so. I think we ought to secure a tariff which could be put into effect by the beginning of the next fiscal year."

"DYNAMITE DICK'S" DEATH

The Outlaw Surprised as He Was Preparing to Raid a Bank—His Past.

WICHITA, Kan., Dec. 7.—The real name of "Dynamite Dick," the leader of Oklahoma outlaws, who was killed two miles east of Blackwell yesterday by a livewoman named Lang, one of a sheriff's posse, was Richard Clifton and he belonged to a respectable family of Newton, Kan.

The outlaws had planned to rob the bank of Blackwell, but the sheriff was advised of it two weeks ago and had a posse of seven men engaged to meet them. Learning that the outlaws were at the home of Farmer Hostler, the sheriff summoned his men and went there. At daylight the outlaws appeared and shooting began at once. The bullet that killed "Dick," after passing through his body killed a heifer.

Ben Cravens, another of the band, was not captured, and escaped, and has made a rambling statement to the effect that he killed the man found murdered near Elgin a week ago. The body of "Dick" and his wounded comrade have been taken to Newkirk, the county seat. Cravens recently broke jail in Guthrie to escape the penalty of bank robbery.

A Woman Editor Cowhides a Competitor.

ATTALTA, Ala., Dec. 7.—The Beacon, of which Miss Emma Monroe, who is not yet out of her teens, is associate editor, published an article yesterday that juvenile criminals should be sent to a reformatory, and the Herald, edited by H. Cather, replied that some grown persons should also be in a reformatory, the allusion being to Miss Monroe's father, who, while treasurer of DeKalb county, was accused of embezzlement. Yesterday Miss Monroe attacked Cather with a cowhide and he was forced to run up a flight of stairs.

Two New Gunboats Launched.

BATH, Me., Dec. 7.—The new gunboats, Vicksburg and Newport, were launched from the yards of the Bath Iron works this afternoon, before a great crowd. Both are of composite construction, all of the framing being of steel, with planks of Georgia pine worked on the frames below the water line, secured by composition bolts. Another feature will be the use of full sail power in addition to steam, for they will be rigged as barkentines. They are sister ships, of 1,000 tons displacement, drawing twelve feet of water, 168 feet long by thirty-six feet beam, and will cost \$222,469 each.

General Merritt's Ball.

CHICAGO, Dec. 7.—The ball given by Major General Wesley Merritt at the Auditorium hotel was one of the most distinct social successes of years. Fully 300 of the leading society people were present, as were all the military officers from Fort Sheridan, and those attached to the headquarters of the department of the Missouri. General Merritt was assisted in receiving by Mrs. Potter Palmer and other society leaders.

John R. Fellows Very Sick.

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—District Attorney John R. Fellows lies at the point of death from an attack of gastritis at his home in this city. His family have given up hope. He is very weak. At one time during the night his friends thought that the end was very near. John R. Fellows, jr., who is in the South traveling for his health, has been summoned home.

The Bayard Gift Project.

LONDON, Dec. 7.—The Daily Telegraph this morning devotes three columns to its project for a subscription for a farewell Christmas gift to United States Ambassador Bayard. The list of subscribers for the day includes Sir Henry Irving and Dean Hole. The total amount subscribed, including the \$500 with which the Telegraph opens the list, is \$545.

Gold Victory in Alabama.

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Dec. 7.—In the senate the bill which prohibits the making of any contract payable specifically in gold was defeated, the nine Populists alone voting for it.

MINT DIRECTOR'S REPORT.

Operations of the Last Fiscal Year—Total Coinage \$71,188,468.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—The report of R. E. Preston, the director of the mint, shows the operations of the mints and assay offices during the fiscal year 1896, together with statistics of foreign countries relative to the production, coinage and monetary condition of each.

The original gold bullion deposited at the mints and assay offices during the year was valued at \$68,769,383. The original silver bullion deposited represented coinage value of \$11,672,077.

The coinage executed at the mints during the fiscal year was as follows: Gold, \$58,878,400; silver dollars, \$7,500,882; subsidiary silver, \$3,939,819; minor coins, \$869,337; total, \$71,188,468.

There was a total coinage under the act of July 14, 1890, up to November 1, 1896, of \$56,706,876, with a signiorage of \$13,304,034; leaving on hand at the mints a balance of 125,061,262 fine ounces, costing \$112,865,625.

