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ONLY BRIEF MENTION

MUCH IN SMALL SPACE FOR THE HURRYING READER.

EVENTS COVERING WIDE FIELD

Something of Congress, Political Gossip Here and There, and News and Notes of General Character.

Political.

Senator LaFollette, in introducing Judge Taft at Madison, pledged his support to him and said that Wisconsin would give him a magnificent majority.

William R. Hearst in an address to the New York Independence league convention read more letters from John Archbold to United States senators and part of an Ohio court record to show that Governor Haskell of Oklahoma was one of the organizers of the Steel trust.

L. T. Russell, editor of a democratic paper, in an open letter to W. J. Bryan says that if the Nebraskan was ignorant of charges against Haskell it is because he refused to read a ten-page statement given him last fall covering the governor's operations in five states.

Senator Foraker has cancelled his engagement for the Lincoln Douglas celebration in Galesburg, Illinois, October 7.

Mr. Bryan wrote a letter to President Roosevelt in which he defends Governor Haskell, treasurer of the national democratic committee and challenges the president to produce evidence convicting Haskell of connection with the Standard Oil company.

John Hays Hammond was re-elected by acclamation as president of the National League of Republican clubs. A change in the constitution was adopted providing for four vice presidents in order to recognize all sections.

Nebraska republicans, in state convention, refused to declare for bank guarantee in any form.

General.

Governor Haskell of Oklahoma, after a conference with officials at democratic headquarters in Chicago, announced that he had resigned as treasurer of the democratic national committee.

Report of Omaha banks to comptroller of currency shows an increase in amount of loans, amount of deposits and amount of cash reserve on hand.

Nineteen persons were killed and about twenty injured by wreck of eastbound Burlington passenger train near Park City, Mont.

The cholera epidemic in St. Petersburg has been checked by cold weather and no further increase in number of new cases is expected.

Liberals in England lose the Irish vote through the attitude of the party on the religious question presented at the recent Eucharistic congress in London.

General T. Coleman Dupont of Delaware has resigned as member of the republican executive committee and as director of speakers' bureau.

Senator Foraker, in an extended statement, says his connection with Standard Oil company was only temporary and defends his course in the Brownsville affair.

Dun's Review of Trade says that fall business is increasing and that more factories have resumed operations.

James J. Hill sent a communication on the bank guaranty to the State Bankers' association in Lincoln, and Prof. J. Lawrence Laughlin of Chicago also read a paper on the same subject.

Samuel Gompers claimed in the hearing in which he is appearing that Mr. Van Cleave hired detectives to track him and also at one time wanted to bribe him to divulge the secrets of the laboring men.

Nebraska bankers in convention opposed postal savings banks and the bulk of sentiment is opposed to guaranty of deposits.

The Textile American, an authority on the wool and cotton business, pays Omaha a high tribute as a wool market and says the warehouses in that city have passed the experimental stage.

Frank Shercliffe, the notorious diamond robber, jumped from a train at Canon City, Col., just as he was about to be taken to the penitentiary for a term of twenty-five years.

A train on the Frisco road ran over a bank at Carthage, Mo., and a number were injured.

The open hearth furnaces of the Carnegie steel works at Homestead and two departments of the Howard Antle works started to run on double turn for the first time since last October.

Cholera begins to take persons in high places in St. Petersburg.

The land office is receiving many letters concerning the Tripp county reservation land opening.

President Roosevelt in 3,000-word letter furnished Mr. Bryan with information he asked for regarding Governor Haskell's connection with the Standard Oil company.

Forest fires in Maine, southern Canada, New York and Pennsylvania do great damage and smoke interferes with movements of shipping.

Drouth in New York and New England the most severe in years and factories compelled to shut down. Forest fires are doing great damage.

William J. Bryan has offered the mascot mule presented him by the Agricultural society of Minnesota as a prize to the county showing the largest percentage of increase in the vote for democratic electors over the average vote for electors in the last three campaigns.

