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WASHINGTON LETTER

Washington, D. C. Aug. 15.—Congress will adjourn some time in September, but in December the institution will be at again at work. In the early days of the country a few months were all that was necessary to fix up the laws and make them workable. Now there is a constantly shifting condition of affairs, and great interests and units of population are constantly in need of some immediate legislation. The result is that congress must be in session eight or nine months out of every year in order to keep up with the progress and growth of the nation.

The Threatened Railroad Strike.
Of course nothing could be more disastrous to the interests of the country than a general railroad strike. The Washington administration stands ready to employ drastic measures to prevent a tie-up of the transportation of the country. But naturally, as in all cases where there is a struggle between labor and capital, the responsible heads of the government hesitate to act until all measures are exhausted between the contending parties. However, a general railroad strike would paralyze every phase of commerce and industry, and it will be prevented by Uncle Same, if it becomes necessary for him to take a hand.

Coercion of Congress.
Senator Cummins, in a speech made a few days ago, accused President Wilson of coercing congress. When Mr. Roosevelt was president, Senators and representatives were accustomed to arise regularly and make a similar charge. Even in the days of Mr. Taft, who was as gentle a Unitarian as ever missed morning prayers, the congressmen occasionally said he tried to be boss. Senator Cummins is a mild-mannered gentleman, and quite unaccustomed to saying sharp things about anyone. His remarks raise a nice point as to whether the president really ought to "coerce" congress and order it around, or await natural results, and hope for it to see the light of national wisdom. Picking up the slow-moving legislative body occasionally with a sharp-pointed instrument seems to be the surest route when it comes to making statutes. A good many people will entertain doubts as to whether President Wilson has really done any "coercing" during the last year or two. The argument with reference to the course of the national government is exactly what one finds in local governments where a mayor or town chairman is accused of "running everything," and usually all the more respected by the voters when he makes a clean job of it.

Will Congress Ever Vote Right.
It seems to be very difficult for some of the old-fashioned members of congress to comprehend that this is the day of automobiles, moving pictures, flying machines, electricity and rapid ways of doing things. It takes practically two months of the time of congress during a session like the present one, to do the voting in the house of representatives. And still, when a man like E. L. Bobroff, of Milwaukee, comes along with an entirely feasible plan which will make it possible to save at least forty minutes on every roll call, some congressmen whose minds are running on o-x-timate schedules, cannot see the point. However, it is more than probable that the house of representatives will soon do its voting by electricity instead of "by hand." The Wisconsin legislature has already adopted the device. Chilton, the Man Who Saved Brandeis.

There have been a lot of factional differences to divide the political parties and units of West Virginia. Ordinarily Senator Chilton, who has six years of successful achievements to his credit, would win in a walk because of his recognized ability and his strong personal hold upon the

people of his native state. These same characteristics have been instrumental in helping Senator Chilton to achieve splendid results in Washington. He is popular in the District of Columbia because of his interest in the legislation affecting the welfare of the capital. He belongs to the group of men who are known to stand for honesty of purpose, and who may be depended upon to safeguard the interests of the public at any and all times. One of the most notable achievements to the credit of any senator in the present session, was the forcing of the confirmation of the nomination of Louis D. Brandeis as justice of the supreme court by the West Virginian. Mr. Chilton was chairman of the sub-committee of the judiciary having the nomination in charge, and when the hosts of the opposition, headed by the forces of big business and the enemies of the Jews, seemed to have stamped the friends of Brandeis, Chilton led the administration forces on to victory, and secured the confirmation of the nomination.

HURRAH! RINGLING DAY ALMOST HERE

Big Circus and Great Spectacle Occupy Five Trains Crammed With Wonders.

The big event for which the youngsters and grownups have been impatiently waiting is drawing near for on Friday, August 25, Ringling Brothers' circus is to exhibit afternoon and night in Grand Island.

Expectancy never ran so high before and it is likely that this district will send a large delegation to feed the elephants. Unusual interest centers around the gigantic spectacle, "Cinderella," with which the famous showmen are this season opening their wonderful main tent program. "Cinderella" is probably the best lived of all fairy tales and to see it produced by more than 1,000 persons, hundreds of dancing girls and glorious pageants indeed gives promise of making "childhood's golden dreams come true." In the same great tent, will come marvelous circus numbers in which 400 men and women performers, scores of trained animals and a galaxy of special features are introduced. The majority of the acts are entirely new to America the Ringling Bros. having secured the pick of those European performers who have been obliged to seek engagements in this country because of the war. The all-new street parade will take place show day morning.

