

Tried it First The Panhandle

Hereford, Texas, Feb. 8, 1908.

Two years ago I came to Hereford from Indiana. I was 42 years old, had a wife and nine children, and I was worth about \$1200. This represented all the property I had accumulated after 20 years of hard work, writes J. P. Bourrell to the Hereford bank. The previous fall I had been down and looked over the country, and was starting back without buying, as I was afraid to risk my little nest egg where I feared I might lose it. A friend took me to the Western National bank to talk to Mr. Parker, the president. After telling him that I was afraid to bring my family down here for fear we could not make a living, he laughed at me, and told me that poor folks was what the country needed. That folks did not stay poor long in this country; that there were no poor farms in the Panhandle, and that when the churches would take up collections for the poor it was hard work to find anyone to take it. That anyone willing to work could make a living and more too. I was only partly convinced but when Mr. Parker offered to rent me a good section of land with a good house and other improvements, and give me the option to buy it at the end of the year by making a small cash payment and the balance on long time, I decided to try it.

I cultivated only 80 acres of land, having to do all the work myself. I made the rent and a living, and before my time was up I had traded my contract to Mr. J. E. Jewell for 200 acres and \$600 in money.

The advance in the selling price of land was just what I made by this trade. I am now living on my 200 acre farm, which I own clear of debt. It is just as good as land that sells for \$150 per acre in Indiana, and this land cost me nothing except my agreeing to try the Panhandle. I think I could sell my land for \$20 an acre but don't want to, as I am making a good living and am well pleased.

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ASSEMBLY ADJOURNS

Presbyterians Select Colorado
Capital As Meeting Place.

Final Action on Overture from German Presbyterians Asking for Independent Synod Is Deferred Until Next Assembly.

In selecting the executive commission of the church before final adjournment the tenth general assembly of the Presbyterian church in the United States consummated the most important act of its entire ten days' deliberations at Kansas City.

The commission chosen is representative of the entire country and follows:

Elected for one year: Ministers, Baxter P. Fullerton, moderator, St. Louis; Joseph Weaver, Denver; J. F. Bushnell, Minneapolis; elders, ex-Secretary of State John W. Foster, Washington, D. C.; H. B. McCormick, Harrisburg, Pa.

Elected for two years: Ministers, S. M. Templeton, Texas; Robert Watson, Cincinnati; elders, John W. Severance, Cleveland; Edward Bulkeley, New Jersey, and Thomas L. Hall, Chicago.

Elected for three years: Ministers, J. D. Moffat, Washington, Pa.; W. H. Black, Missouri; W. H. Hubbard, New York; elders, J. Willis Barr, Los Angeles and Judge J. M. Gaut, Nashville.

Dr. William H. Roberts of Philadelphia, the stated clerk, is secretary of the commission.

Legal and administrative questions occupied most of the sessions of the general assembly of the Presbyterian church. The routine of this procedure was relieved somewhat by the preliminary skirmishing of the adherents of Denver and Seattle for next year's assembly. The excitement was all in the preliminaries, however, as the assembly voted almost unanimously for Denver on the first ballot and subsequently the vote was made unanimous. The assembly will meet in Denver on the third Thursday in May. Denver's offer of a bonus of \$15,000, her more favorable location and the fact that the semi-centennial celebration of the Presbyterian church in Colorado will be held in 1909, were powerful arguments in influencing the vote.

An overture from the German-speaking Presbyterians, asking for home rule, or independent presbyteries, embodied in the report of the committee of polity, was of surpassing importance. The Germans carried the matter direct to the general assembly, in

stead of consulting local synods, which they thought, would not approve the creation of new presbyteries in their territory. The general assembly considered the question of jurisdiction and decided it would be a bad precedent to act independently of the synods affected. While approving the establishment of the new presbyteries, the assembly decided that final action would be deferred until the next assembly, so local synods could be consulted.

REV. SUNDAY STINGS MINISTERS
Baseball Player-Evangelist Tells Why Some Preachers Fail.

Evangelist Billy Sunday delivered an address to the Presbyterian ministers of Pittsburg. His words caused consternation among the preachers, some of whom left the First Presbyterian church, their dignity stung, but most of them remained to the end.

Rev. Sunday, who is a former professional baseball player, has been conducting a revival at Sharon, near there, and came to Pittsburg to speak on "Why Some Ministers Fail."

The evangelist said many of the ministers of the present day were "judge eating mollycoddles, who were continually springing bum bullion to their congregations."

He asserted that few ministers of today are anything but stiff, salary-quacks, willing to accept social distinction and that many of them are qualified candidates for the "funny" house.

Continuing, he said: "Some of you ministers are controlled by riches and not by the bible. Many of you are grafters, pure and simple. You know this, too. There are some of you preaching today that should be carrying the hod. What we do want is to tear down the seminaries and stand the professors on their heads in mud puddles. A seminary and its teachings are of no more use to preaching than a crane's legs are to a setting hen. I am not an osteopath. I am a surgeon and my line is to cut out the abscess in the side of the church."