Second Assistant Postmaster General McCleary has resigned in order to accept nomination as congressman in Minnesota.

At the thirty-first plowing match of Illinois held on a farm near Joliet, Ill., Alvin Stark was proclaimed the champion plowman of the world. Stark drove a single sulky plow with three horses over half an acre. The judges declared that there was not a variation of half an inch in the furrows, measured at the ends and the middle.

Washington.

On account of the rapid spread of cholera in Russia, Surgeon General Wyman of the public health and marine hospital service has decided to send to that country a cholera expert to study the situation, advise the home office and take such steps as may be considered desirable in preventing the spread of the disease to the United States, of which there is considered to be strong possibilities through immigrants.

Orville Wright, who was seriously injured Thursday in the aeroplane accident which caused the death of Lieutenant Thomas E. Selfridge, continues to improve.

The Indian bureau has undertaken to prevent the continuance of what the commissioner considers has been an abuse in the manner of procuring Indian children for attendance at non-reservation Indian schools, by issuing circulars prohibiting the schools from sending canvassers to the reservation to secure business.

President Roosevelt is back in Washington from his summer vacation.

The treasury department has ordered the acceptance of the proposal of the Bedford Stone and Construction company of Indianapolis for the construction of the St. Louis postoffice building, using face brick and ornamental terra cotta for facing. The contract price is \$865,000, the work to be completed by July 1, 1910.

American business men will need to continue unrelaxed effort if they hope to maintain their present trade relations with Mexico, because of the aggressive methods pursued by other countries to capture that trade, says Special Agent Butman of the department of commerce and labor, in a report on trade conditions in Mexico.

Foreign.

The countess of Yarmouth, sister of Harry K. Thaw, and who recently was granted a decree nullifying her marriage, announced formally through her lawyers at London that she had decided to drop her title and henceforth be known as Mrs. Copely Thaw.

J. Cornell Taylor, charge d'affaires of the American legation in the absence of Minister Morgan, was assaulted by a Cuban in Havana, Cuba. The assault was unprovoked and several Cubans were concerned in it.

During gunnery drill at Tulon, France, one of the big turret guns on the French armored cruiser Latouche Treville exploded with terrific violence, completely wrecking the after turret and killing outright the entire gun crew of thirteen men.

Cholera victims are dying by the score in St. Petersburg, Russia.

The report is published in Paris that Prince Miguel of Braganza, the eldest son of Dom Miguel, the pretender to the throne of Portugal, was recently secretly married to Mrs. Samuel Sloan Chauncey, a rich American widow.

An imposing Anglo-German workmen's peace demonstration was held in Berlin. Some 20,000 German workmen gathered to welcome a delegation representing the British workmen, and much enthusiasm was displayed on both sides.

Personal.

The court of the District of Columbia ruled that Samuel Gompers must answer questions asked by the attorney for the range company in the contempt case.

The president and his family have returned to Washington.

John Robinson, the veteran circus owner, was married in his private car at Clarksville, Tenn., to Miss Mary Maud Logan, a professional nurse, who has been traveling with him for some time.

Nat Goodwin, the actor, has filed divorce papers.

At Tilbury, Ont., Sir Wilfred Laurier, premier of Canada, made campaign speeches in both French and English and kissed several Tilbury young ladies who presented him with bouquets.

Burglars who robbed Mark Twain's home at Redding, Conn., were captured after a fight and the humorist posts a notice advising the next robbers how to proceed.

Chairman Mack sent a telegram to the president bearing on the democratic campaign contributions.

Mr. Bryan sent a telegram to the president demanding proof of the charges made against Governor Haskell.

The will of Banker Morosini was filed in New York and bequeaths an estate valued at \$1,000,000 or more to his children.

NEBRASKA IN BRIEF

NEWS NOTES OF INTEREST FROM VARIOUS SECTIONS.

ALL SUBJECTS TOUCHED UPON

Religious, Social, Agricultural, Political and Other Matters Given Due Consideration.

