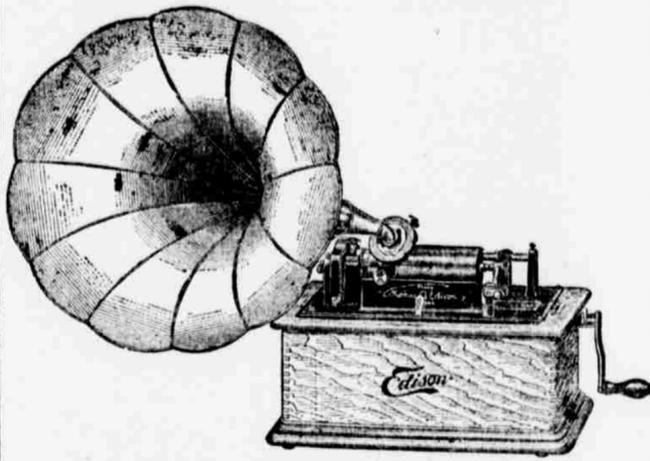


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NEWS OF NEBRASKA.

BROWN AND BURKETT AGREE.

Entire Delegation to Have Say in Regard to Appointments.

Washington, Jan. 20.—"The president called us to the White House and told us that we should call together the delegation from Nebraska and decide the collectorship appointment. We immediately asked the Republican members of the house to meet with us at Congressman Boyd's room. The delegation adopted the Iowa plan for federal appointments hereafter. The vote on the collectorship was set for Saturday, Jan. 25."

This terse statement, authorized by Senators Burkett and Brown, tells a most interesting story of a most interesting day with the Nebraska delegation and, besides, it is a triumph for the members of the house of representatives from that state.

It was decided before the conference terminated that the Iowa idea should govern the action of the representatives from Nebraska in the national halls of legislation on statewide positions. This reserves to the individual members of the delegation all postmasters in their several districts, postmasters in home towns of senators and land offices in cities where senators reside. On all other matters of patronage, however, in which the state is interested the delegation will have the right of selection, each member being entitled to one vote.

BRYAN MEETS COMMITTEEMEN

Are on Way to Denver to Arrange for National Convention.

Lincoln, Jan. 20.—W. J. Bryan met the subcommittee of the Democratic national committee at the Rock Island depot in this city. Those in the party were: Thomas Taggart, chairman, of Indiana; Norman G. Mack of Buffalo, Ury Woodson of Kentucky, Roger Sullivan of Chicago and James C. Dahlgren of Omaha.

The committeemen had requested Mr. Bryan to meet them. Roger Sullivan said to Mr. Bryan, as he grasped his hand: "You need have no fear from us; we are all for you." The committeemen are on the way to Denver to arrange for the national convention.

PLUNGE FROM AUTO IS FATAL.

George Robinson Killed While Riding Near Falls City.

Falls City, Neb., Jan. 18.—Word was received here of the death of George Robinson, a well known representative of the Westinghouse Engine company of Council Bluffs, Ia., which occurred eight miles east of this city.

Robinson was in company with Frank Blankeny of Dawson, and together they were coming west from Rulo in an automobile driven by the latter. In rounding at a lively pace a dangerous turning point in the road, Robinson lost his balance and plunged head foremost from the car. He struck in such a manner that his neck was dislocated. Death was instantaneous.

Visscher Is Bound Over.

Omaha, Jan. 21.—The case of Colonel William L. Visscher, who shot Policeman Peter Dillon Jan. 12, and is charged with assault with intent to wound, was taken up in police court. The defendant pleaded not guilty, waived preliminary examination and was bound over to the district court under \$1,500 bond, the same as the bail on which he has been free since the assault.

Three Days for Charities.

Omaha, Jan. 20.—The eleventh annual session of the Nebraska conference of charities and corrections will be held in Omaha for three days, Jan. 26-28 inclusive, at the Rome hotel. The meeting gives promise of being one of the most important yet held by the association, with many distinguished citizens of Nebraska and other states participating.