Nebraska to Join "Big Nine."

Lincoln, June 3.—The University of Nebraska athletic board, at a meeting, adopted a resolution favoring seeking admission to the "Big Nine" conference. Dr. R. G. Clapp, a member of the board, will go to Chicago Saturday to represent Nebraska and make formal application.

Heavy Rain Causes Washouts.

Lincoln, June 3.—Several washouts were reported on the Wymore division of the Burlington. The Missouri Pacific railway also encountered trouble. More than two inches of rain fell in southeastern Nebraska.

NEWS OF NEBRASKA

Dr. Peters Says He Has Sure Cure for Hog Cholera.

Remedy Evolved at Conference of Veterinarians from Nine Western States at Ames—Veteran Fifer Drops Dead at Minden.

Omaha, June 2.—"A cure for hog cholera has at last been found, provided the animal be treated soon enough," said Dr. A. T. Peters of Lincoln, head of the department of animal pathology of the University of Nebraska.

Dr. Peters reached Omaha from Ames, Ia., where he attended the conference of veterinarians of nine western states, in which the disease is making serious inroads and causing a tremendous loss to farmers. Hog cholera is prevalent in several Nebraska counties now, and if the state bureau at Lincoln was ready to send out the new serum great benefit would result. As it is, Dr. Peters thinks the regents of the university, who are deeply interested, will make an appropriation this month that will enable the distribution of several thousands doses this year.

The discovery of Dr. N. Dorsett of the biochemic department of the bureau of animal industry, Washington, appears to have solved the problem. Tried in thirty or forty herds throughout Iowa, where experiments have recently been made, it has cured well established cases of the disease. It consists of the injection of the blood of an affected animal into the circulation of one not under the influence of the disease. This must be combined with the injection of the serum of an animal already immune. The production of a vaccine by means of infected blood instead of artificial cultures of the germ is the basis of the cure.

VETERAN FIFER DROPS DEAD

W. Allen of Geneva Dies While Playing "Dead March."

Minden, Neb., June 1.—Exhausted by the march to the cemetery, W. Allen, an old soldier who came here from Geneva to participate in the Memorial day exercises, fell to the ground while playing the "Dead March" on his fife, and died shortly afterwards.

The sad tragedy cast a gloom over the large crowd which had gone to the cemetery to honor the soldier dead. Allen was old and feeble, and was urged to accept a seat in a carriage, as it was feared the walk would be too much for him. Too proud to admit his failing strength, the old man insisted in taking his place in the line as he had done year after year. After reaching the cemetery he started to play the "Dead March," and when half way through he sat down and complained of pains. He died a few minutes later.

Allen leaves a wife and three daughters. The body was sent to his home at Geneva for burial.

Sad News for Bryan.

Alliance, Neb., June 2.—William J. Bryan was delivering an address before an audience in this city last night when a representative of the Associated Press handed him a telegram telling of the death of Senator James K. Jones. He read the telegram and, stopping in the middle of his address, said: "I have just learned that Senator Jones of Arkansas died suddenly in Washington. It is a sad bit of news to announce to a Democratic audience, for Senator Jones was chairman of the bimetallic organization that carried on the fight in 1896, that ended in our capturing the Chicago convention, and it was because of his prominence in that fight that I asked that he be made chairman of the national committee, and to him I was indebted for the opportunity to close the Democratic debate on the platform and make the speech which I presume will stand as the most effective one I ever delivered."

Letter Carriers' Convention.

Lincoln, June 1.—The tenth annual convention of the Nebraska Letter Carriers' association was held at Convention hall in the Lindell hotel and closed with a banquet, at which about 150 were present. Nothing but shop were talked at the meeting. Following were the officers elected: John B. Reed of Lincoln, president; J. D. Klainkauf of Grand Island, vice president; E. G. Rozelle of Omaha, secretary; F. F. Johnson of Fairbury, treasurer.

Throws Himself Down Well.

McCook, Neb., June 2.—Jacob Crocker, a well-to-do farmer, living about ten miles southwest of McCook, threw himself headforemost down an abandoned well on his farm, 150 feet deep, and was instantly killed. He leaves a wife and seven children. He had a hallucination that the world was about to come to an end.

Young Man Drowned While Fishing.

Battle Creek, Neb., June 1.—Otto Schody, twenty-one years old, who resided with his parents, eight miles

south of town, was drowned while fishing in Anderson's cutoff four miles east. The young man ventured into deep water and sank before help could reach him.

Want Fire Escapes on Hotels.

Lincoln, June 2.—The Nebraska Traveling Men's association has inaugurated a movement for the installing of fire escapes in all hotels. The traveling men have furnished the labor committee with a list of all hotels in the state which are not so equipped.

BRYAN IN SANDHILL REGION

Nebraskan Spends Busy Day in Western Part of State.

