

Paul. Officers selected for the democratic state central committee were: Vice chairman, Chris Gruenther of Columbus; treasurer, P. L. Hall of Lincoln; executive committee, First district, A. V. Johnson of Lincoln; Second district, H. B. Fleharty of Omaha; Third district, H. G. Miller of Stanton; Fourth district, A. P. Sprague of Aurora; Fifth district, John Mooney of Arapahoe; Sixth district, F. J. Taylor of St. Paul. Chairman J. C. Byrnes of Columbus and Secretary Leo Matthews of Albion were selected for their respective offices at the meeting of the state democratic convention held at Fremont.

An Associated Press dispatch from Denver says: An amendment to the state constitution providing for the recall of the judiciary as provided in the Arizona constitution before it was eliminated by President Taft, will be submitted to Colorado voters at the next state election, if the campaign started by the direct legislation league is successful. The league's judicial committee has approved the judiciary recall and recommended that steps be taken at once to initiate such an amendment.

Former United States Senator Roger Q. Mills died at his home in Corsicana, Texas.

Arthur Pue Gorman, son of the late Senator Gorman, has been nominated by the democrats to be governor of Maryland.

B. E. Glyck of Foxholm, N. D., drew first choice in the Fort Bertholdt land drawing at Minot, N. D.

The crater of Mt. Etna is emitting ashes and lava, and people in the vicinity of the eruption are in panic.

James P. Latta, congressman from the Third Nebraska district, died at a Rochester, Minn., hospital, where he had undergone surgical treatment.

The strike of Illinois Central shopmen has been averted.

By a majority estimated at about a thousand, Maine repealed the law of constitutional prohibition.

Secretary of Agriculture Wilson spoke in favor of reciprocity at the Nebraska state fair and on the following day Congressman Norris, republican, replied to him, attacking the administration.

An Associated Press cablegram from Deal, England, says: After a lapse of thirty-six years, Captain Matthew Webb's feat of swimming the English channel was duplicated by William T. Burgess, a native of Yorkshire, but now a naturalized Frenchman. It was Burgess' sixteenth attempt, he having first essayed the task in 1904. Burgess started from South Foreland, Dover, at 11:45 o'clock Tuesday morning. He landed at Le Chatelet, a little village two miles east of Cape Grisnez, at 9:50 o'clock Wednesday morning, accomplishing the passage in twenty-two hours and thirty-five minutes. It is estimated that Burgess, owing to the serious sea course he was compelled to take because of the baffling tide, covered sixty miles in crossing the twenty mile channel.

Eighty-one persons were drowned in a ship wreck on the west coast of South America.

T. J. Brooks of Tennessee, president of the National Farmers' union, addressed that organization at Shawnee, Okla. A Shawnee dispatch says: Brooks spoke at length on his theme

of co-operation. He declared that the farmers must immediately change their business methods and assist one another or they will soon be the playthings of "the interests." He pointed out that the farmers are losing a billion dollars annually in the value of their holdings, while the trusts on the other hand are gaining a like sum. United States Senator T. P. Gore, who followed Brooks, took up the cudgel for co-operation, and his speech was confined mostly to amplifying the statements of Brooks. "You farmers will be buried deeper in misery than ever if you do not co-operate," declared the blind senator. "More attention must be given to business if you are to be successful."

With the organization of committees in Merrick and Nance counties last week admirers of former Governor Joseph W. Folk started a campaign to capture the Nebraska delegation for the Missouriian at the spring primaries. The first committee was formed at Central City with Robert E. Barge chairman, and H. F. Allen secretary. Among the others prominent in the meeting were Dr. Earl E. Boyd, county chairman; Mayor E. H. Bishop, Attorney J. E. Doskines, Sheriff Milton Iler, John McKendry and the Rev. V. E. Shirley. Messrs. Shirley, Boyd and Bishop were appointed to draft resolutions. The following was submitted and adopted:

"Whereas, The democracy of Merrick county, Nebraska, is decidedly progressive in its tendency, and

"Whereas, Our objects can only be attained by the election of a man as president who is a progressive and constructive statesman, and

"Whereas, Our sister state of Missouri presents such a man in the person of her former governor, Joseph W. Folk, therefore, be it

"Resolved, We hereby indorse Joseph W. Folk as the presidential candidate of the democratic party for 1912."

