# DIETRICH WINS OUT

Hastings Man Is Chosen By Acclamation,

SENATOR THURSTON WIAS HIS FIGHT.

Expectations of Trouble Not Realized-A Full State Ticket Made Up With Very Little Balloting - Delegates

Well Pleased.

The republicans of Nebraska assembled in state convention at Lincoln Wednesday, and in four hours hard work settled all of their differences. named a full state ticket, and adjourned amid the best feeling.

The only conflict of any importance came in the selection of delegates at large to the national convention. An effort was made by the opponents of Senator Thurston to send Norris Brown of Kearney to Philadelphia in his stead. During the balloting on these delegates the interest was intense and the air of the vast hall was surcharged with excitement. When the roll call showed the senator to be safely in the lead his friends gave expression to their joy in a long and loud demonstration. Then the convention settled down to routine business. The auditorium was filled with delegates and spectators, but at no time was it overcrowded. The delegates were greatly pleased with the hall, considering it an ideal place for such a gathering.

The Ticket. Delegates-at-large:

E. Rosewater, Douglas. John M. Thurston, Douglas, John H. McClay, Lancaster. John A. Ehrhardt, Stanton.

Alternates: Norris Brown, Buffalo. M. R. Snodgrass, Cuming. H. C. Baird, Knox. C. W. Kaley, Webster.

J. T. Nesbit, Burt. R. B. Windham, Cass. Ed Royce, Custer. L. M. Hague, Kearney. S. P. Davidson, Johnson.

Oresidential electors:

J. L. Jacobson, Douglas. J. L. Kennedy, Douglas. John L. Langer, Saline. District Delegates.

First-George M. Spurlock, E. A. Tucker

Second-W. F. Gurley, E. J. Cornish. Third-Henry Ragatz, J. C. Haskell. Fourth-Alexander Laverty, C. B.

Fifth-O. A. Abbott, G. L. Day. Sixth-George B. Darr, E. J. Daven-

District Alternates.

First-Mr. Worl, R. C. Boyd, Second-C. L. Hoover, F. H. Claridge Third-N. W. Wells, Nelson Grimsey Fourth-M. F. Harlan, E. O. King. Fifth-Edward Updike, C. A. Luch. Sixth-James McIntosh, M. L. Frieze State Ticket.

Governor-C. H. Dietrich, Adams. Lieutenant Governor-E. P. Savage Custer.

Secretary of State-G. W. Marsh,

Richardson. Treasurer-William Stueffer, Cummings.

Auditor-Charles Weston, Sheridan, Attorney General-F. N. Prout, Gage Land Commissioner-George D. Follmer. Nuckolls.

Superintendent-W. K. Fowler, Washington.

## HANGS HIMSELF TO A TREE.

Farmer in Thayer County Ends Life of Trouble.

E. W. Moll, a small farmer and mail earrier between Hebron and Kiowa, committeed suicide by hanging himself to a tree about midway between his house and barn. He arose about dawn and his wife supposed he had gone out to do the chores, but when she got up about an hour later his body was dangling from the tree, the limb to which he hung only being about ten feet from the ground. He was about forty-five years old. had met a number of reverses of fortune within the past few years, and as he had a large family of small children, despondency is supposed to have been the cause of the rash act.

Fremont Woman Poisoned.

Mrs. Orissa K. Bennett, wife of James Bennett, died at Fremont after a short and violent illness. The physician in charge has decided that her death was due to poisoning, probably from eating chicken pie. Sunday night Mrs. Bennett was first taken with violent vomiting fits, and the doctor who was called in saw symptoms of poisoning. She had been to a church supper on Saturday night and eaten heartily of chicken pie.

Ohio Town Is Burning Up.

A telephone message from New London, O., states the village was being destroyed by fire. Aid was asked and a fire engine drawn by four horses was dispatched at once. Twelve dwellings have been destroyed, the loss being estimated at \$50,000. It is feared the whole village is doomed.

Americans Reported Killed.

The American garrison of Catubig, island of Samar, consisting of thirty men belonging to the Forty-third regiment, has been attacked by rebels. Twenty of the Americans were killed. The remainder were rescued.