The average London price of silver bullion during the fiscal year was equivalent to \$0.68007; the New York price was \$0.69491, and the average price at the par of exchange was \$0.67588. The highest quotation during the year was equivalent to \$0.70204; the lowest quotation, \$0.66981. The commercial ratio of gold to silver was 1 to 30.58, and the bullion value of a United States silver dollar, at the yearly average price, was \$0.53262.

The net gold exports for the fiscal year were \$78,904,613 as against \$30,117,376 for the previous year. The net silver exports were \$33,262,258, as against \$27,631,789 for the previous year.

The employment of precious metals in the industrial arts in the United States during the calendar year 1895 was: Gold, \$13,429,085; silver, \$12,277,024.

The metallic stock in the United States on July 1, 1896, was: Gold, \$599,597,954; silver, \$628,728,071; a total of \$1,228,326,025.

The estimated production of the precious metals in the United States during the calendar year, 1895, was:

Metals ounces value value.
Gold.....2,254,760 \$49,410,000 \$46,610,000
Silver.....55,727,000 36,445,000 72,051,000

The estimated production of gold and silver in the world for the calendar year, 1895, was as follows:

Gold, \$231,087,438; silver, \$121,610,219; total, \$352,697,657.

The total metallic stock and uncovered paper in the world was estimated on January 1, 1896, as follows: Gold, \$4,142,700,000; full legal tender silver, \$3,616,700,000; limited tender silver, \$620,200,000; total metallic stock, \$8,380,600,000; uncovered paper, \$2,558,000,000; grand total, \$10,938,600,000.

The director in his report states there is no doubt that the silver coins of the United States are now being counterfeited, exactly similar to the genuine in size, weight and devices. Some of these coins cannot be distinguished from the genuine, even by experts. A very dangerous counterfeit silver half dollar has made its appearance in the East and West, the weight of which is 192 grains, with a fineness of .8673, while the weight of the genuine is 192.9, of the fineness of .900.

The profit to the counterfeiter is now about 100 per cent. So far, the best known protection against the counterfeiting of coins has been found to be the lettering placed on the edges similar to that on the first coins of the United States, or of the 5-franc piece of France.

Jefferson Barracks May Be Abandoned.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 7.—The probability that Jefferson Barracks will be abandoned by the government as a military post is not remote. This prediction is based on known facts supplemented by official complaints as to the bad sanitary condition of the post by the various commanding officers in charge. An order has been received from General Wesley Merritt directing a board of officers to meet at Jefferson barracks December 16 to inquire into the sanitary condition of the post.

A Law to License Murder.

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Dec. 7.—Representative Pitts, one of the foremost lawyers in the assembly, has introduced a bill which in effect will license a man to kill the despoiler of his female relative. It is urged that the law making such homicide murder is a dead letter on the statute books and that the proposed law would enable the juries of Alabama to cease ignoring the written law in order to meet the ends of justice.

A Baxter Springs Bank Closed.

BAXTER SPRINGS, Kan., Dec. 7.—The Baxter Springs bank was closed this morning and is now in the hands of the bank commissioner. It will probably not reopen, as it is reported to be in very bad shape. Colonel Alexander Warner is president.

Clinton, Mo., Bank Closes.

CLINTON, Mo., Dec. 7.—The Henry County bank assigned at 10 o'clock last night to Calver & Lewis, attorneys. The deposits are about \$125,000, and bills payable about \$20,000. It is heavy holders of commercial paper in business institutions that have been suffering from the hard times. The assignees have been the bank's counsel in legal matters. Mr. Lewis being the late Republican candidate for governor.

Child Murder and Suicide.

NEWARK, Ohio, Dec. 7.—Mrs. A. F. Gleisner, wife of a glassblower, shot her infant child in the head this morning, killing it instantly. She then shot herself in the mouth and is now lying in a precarious condition.

Nevada's Total Vote.

CARSON, Nev., Dec. 7.—Complete election returns of Nevada were received by the secretary of state this morning. The total vote of the state was 10,315. Bryan Sewall received 7,807; Bryan and Watson 273; McKinley and Hobart, 1,935.

RESOURCES OF ALABAMA.

Recited in the Inaugural Address of Governor Johnston.