Kimball, Neb., June 3.—William J. Bryan last night at 11 o'clock completed one of the most strenuous days he has had since his Nebraska tour began, with a speech at Fraternal hall during the course of which he had occasion to apologize to his hearers for arriving five hours late on account of a breakdown of his automobile. Starting in the day's journey from Alliance at 3 a. m., he made his first address at Bridgeport, where the farmers began to arrive shortly after daylight. His address was of half an hour's duration and was delivered from the porch of the local hotel. The territory covered during the first half of the day has never been before visited by Mr. Bryan. It is situated in the extreme west portion of the state, near the Wyoming line, and is what is known as the sandhill region. He has some pecuniary interests in that part of the state, however, and took occasion to address himself particularly to the agricultural and stock raising interests, making irrigation the principal theme of his brief speeches.

At Scotts Bluff, where the principal meeting of the day was held, the town and surrounding country took a day off to meet and greet the distinguished Nebraskan and did him every honor within its power. The town was in gala attire and the schools suspended and stores closed to make the occasion even more popular.

The first accident to mar the trip occurred when an automobile carrying Mr. Bryan and some members of his party on a sixty-mile cross-country trip from Scotts Bluff to Kimball broke down when the trip was half completed. The party was forced to resort to a farmer's wagon, which brought them into Kimball several hours behind the schedule.

Citizens' Company Loses Franchise.

Lincoln, June 2.—Notification was received that the United States court of appeals at St. Paul had set aside the sale of the old Home Street Railway company to the new Citizens' company of Lincoln. The effect of the decision is to deprive the Citizens' of the franchise permitting the use of the streets of the city. A defect in the confirmation of the sale of the old company is the basis for the ruling. The Citizens' company claims, however, that this merely sets aside the sale, but that under a decision of the supreme court of Nebraska it cannot be driven from the streets. Complications may follow, because stockholders in the old Home company may intervene and claim right of way.

Grand Islander President.

Omaha, June 3.—The seventeenth annual session of the Nebraska State League of Local Loan and Building associations closed its work by the election of these officers for the ensuing year: President, C. W. Blinninger of Grand Island; first vice president, H. A. Graff of Seward; second vice president, R. M. Gillan of Auburn; third vice president, George F. Gilmore of Omaha; secretary-treasurer, Elmer E. Bryson of Omaha. The next annual meeting will be held in Grand Island.

Ask Pardon for Crigger.

Lincoln, June 2.—Governor Sheldon received a request from citizens of Knoxville, Tenn., among them Sheriff Reeder of Knoxville, that he pardon Albert Crigger, whose home is there and who is serving a sentence of two and a half years in the Nebraska penitentiary for horse stealing. The plea is made on the ground that Crigger's aged parents are dependent on him; that his record heretofore has been good, and that companions led him to commit his first crime.

Berge Did Not Know Money Was Used

Lincoln, June 3.—Speaking of the announcement of Mayor Dahlman of Omaha that he had received \$15,000 from the Democratic national committee in 1904 and had spent it to help elect Berge governor, George W. Berge said: "If Mayor Dahlman received this money and used it in my campaign I never knew of it. He may have used it, but the fact was never known to me."

Liquor Men Act in Secret.

Omaha, June 3.—Four hundred members of the Nebraska Retail Liquor Dealers' association were called to order in the Krug theater by James Nevels, president. One of the first reports made to the meeting in star chamber session was that the association had added 280 members since Jan. 1, 1908, and that the outlook is for an attendance of almost 600 at the present session.

FAIRBANKS IN RACE TO STAY

His Name Will Be Presented at Chicago Convention.

So many false and misleading statements regarding Vice President Fairbanks' candidacy have been and are being made that Senator Hemenway authorized the following statement: "The purpose of these reports is obvious and should not be given credence. Vice President Fairbanks' name will be presented to the Chicago convention for the presidential nomination. Any report or intimation between now and the assembling of the convention at Chicago, from whatever source it may be attributed, that any variation will be made from Vice President Fairbanks' present position may be put down as absolutely untrue."

Family of Four Drowned.

A family consisting of William Elderman, aged thirty-eight years, his wife, Elizabeth, aged thirty-seven, and two children, Anna, aged seventeen, and William aged seven, of West Pensaukee, N. J., were drowned in Pensaukee creek, below Riverton, N. J., by the capsizing of a small row boat. The family was taking an outing party in celebration of the fact that the father had just cleared off the mortgage on their home. The bodies of the four were recovered after several hours' grappling.

Game Warden Is Fined.

Hebron, Neb., June 1.—Taking advantage of the high water, due to the heavy rains, Deputy Game Warden Fred Magraw and fourteen other citizens were tempted to draw a few fish from a haven of the Little Blue, when State Game Warden E. Hunger of Lincoln dropped in on them. The local warden was fined \$25 and costs and four of the other citizens paid a fine of \$5 each in addition to the costs.

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