## Dead By Scores.

Two hundred or more lives were lost in the explosion in mine No. 4 of the Pleasant Valley Coal company at Schofield, Utah. One hundred and thirty-seven bodies have already been

Victims of Colfax County Tragedy Fearfully Wounded.

The county officers have returned to West Point from the extreme southwestern part of Cuming county, where a coroner's inquest was held over the remains of Frank Slama, who in a cemetery killed himself after Laving shot Anton Seda. The suicide took place in Cuming county, while the shooting of Seda occured in Colfax county. Seda's wound is a terrible gun shot in the side of his head and is doubtless fatal.

The cause of the quarrel was that Seda's mother, who is Slama's sister, is seriously ill with dropsy and wanted to make out her will. Slama, who is sixty years of age, feared she would not make the will in his interest and the quarrel of the day before led to the shooting of Monday.

A twelve-year-old daughter testified to these facts, and told that Slama said he would not harm her, but that she was so frightened that she took her four-year-old brother in her arms. and with him jumped from a tweivefoot porch without injury to either.

The coroner's jury brought in a verdiet that Slama came to his death by two pistol shot wounds self-inflicted. He was lying on his face in the enetery with one hole in the temple and

#### WEATHER AND CROPS.

one over the heart.

A General Summary of the Conditions in Nebraska.

Under date of May 1, the university weather bureau says:

The past week has been warm and wet, with more than the normal amount of cloudiness. The daily mean temperature for the week averaged ten degrees above normal in the eastern and seven in the western counties.

The rainfall has been above the normal in all parts of the state. In the central and eastern counties it exceeded an inch, and in considerable portion of this area it exceeded two inches, In a large portion of the state rain fell on every day of the week, keeping the ground wet, and preventing any substantial progress in plowing for corn, and practically no corn was planted. The continued warm weather has been exceedingly favorable for the growth of wheat, oats and grass. All small grain is in fine condition. Grass has grown sufficiently to furnish good pasturage for cattle. Peach apricot, and cherry trees are full of blossoms.

#### STRIKE ON AT OMAHA

Woodworkers and Carpenters Quit and Several Hundred Idle.

An Omaho dispatch says: The carpenters strike is on. As a result of the refusal of the contractors and mill owners to grant the demands of the men 150 mill workers and 850 carpenters laid down their tools and there is every prospect of a long and stubborn contest.

The employes served notice January I that they would demand an increase May 1. This was to consist of an advance from 35 cents an hour to 40 cents an hour for earpenters, and from 271/2 cents an hour to 32% cents for mill workers. The mill men offered to ac cept 30 cents an hour, but the employers refused to compromise, and the men will now stand out for their

original demand. In addition to the carpenters who are already out, there are indications that there will be more unless the trouble is soon adjusted.

North Bent Woman Dies on Train

A sad death occurred on the local passenger due at North Bend. Mrs. Susie Flater had been at Omaha for a time taking treatment for consumption. It was decided that she would do better at home and her father went to Omaha to bring her home. On the train between Waterloo and Papillion Mrs. Slater died. At North Bend her husband was waiting and received her body. She leaves four small children.

Operators Close Down Mines.

Operators of the Harrisonburg mines in Saline county. Illinois, have shut down their mines, and they will probably continue closed all summer. Operators decline to pay the scale of 45 cents fixed by the state board of arbitration a few days ago, which is higher than the scale paid in Williamson county, which has heretofore paid the same scale as Saline.

G. C. Maxfield Dead.

G. C. Maxfield, a prominent citizen of Fairmont since 1874, an old soldier, and a member of the Masonie fraternity, died Tuesday morning after a lingering illness of heart trouble. In 1881 Mr. Maxfield lost his leg by being run down by a Burlington train. He leaves a widow and a son, G. D. Maxfield, who resides in Lincoln.

Found Dead.

Bertha Hoffman, a girl of nineteen, and daughter of a well known Peoria, Ill., eigar manufacturer, was found dead in the woods near Prospect Heights. She was shot through the head with a revolver which was found tightly gripped in her right hand. Her lover has been arrested.

Taken to Omaha.

Harry H. Hopkins, a Union Pacific freight conducter, was taken to Omaha suffering from injuries which he received at Grand Island where he received a broken leg, a dislocated shoulder and three broken ribs. Two years ago he had four ribs broken in a similar accident.