MISTAKEN IDENTITY.

Quite a heated argument took place in the grandstand during the ball game last Sunday afternoon. It concerned the identity of the portly party guarding the outer trenches of the battlefield, some contending that it was one of the Bloomer girls and others vehemently maintaining that it was Mique Mulick. The controversy was settled without bloodshed, however, when the Bloomerette came in to bat and Mr. Mulick was discovered peacefully ambling about among the spectators. Mique says that the story was inspired by Lee Arthur, Clint Out-house, Dar Grow and others who are under his instruction in the rummy game and are failing to win many games lately.

RETURNS FROM MARKET.

Miss Hattie Froehlich returned Tuesday evening from her summer trip to Kansas City, St. Louis and Des Moines. Miss Froehlich spent five weeks in these millinery centers and announces that her fall and winter offering will far exceed in style and price any stock that has ever been on sale in Sherman county.

Daily sells for less.

THE PUBLIC SHOWER



NEW FIRM MAKES SALES.

Grassmuck & Maus, the hustlers who recently opened a Buick sales room here, report that they are more than pleased with the reception accorded the Buick cars here. Several sales have been made by the firm in the past two weeks and several more will be closed up as soon as they are able to obtain the cars.

The Buick is a fine looking car and appears to have the power to negotiate the hills of Sherman county to the satisfaction of all who have been favored with a demonstration. The Buick is claimed to have a number of desirable features not found in other cars, which we are not familiar with and cannot enumerate at this time.

PUBLIC SALE.

I will sell at public sale on the Maris Pedersen farm, one mile north west of Rockville, on Tuesday, August 22, commencing at 1 o'clock p. m., sharp.

Three head of horses, consisting of 1 sorrel gelding, smooth mouth, weight about 1,400; 1 sorrel mare, smooth mouth, weight about 1,400; 1 brown gelding, 4 years old, weight about 1,150.

Twenty-four head of cattle, consisting of 7 good milch cows, 3 to 8 years old; white-faced bull, 2 years old; 2 heifers, 2 years old; 1 steer, 1 year old; 1 heifer, 1 year old; 12 head of calves, coming 1 year old.

Farm machinery as follows: Binder, lister, cultivator, two-row go-devil, hay rake, corn planter, press drill, corn binder, wagon, carriage, set of work harness, and a lot of other articles too numerous to mention. All the above machinery is nearly new and in first class condition.

Terms of sale: Nine months' time with interest at ten per cent.

MRS. ELSIE PEDERSEN, Admin.
HANS SMITH, Auctioneer.
E. DWEHUS, Clerk.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

Rosecoe Arbuckle in "Fatty's Tintype Tangle," a two-reel Keystone comedy, with "The Girl and the Game," next week.

Vic Swanson—the house known for good merchandise.

MANY SIGN THE PETITION

Voters of Sherman County Declare Themselves In Favor of New Court House on Levy Plan.

A number of petitions have been circulated all over the county during the past week, asking the county board of supervisors to make a levy of not to exceed five mills and to run five years, to create a fund for the building of a court house.

The levy proposition met with hearty approval of the majority of the voters and it was no trouble to secure more than enough signers in order to enable the board to act favorably upon the same. As the board of supervisors were compelled to adjourn until August 22, because the state levy had not been received from the board at Lincoln, the petitions were not acted upon the 17th of this month, but will come before the county board on the 22nd of this month, and no doubt the levy will be made at that time.

More than 1,250 voters signed the petitions and many more signatures could have been secured if more time had been given to the circulation of the petitions.

The levy asked for will raise enough money to build a court house such as Sherman county is entitled to.

When the present eyesore of a court house is removed it will be a great relief to a majority of the inhabitants of the county.

A PAIR OF WEDDINGS.

County Judge E. A. Smith officiated at two weddings this week. On Monday, August 14, Herman E. Taylor, of Berwyn, and Miss Angeline E. Jenkins, of Arcadia, were united in marriage.

On Wednesday, August 16, Louis Psota, of Bristol township, and Miss Catherine E. Horvath, of Ravenna, were married. Mr. and Mrs. Psota will make their home on the groom's farm, southwest of Loup City.

CARD OF THANKS.

We sincerely appreciate the sympathy and assistance of the kind friends of Grand Island and Austin who so kindly aided us in the death and burial of our beloved daughter and sister and, therefore, return our heartfelt thanks for the alleviation it gave us in our great sorrow.