Chairman Barge also was instructed to appoint a committee of seven from the various townships of the county to extend the organization into those districts.

The organization of the Nance county committee followed that of Merrick county. Among those who participated in the meeting at Fullerton were: J. N. Campbell, H. M. Kellogg, editor of the News-Journal, Albert Thompson, W. P. Hatten, S. F. Rolph and N. I. Claggett.

Chairman W. H. Orton of the Nance county democratic committee also announced his allegiance to the Folk cause. The following resolution was adopted by the Nance county Folk admirers:

"Whereas, We believe in a progressive democracy and wish to further progressive aims and tendencies to the end that a man in accord with these ideas and possessed of constructive ability may be chosen as our candidate for president in 1912, and

"Whereas, The state of Missouri offers such a man to the democracy of the nation in the person of former Governor Joseph W. Folk, therefore, be it

"Resolved that we democrats of Nance county, Nebraska, favor the said Joseph W. Folk as our candidate for president."

President Taft's attitude toward tariff reform was attacked by Governor Harmon of Ohio in a speech before the gathering of democratic clubs at Boston, September 8. Governor Harmon said that the president's course in vetoing tariff bills passed by the special session of congress indicated that he had been reached by "wrong advisors." Speaking of the

president's objections to these bills he said: "These and other marks of paternity suggest the question whether the vetoes may not have been adopted offsprings, like the defense of Ballinger."

A dispatch to the New York American, from Gainesville, Texas, dated September 5, says: Senator Bailey today announced here that he would not be a candidate to succeed himself in the United States senate. In a statement to the correspondent of the New York American, he said:

"You can say for me that I will not be a candidate for re-election to the senate next year. I know the state can not find a successor who will be more faithful to the honor and welfare of her people than I have been, but I sincerely hope she will find one who can represent her in the senate with greater ability than I have done."

The primaries held in Virginia, September 7, to select the democratic nominees for United States senator, resulted in a victory for the "machine men." Thomas F. Martin and Claude A. Swanson were renominated for the long and short terms respectively. The "anti-machine candidates" were Representatives Jones and Glass, who, although defeated by large majorities, made splendid advances in the cause of progressive democracy.

A verdict of murder in the first degree was returned by the jury at Chesterfield courthouse, September 8, against Henry Clay Beattie, jr., indicted for the murder of his young wife on July 18, last.

An Associated Press dispatch from Gary, Ind., dated September 8, says that Mayor Thomas E. Knotts, five of the nine members of the city council, City Engineer W. A. Williston and a son of one of the aldermen, were arrested on charges of having accepted and solicited bribes in a heating franchise deal.

R. T. Crane, a millionaire iron manufacturer, has made public an arraignment of the big universities of the country, charging an alarming prevalence of drinking and gaming among the students.

John Jacob Astor and Madeline Force, both of New York, were married September 9, at Beechwood, the bridegroom's Newport house. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Dr. Joseph Lambert, pastor of Elmwood Temple church, Providence, R. I.

An Associated Press dispatch, dated Fort Worth, Sept. 19, says: United States Senator Joseph W. Bailey today confirmed the report that he would retire from the senate at the expiration of his term in 1913 and would locate in this city. Mr. Bailey said he and his son, now a student in the law department of the University of Virginia, would open a law office here. In a statement Mr. Bailey cancelled all speaking appointments in the state. He said that should he fill the engagements already scheduled his enemies would say he really intended to stand for re-election in 1913 and would point to the fact that he was addressing Texas audiences as confirmation of the charges.

Aviator Fowler left San Francisco September 11 on his transcontinental trip, with New York city as his destination.

Governors of many states assembled at Spring Lake, N. J., September 11, for the third annual governors' conference.

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