Porte Makes Proposition. The Turkish porte has issued a circular formulating proposals to the embassies for increasing the customs duties.

# SEDA CANNOT RECOVER WIND ON A TEAR HOLD FIRM TO OLD FAITH TIE UP STREET CARS

Tornadoes Descend Upon Nebraska and Kansas.

### HEAVY DAMAGE IN FURNAS COUNTY

Houses Wrecked Near Town of Wilsonville-No Loss of Life Reported-Number Painfully Injured to Wreckage of a Home.

Severe storms of wind, hail and rain visited a large section of Nebraska Saturday and Sunday. The storm reached the proportions of a tornato in Furnas and Red Willow counties. the town of Wilsonville suffering most, a number of houses being blown over and partially wrecked and the inmates injured. So far as known there was no loss of life. Farther east the storm was less severe, but the damage was considerable Small buildings were overturned in a number of towns and the hail pounded out window

Nebraska fared well as compared with Kansas, where in three counties twelve distinct tornado clouds appeared and loss of life followed.

In southeastern Nebraska the storm was limited to a heavy fall of rain. with some hail, doing little damage.

A terrific hail and wind storm, described as a genuine twister, passed over the western part of Furnas county Saturday afternoon at about 4 o'clock. The worst damage was done in and near Wilsonville. Many farm houses were destroyed, the Presbyterian church was wrecked, the roof blown away and window glass smashed. The hail continued for an hour, the wand coming from the east in a gale. The stones were as large as baseballs. measuring nine inches in circumference, and were driven through roofs and sides of buildings. The tornado cloud appeared in the southwest at the conclusion of the hail storm. traveling in a northeasterly course. It was funnel-shaped and did damage over a wide area. The farming community west and north of Wilsonville were the greatest sufferers. No doubt many lives would have been lost, but per ple saw the approaching cloud and fled to cellars.

Three Injured in One Home. The house of A. Tower was destroyed. Mr. Tower had a leg broken, Mrs. Tower a collar bone broken and Miss

Tower was badly cut on the head. The house and barn of H. H. Corbett were destroyed.

The house of H. A. Bourne was destroyed and Mr. Bourne injured. The house and barn of S. H. Garrish

was blown away. At the farm of L. E. McFarland the summer house, in which was his daughter, was lifted into the air and carried some distance and set down without injury.

KANSAS SUFFERS THE WORST.

No Less Than a Dozen Tornadoes, With Three Fatalities.

have occurred Sunday afternoon in central Kansas, in Saline, Ellsworth and Barton counties, which join each other. At Ellinwood, Barton county. three persons are reported killed.

Other storms are reported near Ellsworth and Kanopolis, in Ellsworth county, near Brookville, and in Saline county. Near Kanopolis eight distinct funnel-shaped clouds developed within a radius of twenty miles, four of them large ones, and two of which are known to have travelled over the earth for 'a space of twenty-five min-

## LOSS OF A MILLION

Steamer Pier at New York and Many Barges Burn. A fire that started at the river end

of the Malory line steamship piers, at the foot of Maiden Lane and the East river, in New York, early Sunday morning, completely destroyed the pier and its valuable contents. The police place the loss at \$1,000,000. Sev. eral barges, which were moored near the pier, were also destroyed and many rescues of their captains and of the members of the families on board were made. Only one life was lost. The nine-months-old daughter of Captain Charles Lochs of the barge Sher wood was drowned.

Wisconsin Man is First.

An interstate oratorical contest was held at Oshkosh, Wis., at which five states were represented-Wisconsin. Illinois, Kansas. Missouri and Iowa. The first place was won by E. L. Chickering of the Milwaukee normal; Neil Whitall, Warrensburg, Mo., secod; Charles Whitten of Normal, Ill., third; Jessie Arnold of Cedar Falls, Ia., fourth; Mary R. Martin of Emporia. Kas., fifth.

Wealthy Planter Killed.

Gordon Cook, a wealthy planter of Cordova, Mexico, was attacked and killed by Mexican bandits. One of the bandits who was captured has been tried and sentenced to twelve years' imprisonment.

Concedes the Increase.

At what was announced as the final conference of the littsburg coal companies and the national and district officers of the mine workers' association held at Pittsburg. Pa., the wage dispute of the day laborers was settled by the operators conceding the 20 per cent increase demanded.