Mr. Kinneman caught a catfish in the Missouri river near Plattsmouth that weighed 77 pounds and he sold it to Hatt & Son for \$7.75.

The paid membership of the Young Men's Christian association of Fremont has reached 210. The campaign for membership started ten days ago.

Henry Wolfgang, aged 38, unmarried, was scolded to death, by a threshing machine engine boiler when it went through a bridge near Norfolk.

Judge M. B. Davis of Gage county, who resigned his position as city attorney, will leave about the first of October for Beeville, Texas, where he has purchased a farm. Judge Davis will be missed by the people of Gage county.

The second annual Greeley County fair opened with a good attendance and the display in all departments, except fruit, was much better than last year. New cattle, horse and hog barns have been added this year and all are filled with a fine line of animals.

The ground around Herman has begun to show the effects of the continued dry weather by cracking, and the dust seems to be about four inches deep. Farmers are not able to do any fall plowing, and if there is not rain soon there will be some dry wells.

The Daughters of Isabella, the auxiliary society of the Knights of Columbus, organized at Alliance with a charter roll of forty women. The work was under the direction of the McCook council. This is the second council in Nebraska and the third will be established at Falls City on Thanksgiving day.

At the meeting of the board of Gibson school district last week the \$18,000 of bonds voted for a new high school building were sold to W. E. Berkley, Jr., of Lincoln at \$100 premium. October 9 is the date set for opening bids on the new building, which will be almost a counterpart of the new building at Hooper. Dyer & Co. of Fremont are the architects.

Word was received at Julian that Charles W. Brown of that place was assaulted and robbed by three men in the business center of Denver while walking to the union depot to take a train for home. As he reached an alley the holdups emerged from the shadow of a building, slipped a sack over Brown's head and dragged him into the alley. Brown resisted and was beaten over the head until unconscious.

The remains of Miss Augusta Wegner arrived from Denver Monday night, says a Scribner dispatch, and the funeral was held at the German Lutheran church Tuesday, conducted by Rev. Treskow. At the same hour at the home of Mrs. Hansen was held the funeral of Mary Hansen, the services being conducted by Rev. M. H. Harrison. She was the fourth one of that family to fall a victim to typhoid fever this summer.

Two events that auger much for North Platte occurred last week. First was an excursion to Oshkosh, a special train running from North Platte containing more than 100 representative business men of the city to the celebration and barbecue there in commemoration of the completion of the Union Pacific to that town, which is surrounded by one of the richest valleys in the state. North Platte is the gateway to all the north river country opened by a new line of the Union Pacific.

The German minister in Ponca, Rev. M. Koolen, entered the high school this year, taking studies in the tenth and eleventh grades, having taken the eighth grade last year. Rev. Mr. Koolen has a wife and two children and is a fine scholar in the German language. He was born in Holland and after his education was completed he went to India as a missionary, but his health failed, so he returned to Germany and later came to America and took up work as a German Lutheran minister in South Dakota.

The valuable black team stolen last fall from the streets of Bancroft, in Cumming county, was identified in Omaha by the owner, Robert Zahnaw. The team was among the lot of stolen horses located by Sheriff Bauman of Dodge county in Omaha. The total reward offered for the recovery of the Zahnaw team and the conviction of the thief aggregates \$535. Part of this was the customary state reward of \$50, part a reward offered by the citizens of Bancroft and the balance promised by the owner of the team.

Officers of the Presbyterian church of Columbus are disappointed by the receipt of a message from Lincoln informing them that Rev. P. M. Orr, who was lately elected pastor of the local church, would be unable to accept the charge.

Charles A. McKim, state veterinarian, and A. T. Peters, M. D. C., professor of the state experimental station of Lincoln, were in Butte several days the past week and finished clearing up the old glanders deal in Butte. These gentlemen went to the west end of the county, where they killed three glandered horses.

NEBRASKA NEWS AND NOTES.

Items of Greater or Lesser Importance Over the State.