—Mrs. Rachel Hults.
—Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Fletcher and Family.
—Mr. and Mrs. H. Hults and Family.

MRS. SCHLOTE DEAD.

Correspondence has been received from Dunning, Neb., that Mrs. L. W. Schlote, a former resident of Loup City, has died.

Mrs. Augusta Wilhelmina Schlote, nee Pobanz, was born on August 3rd, 1859, in West Prussia, Germany. As an infant child of one year, she came with her parents to the United States. After living one year at Geneseo, Ill., they moved to Dodge, Neb. On June 30th, 1878, she was married there to L. W. Schlote, of which happy union of 38 years, 14 children were born, 8 boys and 6 girls. Two of the boys died some years ago. For many years Mr. Schlote was employed in farming and at times in business. Living many years at Dodge, Neb., the Schlote family moved to Tilden, Neb. After two years stay there they moved to Colorado, farming there for three years, when they came to Loup City, January 6, 1913. On February 22nd, of this year, Mr. Schlote, wife and part of family moved west to Dunning, Blaine County.

Always healthy and strong, for some time Mrs. Slote complained of heart trouble. On July 11th, last, Mrs. Schlote, accompanied by her husband, went to Breslau, Neb., the home of her youngest daughter, to consult the

A. N. CONKLIN DEAD

A. N. Conklin was born at Princeville, Ill., May 2, 1860, and died at St. Paul, August 12, 1916. Mr. Conklin came to Ashton when the town was first started, being the first depot agent there. He acted as agent for several years, but during that time had formed a partnership with E. G. Taylor, and they started a store at Ashton, which Mr. Taylor managed for several years. In 1893 Mr. Conklin quit the railroad and went into the store. He lived on a farm, near Ashton, for several years and fed cattle at the same time he ran the store. In 1904 he moved to St. Paul and engaged in the grain business, which business he followed for several years. Mr. Conklin took quite an active part in politics, and was postmaster at St. Paul at the time of his death. He was often in Loup City during his long residence in Ashton, and attended many public gatherings here, and had many warm friends in Loup City.

Mr. Conklin had been sick with Bright's disease for about two years and had been to Excelsior Springs for several months during that time, also at Idaho Springs, and had also seen the best doctors in Denver, Kansas City and Rochester, Minn., but could get no permanent help. He married

Mattie B. Taylor at Ashton, June 12, 1889, who still survives him, also one son, Lawrence Conklin, and one brother and a sister, who live in Oklahoma. Mr. Conklin was a member of the Presbyterian church at St. Paul, also a member of the M. W. A. and the Shriners.

The funeral services were held at the residence, conducted by Rev. Geo. A. Ray, pastor of the Second Presbyterian church of Council Bluffs, and assisted by Rev. E. M. Steen, of Loup City. Burial was made in the Elmwood cemetery, near St. Paul. The floral offerings were large, showing the great number of friends Mr. Conklin had. A great many from a distance were in attendance at the funeral, some of the friends from a distance being: Theodore Ojendyk and J. M. Cox, of Lincoln; W. A. C. Johnson and wife, of Omaha; Mr. and Mrs. Vandecard, of Ord; Leonard, Harry and Mildred Conklin, of Minnare, Neb.; Mrs. W. M. Hughes, a sister, from Oklahoma; J. F. Johnson and wife, University Place, Neb.; Mr. and Mrs. Todd Conklin and Mr. and Mrs. Wilkins, of Grand Island; Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Curry, of Kansas City, Mo., besides a large number, who attended from Loup City, Ashton and other near by towns.

LOCAL NEWS ITEMS.

McCormick and Deering sickle sections, \$1.00 per box.—E. J. Schoening.

Mrs. Lula Burke came up from Austin, Wednesday, to visit with friends.

Mrs. Lula Burke and Miss Emma Rowe went to Ashton Thursday on business.

M. Worlock came home Wednesday from Kearney, where he had been on business.

Plenty of nice, smooth potatoes at \$1.00 per bushel.—Robert Fullilton, Austin, Neb. Phone 9720.

Mrs. O. M. Bond arrived here from Gresham, Tuesday, to visit her daughter, Mrs. C. H. Ryan, and family.

Mrs. B. W. Flanders, of Sweetwater, arrived Wednesday for a few days' visit with relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Clark of Olivet, Mich., are here visiting with Mrs. Clark's sister, Mrs. H. M. Mathew.