Summons Sent to Taylor. It was learned at Louisville, Ky. that Governor Taylor left for Washington in response to a telegraphic request from the national capital.

Methodists Unwilling to Make Any Radleal Departure

A Chicago dispatch says: The report of the constitutional committee to the Methodist general conference, which will probably be presented this week, will call for the continued maintenance of the religion of John Wesley. The episcopacy may be be abandoned and other constitutional features changed, but the articles of religion, the doctrines of the church, are to be retained in their purity. The heretic of the future must leave the church as he has done in the past, but methodism will not accept any departure form the theology of the fathers.

The changes in the section of the book of discipline devoted to the general conference are very slight and in the direction of amplification. The commission anticipating lay representation has been incorporated in the proposed constitution.

Methodist bisnops and ministers occupied the pulpits of the Chicago churches of that denomination Sun-

# DEATH IN NEW YORK FIRES

Four Fatalities Follow Accidents.

Four persons were killed in fires in New York City May 5, and a fifth lies fatally injured in a hospital. At a lodging house fire in South street, John operate the cars, but in nearly every Curaan, a marine engineer, was burned to death and Fireman Daniel Mullin was thrown from a ladder, receiving injuries from which he has died. Fireman James Fitzpatrick was fatally injured by the overturning of a hose factory of Joseph Stern & Co., in West Fortietly street and two men are believed to be buried under the ruins. They are Thomas McGuire and Joseph Drum. A gang of men worked all night in the ruins in a vain effort to in order to go to and from business, recover the bodies.

# RECEPTION TO DIETRICH

Hastings Friends and Neighbors Welcome Him Home.

Hon. C. H. Dietrich, republican nomnee for governor, was accorded an enthusiastic reception by the citizens of Hastings on his return home from Lincoln, in which all the people joined and that in the event of their failing ment of \$17,250 for several years. regardless of politics or party affilia- to agree, if mutually agreed to, place tions, the affair being one of a purely non-partisan nature.

Mr. Dietrich was met at the depot by the Second regiment band, the Progress club, members of the Grand Army and citizens and escorted to the ment. Kerr opera house, which had been gaily decorated with the national colors. The house was packed to its utmost capacity.

A. M. E. Church Conference.

The general conference of the A. M. E. Zion church is in session at Washington, Bishop Lomax of Charlotte, N. C., presiding. There are three hundred delegates at the conference, representing every state in the union. Africa, Bermuda and St. Christopher isl-No less than a dozen tornadoes of ands, Porto Rico, Cuba and the Hamore or less severity are reported to waiian islands. The conference represents a membership of more than half a million. A letter from President Me-Kinley was read, in which he regretted his inability to be present at the opening exercises.

Indians to be Rewarded.

The United States revenue cutter Bear sailed for Alaska from Seattle. Among her passengers are Dr. Sheldon Jackson, Special Treasury Agent Evans and Colonel Wright, collector of customs for St. Michael. The Bear goes north loaded with supplies which will be given to the Point Bacrow Indians as a reward for their services in aiding the Bear expedition during their efforts to rescue the whalers.

Consider Situation Serious.

News from Columbia is to the effect that the rebels are getting the best of the fight in that republic, and that they are momentarily expected to enter | inches. Bocas del Toro. It is added that no soldiers being available, the government has sent twenty-five policemen to Bocas del Toro on board a launch belonging to the canal company. The situation is considered serious.

Goes Ashore.

The British steamer Montpelier of the Elder-Dempster line of Liverpool. from Cardiff, April 7, and Las Plaines. April 20, for Montreal, while bound up the St. Lawrence, went ashore in a dense fog at Duck island, three miles from Cape Ray, at the entrance of the Cabet straight. Nothing has been heard of the crew. The ship is probably a total loss.

Many Mills Made Idle.

The converter and billet mills of the Illinois Steel company's plant at Joliet, III., have closed indefinitely as a result of the suspension of the American Steel and Wire company mills and subsequent lack of supply. The steel company's rod mills closed two weeks ago from the same cause. About 2,500 men are idle.

The funeral of sixty-two victims of the mine disaster was held at Schofield, Utah.

Suffers Paralytic Stroke.

