



Fire in a school building in a suburb of Cleveland, O., resulted in a loss of the lives of 168 children.

Fred Hedde of Grand Island, Neb., one of the pioneer editors of the state, is dead.

The Ohio republican state convention declared for William H. Taft for the presidential nomination and adopted resolutions promising a revision of the tariff "insuring the maintenance of the true principle of protection by imposing such customs duties as will equal the difference between the cost of production at home and abroad, together with a reasonable profit."

George P. Marvin, editor of the Gage County (Neb.) Democrat, and one of the state's best known editors, died at his home in Beatrice. Mr. Marvin was born in Shullsburg, Wis., March 24, 1851, and came to Nebraska with his parents in 1859. He was early engaged in the printing office of the Nebraska Advertiser in Brownville, and later removed to Falls City where he engaged in the newspaper business with H. Clay Davis who was associated with him in establishing the Falls City News. Mr. Marvin located in Beatrice in December, 1879.

Negro republicans have issued appeals to their voters urging the nomination by the republican convention of Senator Foraker. In case Foraker fails negroes are asked to unite upon Fairbanks for the fight. They are urged to oppose Taft at all hazards.

The Ohio republicans nominated for governor Andrew L. Harris who is the present acting governor.

Two republican organizations are working against one another in Louisiana, and contesting delegations will probably be elected from that and other southern states.

An Associated Press cablegram from London, March 6, said: "An outburst of anger against Emperor William on the part of the British public equaling that caused by the emperor's famous telegram to President Kruger at the beginning of the Boer war, has followed the announcement made this morning by the Times that Emperor William at-

tempted to influence the British naval policy by a secret correspondence with Lord Tweedmouth, first lord of the admiralty. The Germanophobe party, which was never stronger than now, immediately jumped to the conclusion that Emperor William was trying to meddle in the most vital matters in Great Britain interests by underhanded methods and the public at first shared that view, while parliament, the newspapers and the diplomats had the greatest sensation they had enjoyed for many a day. The matter was considered so serious that Lord Tweedmouth broke his customary reticence, hastening to say: 'The letter from the German emperor is purely a personal communication and there is no reference in it to the British naval establishment.'

#### DEMOCRATIC CLUBS

A. F. Parker, Grangeville, Idaho, writes: "We organized here last night the Idaho County Bryan Democratic club, with a membership of thirty-five, although the weather was very inclement. The officers are as follows: President, M. Reese Hattabaugh; vice president, Lycurgus Vineyard; secretary, J. B. White, treasurer, W. W. Brown; executive committee, Frank McGrane, Lloyd Widener, W. H. Casady, H. E. Heppner, I. C. Hattabaugh. It is our purpose to put The Commoner in the hands of republicans."

Albert Pavlik writes from Verdigris, Neb., as follows: "On the 25th of February we held a caucus and at the same meeting we organized a Bryan club with twenty charter members and the following officers were elected: John Bruce, chairman; Albert Pavlik, secretary; Anton Dozbaba, treasurer. The club will hold a meeting every month on the first Monday, and all members are to work for Bryan."

The Marion County (Ill.) Democrat published at Salem says: "A W. J. Bryan club was organized here at the court house on Wednesday night of last week by the election of B. E. Martin, president; John Shultz, vice president; E. P. Garner, secretary, and B. M. Smith, treasurer. The organization started off with a membership exceeding one hundred, and it is the intention to give every Bryan supporter in this immediate vicinity an opportunity to become a member of this club. So far as has come to our knowledge, every democrat is enthusiastically for Bryan, and there are former republicans who will cast their votes for William Jennings Bryan at the election next November."

A. M. Dalrymple of Salem, Ore., writes: "Believing you will be interested in knowing what democrats are doing in this far-away country, I send herewith clipping from the Daily Oregon Statesman telling of the organization of a democratic club. Please take notice that there is nothing doubtful about the resolutions passed by the club."

Following is an extract from the Daily Oregon Statesman: "Forty-five prominent democrats met in the office of W. A. Liston on Court street, last evening and perfected the organization of the Jefferson democratic club of Salem, Oregon, amid much enthusiasm and happy prognostication of the party's future welfare, both locally and in national

politics. Dr. W. S. Mott called the meeting to order at 7:30 and placed in nomination for the chairmanship Mr. W. A. Liston, whose election was made unanimous. A. N. Dalrymple was chosen to serve as secretary, and the following resolutions were introduced and adopted with much enthusiasm: 'Resolved, that we, the members of the Thomas Jefferson Democratic club of Salem, Oregon, appreciating the unswerving patriotism and incomparable statesmanship of William J. Bryan, believing him to be the man best fitted to guide the destinies of our republic, and recognizing in him the only logical democratic candidate do unanimously endorse him for the next president of the United States.' A committee to draft a constitution and by-laws for the club, to report at the call of the chairman, was appointed by Chairman Liston, and consists of the following well known citizens of Salem: D. J. Fry, chairman, Dr. W. S. Mott, and A. M. Dalrymple. The club will endeavor to boost William J. Bryan for the presidency of the United States and will do all in its power to advance the cause of Governor Chamberlain should he announce his candidacy for the United States senate."

John B. Hill, secretary, of Maybeury, W. Va., writes: "We are moving along fine. Our club is about six hundred strong. More are joining. We wish to build up a strong democratic organization."

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