Miss Mable Hansen came home from Hastings Wednesday evening, where she had been visiting her parents.

"Damaged Goods," the greatest moral picture ever produced, will be shown at the opera house, Tuesday, August 29.

C. W. Trumble, Myers Benson and J. F. Roberts, of Hazard, were in Loup City, Wednesday, transacting business at the court house.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Curry came here Thursday from Kansas City for a few days' visit with Mrs. Curry's brother, E. G. Taylor, and family.

A fine rain, amounting to about an inch, fell Wednesday night, reviving the jaded corn and doing great benefit to the alfalfa crop and pastures.

Miss Elva Ohlsen and Henry Ohlsen returned to their home at David City, Thursday, after a few weeks' visit with their uncle, John Ohlsen, and family.

Dr. Marcy has been confined to his home the past two weeks with rheumatism. He is improving and will soon be able to attend to his practice at his office.

H. L. Huelett and wife, of Cairo, stopped in Loup City, Wednesday, for a short visit with Mr. and Mrs. H. M.

Elsner, Mr. and Mrs. Huelett were enroute to their ranch in Blaine county.

The state board of equalization has raised the valuation of Sherman county real estate 5 per cent. The board first raised the valuation 10 per cent, but upon a protest from some of our citizens, the increase was cut down to 5 per cent.

Warren Davidson, of Cozad, was elected principal of the Loup City schools at the board meeting Wednesday. The faculty of the schools now is complete and all members are preparing for their work, which will soon begin.

Mr. and Mrs. Gus Lorentz and children motored to Ravenna last Sunday and visited relatives there. They were accompanied home by Mrs. Lorentz's sisters, Misses Elizabeth and Lucille Erasm, who will visit at the Lorentz home for some time.

A petition is being circulated around town for the purpose of raising money to buy benches for use in the court house square. The carpenters of the city will do the manufacturing free of charge, the money being necessary for the purchase of the lumber. It is thought that enough money will be subscribed within the next few days to place all the benches in the park that are needed.

COMING SOON!

Burk's Big Uncle Tom's Cabin Co. Under a Mammoth Canvas.

One of the many events of the season will be the coming of Burk's Big "Uncle Tom's Cabin Co." which will exhibit at Loup City, Wednesday night, August 23.

A modern feature of this organization is a monster Street Parade like a Circus, consisting of more men, Women, Children, Horses, Ponies, Donkeys and Dogs, Chariots, Tableaux Wagons, Floats, Bands of Music, etc., than any other similar exhibition on the road. This magnificent Free Street Parade will be seen daily on the principal streets and thoroughfares of our city during the day of their exhibition here and it is worth coming many miles to see.

Some folks would give anything if they could get rid of constipation. Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea will do the work and do it quick. Take it once a week to be regular, happy and free.—Graefe's Pharmacy.

TANKS
GATES
STEEL
POSTS
HOG
TROUGHES
FENCE
BARB
WIRE
NAILS
STAPLES
FENCE
ANCHORS
LIME
CEMENT
PLASTER

Better Lumber for less money

We can save you money on lumber and building material. Have us figure on what you need.

Coal! Coal!

Coal is cheaper now than in years. Buy your winter's coal now and get better coal for less money.

GENUINE NIGGER-HEAD	Steel Posts 25c each	HARD COAL
YAMPA VALLEY	8 ft. Tanks \$12	COKE
ROUTT COUNTY	Special Prices on Everything	PEA COAL
CANON CITY	See Us Before You Buy	THRASHING COAL

HANSEN LUMBER CO.

PAINTS
HOUSE
AND
BARN
PAINTS
VARNISHES
STAINS
LINSEED
OIL
GLASS
PAINT
BRUSHES
ROOFING
SHINGLES
POSTS
LADDERS

The Rexall Fountain

Dainty Drinks for Chautauqua Week

ORANGE SUNDAE	MOCO NUT SUNDAE
RED RASPBERRY SUNDAE	
PEACH SUNDAE	BUTTER SCOTCH SUNDAE
STRAWBERRY PHOSPHATE	GINGER ALE
LEMON PHOSPHATE	GRAPE JUICE
ORANGE PHOSPHATE	MALTED MILK
CHERRY PHOSPHATE	COCA COLA
ORANGEADE	LIMEADE
ORANGE JULEP	LEMONADE

THE REXALL FOUNTAIN