Louis Glass Ill With Pneumonia. San Francisco, Jan. 20.—Louis Glass, former vice president and general manager of the Pacific States Telephone and Telegraph company, who was recently convicted of bribery and sentenced to five years' imprisonment, was transferred from the county jail to the Lane hospital, he being quite ill with pneumonia.

Nebraska Woman Recovering. Chicago, Jan. 21.—Mrs. Ruby Pishzak, who was shot by Brockett, has recovered sufficiently to leave the hospital with her father, John Furnas, son of the late ex-Governor R. W. Furnas of Nebraska.

MR. AND MRS. DEAN.

The Surprise They Gave a Roomful of Blackguards.

In the early part of the nineteenth century Vauxhall was the resort of many respectable persons, especially of those who came up from the country to see London sights. During one season it was infested by a band of roughts, who made it their occupation to insult and molest the most quiet, decent people, especially any whom they guessed to be country visitors. They became such a nuisance that several men about town, among whom were Lord Alvanley and Keppel Craven, laid a plot to get rid of them.

They hired Mendoza, the famous prize fighter, and dressed him up as a dean, with a shovel hat and apron. Another prize fighter, a short man, was dressed as a middle aged lady and passed as the dean's wife, and one evening they were seated at Vauxhall in a conspicuous position to watch the fireworks. It was not long before the old fashioned, countrified pair attracted the attention of the gang, who assailed them with every kind of coarse rallery and insult, all of which they bore very meekly.

At length one of the persecutors, growing bolder by impunity, stepped up to the dean and squirted an orange into his eye. On this the dean, rising, said in a meek, quiet tone, "Really, gentlemen, I have borne a great deal, but I must put a stop to this." With that his hat went one way and his coat another, and, followed by his "wife," he sprang into the middle of the party, hitting out in all directions. Filled with astonishment and terror, some fled and some tried to show fight, but the handling they got from the prize fighters was too severe for the fracas to last long.

All the time Lord Alvanley and his friends, who were in the boxes, were calling out in delight: "Go it, Mr. Dean! Give it 'em, Mrs. Dean!" An effectual stop was thus put to the annoyance.—London Spectator.

New Vein of Coal at Peru, Neb.

Peru, Neb., Jan. 17.—A new coal mine has been discovered on the farm of Daniel Cole, four miles west of this city. The vein, which is a promising one, is supposed to be an outcropping of the same vein which has proven so profitable to the owners of the mine southeast of town.

OFFICERS AND SADDLES.

Jefferson Davis and a Joke He Did Not Appreciate.

When Jefferson Davis was secretary of war he ordered all his generals to learn to ride horseback. No finer horseman than Jefferson Davis ever lived. He won the love and hand of Zach Taylor's daughter by his distinguished presence in the saddle, as well as by his intrepidity at the cannon's mouth. When secretary of war he noticed that only a few officers in the service were capable horsemen and issued an order something like this:

"A liberal reward will be paid to any officer or private in the army who will offer a satisfactory device for keeping our soldiers from falling out of their saddles. Communications to the secretary of war will be regarded as confidential."

Captain George Horatio Derby, one of the leading army engineers of his day, used to write humorous and witty stories over the pen name of John Phoenix. He received a copy of Secretary Davis' order while improving the harbor of San Diego, Cal., and immediately forwarded the most intricate and accurate designs of his plan for keeping officers and men in the saddle. To the seat of each officer's "pants" he attached a bull ring, and another bull ring was attached to the saddle. The two bull rings were to be lashed together when the officer mounted his steed. "If that doesn't hold, nothing will," wrote Phoenix to the secretary. Davis was furious when he got this proposition and immediately ordered that Captain Derby should be court martialed for "official levity." The secretary felt that the army had been disgraced and wanted Derby severely punished. One of his intimates hastened to him. "Jeff," he whispered, "if you order a court martial for this little pleasantry of John Phoenix, one of the salt of the earth and immensely popular in the army, you will be made a laughingstock. The people will ridicule you out of office. Just laugh it off." Davis took his advice.—New York Press.

Black Eyes.