Mrs. W. M. Breegee, an old and respected resident of Brownville, had a paralytic stroke that came near proving fatal. She is still very low. Mr. and Mrs. Breegee moved to Brownville a few years ago.

Strike At An End.

The strike of the carpenters of Boston and vicinity for the establishment of an eight-hour work day and a minimum rate of wages of \$2.50 a day practically ended by nearly all firms signing the new scale.

Strike at St. Louis Inaugurated in Earnest.

OVER THREE THOUSAND MEN ARE OUT.

All Lines Stranded Occasional Car Run Out. But Its Appearance the Signal for Attack by Mob-Causes.

A St. Louis, May 8 special says: In accordance with a decision reached by the St. Louis Transit company's employes early this morning a general strike was inaugurated on the immense system at daybreak today. No cars were in operation, save a few on the Park avenue division. The crowds were allowed to run the cars unmolested until 12:45, when ear No. 5 of the Park avenue division was badly wrecked on Washington avenue, between Sixth and Seventh streets by a volley of stones thrown by a crowd of meh and boys. The suburban line. many of the employes of which had been on a strike for several days, was also tied up after the early morning

From time to time during the afternoon and night attempts were made to case resulted in attacks on the crews by crowds along the streets, practically stopping traffic.

The company, when it was found that the cars could not be operated. ordered them back to the sheds. Nutruck which he was driving. An ex- merous cars were stoned and the men plosion wrecked the fat and tallow operating them attacked by crowds the amount at the original figure, \$2. along the streets. The strikers depart in these hostile demonstrations. Vehicles of all sorts were pressed

The salient features of the men's de mands, which the Transit company refused to grant are briefly as follows: That all conductors, motormen, gripmen and all employed in the sheds shall be compelled to be members of the union: that the officers of the union, together with the officers of the company, shall have full power to guard with modern guns and other adjust all differences that may arise the case before three arbitrators.

That any member suspended by the union shall be suspended by the company without pay until such time as the union shall request his reinstate-

That any man elected to office in the union requiring his absence for not more than one year shall, upon his retirement from such office, have his old place with the company.

Attempts at arbitration were made as soon as the gravity of the situation was realized. Mayor Zeigenhein addressed a letter both to the strikers and to President Edward S. Whittaker of the St. Louis Transit company, offering his services as mediator. Replies were received from both sides. but in neither case favorable. The men now out number 3,325, which is 95 per cent of the force. All are mem bers of the Amalgamated association of street car employes.

## CROP OUTLOOK IS GOOD

Ground in Good Order and Corn Plant

ing in Full Swing.

The week ending Tuesday, May 8. has been warm, with little rain during the working days, but with heavy showers Saturday night and Sunday, The daily mean temperature averaged 2 degrees above normal in the eastern

and 5 degrees in the western counties. The rainfall of the week was above normal in the eastern portion of the state and below in the western. It all fell in heavy showers during the last two days of the week, and exceeded an inch in most southeastern counties and in few instances exceeded three

The past week has been an excellent one for the advancement of farm work. Plowing for corn has made rapid progress, and the bulk of corn ground is now ready to plant. In most parts of the state little corn has been planted, but in practically all sections planting has commenced. In a few southwestern counties about half of the corn has been planted. Grass, wheat and oats have grown rapidly, and continue in excellent condition. Fruit trees are full of blossoms. and very little damage was done by the frosts of the week.

Her Alm Was Bad.

Etta Mays, a young colored woman, created considerable commotion at the home of a friend near Seventh and F streets at Lincoln, Neb., by discharging a revolver close enough to her face to burn it badly. She said she did it accidentally. She was in a bed room when the shot was fired. She dropped to the floor and those present thought she had shot herself. A physician and the chief of police were sent for. It was found that her injuries were mere powder burns.

Perish in Hotel Fire.

The American hotel was destroyed by fire at Geneseo, N. Y. After it had been gotten under control the bodies of Lafayette Carney and Sherman Deboray of West Sparta were found on the third floor. It is thought a woman also lost her life but her identity is unknown and her body has not yet

been found. Miss Schreiner, a waitress, said she saw two men run away from the building and almost immediately the fire broke out. The loss is \$15,000.