Governor Joseph F. Johnston was inaugurated governor of Alabama Dec. 1. Before taking the oath of office he delivered a long address, sounding the keynote of his administration, which is to promote the development of Alabama's resources and improve the condition of her people. Speaking of the resources of the state he said:

"With an area of but little more than fifty thousand square miles, there is no territory of like size in the known world so prolific in the variety of its resources; were a wall erected around our state, cutting off all access, we could produce within our borders everything necessary for the comfort or convenience of man. Great veins of iron ore and seams of coal put at our command almost boundless resources in fuel, iron, and steel. Splendid forests of yellow pine stand ready to build homes for millions of people. Building stone and marble, fire clay, kaolin and lime exist in great abundance; walnut, maple, oak, cherry, ash and other hard woods await the hand of man for manufacture or the adornment of our homes. In the production of pig iron we take rank as the fourth state in the union; in iron ore, third; in coal we stand fifth; in the production of cotton, fourth, and in its manufacture, fourth. In lumber we are near the head of the list. It would be unjust should I fail to include in our minerals copper, lead, graphite, marl and gold; indeed, the only mineral that we seem to be without and to want most is silver. Leaving forest and mine and coming to our fields we find that they produce generously cotton, corn, wheat, rye, oats, tobacco, rice and the grasses and here is the home of the pear, the peach, the grape and all small fruits. Vegetables are grown with great success, and this industry is steadily developing. Our splendid rivers, the Alabama, Coosa, Tallapoosa, Warrior, Cahaba, Bigbee and the Tennessee, are the liquid arteries of the commonwealth, fed by innumerable creeks, all fruitful in power to convert our raw products into articles of merchandise. Over 3,000 miles of railroads traverse our state from north to south, and east to west, furnishing quick transportation to market for our products. When we come to our climate we find that the Giver of all good things has not stayed His hand, and that He has blessed us with opportunity to labor twelve months in the year without detriment to health or comfort. Indeed, we can scarcely appreciate the blessings we enjoy in this respect when compared with less favored regions, for even now we are seemingly unconscious that roses are blooming in our gardens, and the fragrant air is sweet with their perfume."

Fitzsimmons in Court.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 5.—Bob Fitzsimmons, through his attorney, commenced suit in the Superior court to restrain the Anglo-California bank from paying Sharkey the \$10,000 purse awarded the sailor by Referee Earp. Fitzsimmons charges conspiracy between Sharkey, the National Athletic club and others, whose names are not given, to award Sharkey the purse under any circumstances. Fitzsimmons alleges that before Earp was selected as referee this agreement was made and that had he known of it he would have refused to enter the ring. Judge Sanderson granted the injunction prayed for and the case will soon be tried in court.

Another Postmaster to Go.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—Charges have been filed in the postoffice department against Jacob D. Allen, postmaster at Butler, Bates county, Mo., and editor of the Butler Times, and they are now being considered by the department. The impression is general that there is enough in the charges to effect Allen's prompt removal. In connection with the charges of pernicious activity in politics, it is claimed that Mr. Allen, as editor of his paper, has allowed no opportunity to pass for roasting President Cleveland and all of his friends.

A Nebraskan of Note Loses His Home.

NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., Dec. 5.—The home of John C. Watson, ex-speaker of the house of representatives of Nebraska, was entirely destroyed by fire early this morning. It is not known how the fire originated, as Watson and his family were away from home. The loss on the house, furniture and library is estimated at \$15,000, which is fully covered by insurance.

Gold Contracts in Georgia.

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 5.—The state Senate, by a vote of 21 to 15, rejected a bill introduced by Senator Culver to declare null and void all obligations and contracts which may be made payable in any specific character of money. So far as the general assembly is concerned, therefore, gold contracts may still be made in Georgia.

On Nov. 30th the John A. Salzer Seed Co., La Crosse, Wis., the largest seed potato growers in the world received an order for three thousand bushels of seed potatoes from one firm in Texas.

Inaugural Ball.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Dec. 5.—Chairman M. A. Hanna said yesterday: "I think the inaugural ball will be held as usual. It has become a time-honored custom in connection with the inaugural ceremonies, and there is no reason why it should be omitted now."

Two Killed in a Snowslide.

LOGAN, Utah, Dec. 5.—Hiram Jeppson, James Christensen, Sr., and his son, James, were buried in a snowslide yesterday afternoon in Logan canon. Jeppson finally extricated himself, but the father and son were both killed.

St. Joseph Recruits for Cuba.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Dec. 3.—It has developed that there has been an enlistment of 150 men for the Cuban army and that others are expected to join them when means of transportation have been properly arranged for by the Cuban junta in New York. The man who has been active in securing this number for the cause of Cuba is David Berensberg, at one time a tenant in the regular United States army, and prior to that a soldier in the German army during the Franco-Prussian war. At the present time he holds