Biffkins—It is said that aggressive, impulsive people usually have black eyes. Biffkins—That's right. If they haven't got them at first they get them later.—Exchange.

OLSEN GIRL REPORTED FOUND

Missing Child Said to Be With Gypsy Band at Angus, Neb.

Nelson, Neb., Jan. 21.—It is reported that Lillie Olsen, who disappeared from her home at Rosalie, Neb., a month ago, has been found with a gypsy band at Angus, Neb.

Sheriff Jones, who visited the gypsy camp at Angus, said he was not sure the child is Lillie Olsen, but believes it is possible. The gypsies offered no objection when he had the little girl's picture taken. While none of the band was arrested, the sheriff will see that they are not allowed to leave the country until the girl's identity is definitely known.

Lillie Olsen disappeared from her home near Rosalie, in the northern part of the state, more than a month ago. A careful search of the whole country was made by posses, under the direction of law officers, but without success, and the conclusion was reached that the girl had died of exposure, or been murdered and the body hidden.

MAN HUNT IN NEBRASKA

Posse Is Chasing Assailant of Young Girl Near Curtis.

Lincoln, Jan. 21.—Lincoln police received a request from the town of Wellfleet for the Lincoln bloodhounds to help run down a man who murderously assaulted a young girl and left her for dead.

Later advices from the scene are to the effect that the fifteen-year-old daughter of George Schlekley, a farmer six miles from Wellfleet, while alone in the home, was visited by an unknown man, who criminally assaulted her and then beat her over the head with a beer bottle. She regained consciousness and was able to give a description of the man. A posse is chasing him, and, it is reported, is close to him near the town of Curtis. The girl, who was at first thought dying, may recover.

SUPREME COURT MEETS

Number of Important Decisions to Be Handed Down This Session.

Lincoln, Jan. 21.—The supreme court met, with Judge M. B. Reese sitting with Judge Barnes as chief justice and Judge Letton. The court has on hand a lot of important decisions and it may be that they will be handed down at this sitting. Among the opinions long since due are the following: The suit against the alleged lumber trust, which was in the hands of the court before the summer adjournment. This case is on the decision of Referee Post, both sides objecting to his decision. The suit against the express companies and the mandamus suit against the state board of assessment to compel the board to show just how it arrived at the valuation of the property of the Union Pacific railroad.

SIBLEY TO FILE COMPLAINT

Petition Against Burlington is Aimed at All Nebraska Roads.

Lincoln, Jan. 18.—State Senator C. A. Sibley of Frontier county notified the state railway commission that he would Monday file formal complaint against the Burlington railroad on the ground that its rates on grain are exorbitant and unreasonable, in that they are greatly in excess of the rates charged in Iowa and Kansas. His petition has been completed, ready for filing. The complaint is aimed at all Nebraska roads, but the Burlington alone is specified for the reason that it is expected the other roads will join in the issue. If necessary, it will be amended to include all. Senator Sibley swears to the complaint as a farmer and shipper.

Negro Hanged to a Tree and Shot, Cut Down, Still Alive.

Dothan, Ala., Jan. 21.—The negro, Grover Franklin, who was taken away from Sheriff Butler and his deputies and hanged to a tree, is again in the hands of the law and stands a chance for recovery. The mob was so closely followed by the officers and law abiding citizens determined if possible to avert the lynching that they did not have time to get their victim outside the corporate limits and hurriedly stringing him up to the first tree and thinking they had riddled him with bullets, fled. On the arrival of the officers the negro was still alive and was immediately cut down and placed in the county jail. It is thought he will recover.

Chicago Has \$750,000 Fire.

Chicago, Jan. 18.—Property valued at more than \$750,000 was destroyed by fire, which started in a six-story brick building, at 19-29 Market street. The flames originated in the third story of the structure, which was occupied by McNeill & Higgins, wholesale grocers. Several firemen were slightly injured in fighting the blaze.

Death of Richest Indian.

Guthrie, Okla., Jan. 21.—James Big Heart, ex-chief of the Osage Indians, who, it is claimed, was the richest Indian in the United States, is dead of paralysis at his home in the Osage reservation.