DEATH IN A KEROSENE CAN

Omaka Woman Loses Life Through

Mrs. Ann a Pokorney, who lives at 1223 Williams street, Omaha, met with a horrible death as the result of endeavoring to kindle the kitchen fire with kerosene. Her husband, Anton Pokorney, and her son, Anton, jr., were severely burned about the bands in a desperate attempt to extinguish the flames.

Mrs. Pokorney picked up a can of kerosene and poured a thin stream of oil upon a few coals which smouldered in the stove. Instantly the oil ignited, there was an explosion, and Mrs. Pokorney; wrapped in a sheet of flame, ran into the dining room, screaming for belp. Mr. Pokorney and his son rushed to aid her and finally succeeded in extinguishing the flames by rolling her upon the bed and smothering the flames with blankets.

Dr. Wearne was called and pronounced the woman's injuries to be fatal. She was removed to St. Joseph's hospital, where she died.

Mrs. Pokorney was fifty years of age and leaves a husband and seven children. Mr. Pokorney has a butcher shop at Tenth and Pacific streets and one of the sons is employed at Armour's in South Omaha.

#### WILL BENEFIT THE STATE

New Law in Regard to National Guard Helps Nebraska.

Adjutant General Barry has received word from Congressman Stark that the house had passed the appropriation bill giving \$1,000,000 annually in support of the national guard of the various states. It is believed that the senate will pass the bill and perhaps place 000,000. Before starting for Sloux clare that they have had no active Falls General Barry wired Congressman Stark as follows: "In behalf of the Nebraska national guard, I desire into service by the citizens of the city to thank you for the carnestness and ability displayed by you, in securing the passing of house roll No. 9510, for the armament and equipment of the organized militia."

Under the present law the Nebraska national guard draws \$5,900 worth of supplies annually, but under the new bill the amount would be \$17,250, or \$34,500 for two years. To equip the ordnance would require the full allot-

#### **BODIES ARE IDENTIFIED**

Mystery Surrounding Swan and Wilgus Cleared.

The bodies of the two men who blew out the gas in the Henderson house, at Omaha, recently, have at last been identified, and it is now definitely known which is the corpse of Wilgus and which is Swan. A man named David Ridnour came from Nordaway, Ia., to claim the remains of A. R. Wilgus. Mr. Ridnour says that Wilgus had lived with his (Ridnour's) father since early boyhood.

This clears away the mystery surrounding the two deaths in the lower Farnum street hotel. Wilgus, it seems, died first, and Swan is the man who survived the effects of the poisonous gas for forty hours. Nothing is known as to Swan's antecedents. Telegrams sent to Minneapolis, the place from which he registered, have elicited no response as yet, and he will probably be buried at the county's expense.

## LITTLE GIRLS ASSAULTED

Two Daughters of James Watkins are

Abused by a Flend. The two little daughters of James Watkins, living upstairs over the restaurant at Twentieth and O streets. Lincoln, Neb., were criminally assaulted last Monday. Such is the statement of a physician called in to examine the children. Their names are Martha and Pheba, aged five and four years. During the afternoon they had been out of their home and when they returned they complained to their mother of sickness. An examination by the parents caused a suspicion that they had been mistreated, and a physician was Summoned. His statement confirmed the suspicions. The police were called, the facts were related to them, and the search for the man began.

# WRECK ON UNION PACIFIC

Five Persons Reported Killed Near

Cheyenne. A special from Omaha says: A wreck s reported upon the Union Pacific, near Cheyenne. Five killed.

May Make Armor Useless.

Some facts of almost startl ng importance were laid before the senate in secret executive session at the conclusion of the regular open session. They related, it is understood, to the invention of a shell by a prominent officer of the United States navy, a shell superior in every essential quality to any now in use either by this or any other government. The quality of penetration possessed by the shell is said to be so great that no armor now manufactured in the United States or abroad has sufficient resistance to with-

stand it. Mill to be Shut Down.

Word has been received that one of the big steel trust mills at Terre Haute is to be closed down indefinitely on June 1. This will affect many men and in addition the entire office force

is to be laid off. To Vote School Building Bonds.

A special election to vote bonds to build a new school house has been called for May 28 at Plainview, Neb. The present building is too small to accommodate the pupils, hence the necessity of another.