President Turner of Hastings college has accepted election as secretary and platform manager of the Hastings chautauqua.

Arrangements have been completed by the Seventh Day Adventists to begin the erection of a church and school building in Hastings within a few days.

The continued dry weather threatens the crops and is cutting the fruit crop short in the vicinity of Tecumseh. Slight hot winds have prevailed to the detriment of all kinds of vegetation.

The Columbus Driving club has arranged for a big festival October 1 and 2, when Colonel C. B. Irwin will present a practical duplication of the chief events at the Cheyenne festival held recently.

Governor Sheldon gave a hearing to the friends of Joseph Smith who are applying for his pardon. Smith was sent to the penitentiary from Jefferson county on a charge of disposing of mortgaged property.

Last week was closed the most successful fair that the Nuckolls County Fair association has ever held, not only from the point of attendance and financial receipts, but from live stock and agricultural products display.

Miss Sue Anderson of Nebraska City has become prominent on the stage in the east and has become one of the leading women under Sam Bernard in "Nearly a Hero." She is a favorite with the theater people of New York City.

A petition was circulated asking the board of supervisors of Knox county to submit the question of county division at the election in November. It has been eight years since the last county seat fight was pulled off in Knox county.

The continued dry weather is playing havoc with the apple orchards throughout Otoe county. The lack of moisture in the ground causes the apples to fall, and nearly one-half of the heavily laden fruit trees have dropped their fruit.

In a collision in the yards at Weeping Water, Neb., between what is known as the Lincoln-Auburn passenger train and a freight, eighteen passengers and three trainmen received severe injuries. In two of the cases the injuries are serious.

Walter and Cancy West, who were arrested in Herman, were brought before United States Commissioner Singhaus charged with selling liquor without a license; both were placed under bonds to appear before the next federal grand jury.

Two bills for proposed legislation, designed for the benefit of travelers or patrons of hotels, were approved by the Nebraska Traveling Men's association at Hastings. One provides for sanitary regulation in hotels and the other requires the erection of fire escapes on all hotels and boarding houses more than two stories high.

Sheriff Bauman returned from Omaha after having recovered four horses which were stolen from Dodge county. All of them were heavy work horses. One valued at \$250 was used on an ice wagon, having been hired out by Lutz. Two were from Hooper. The sheriff is confident it will be only a question of time until Lutz is caught.

Five thousand people were on the fair grounds at the opening of the twenty-seventh annual fair for Red Willow county. The parade of business men's floats, autos and fine stock was nearly one mile in length. The \$500 derby race, one and an eighth miles, was won by Swell Girl, owned by Plourd & Son of Indianapolis. The opening day was the best in the history of the society.

York college, York Normal and business college and the Ursuline seminary all report the largest registration of students, coming not only from Nebraska and adjoining states, but from long distances to attend the excellent educational institutions at York. Additional instructors have been employed and many improvements made to provide for the large increase of students.

Prof. Craig, who has been making balloon ascensions at Fremont had a close call. He did not have his balloon ready until about sunset, and when he made the leap with the parachute did not notice the wires near the corner of Tenth and Broad streets. He landed on the wires. The parachute was jerked out of his hands and he clung to a telephone cable for some time before being relieved.

One of the most brilliant meteors ever seen in this vicinity, says a Plattsmouth dispatch, passed west of this city going in a northwesterly direction Saturday evening at 8 o'clock and was witnessed in this city by Judge J. W. Johnson, A. W. Atwood, E. E. Hilton and many others. It was also seen from other towns in this county. The ball of fire was described as appearing to be as large as a barrel and having a tail of grey 1,000 feet in length.

By a unanimous vote Grand Island was chosen as the place for the next annual convention of the Nebraska Travelers' association, which closed its first annual gathering at Hastings. Invitations were presented also by Omaha, Beatrice and Nebraska City.

The commercial club of York is encouraging a proposition to promote an electric railroad from Lincoln to York and thence in a northwesterly direction to Central City or west to Grand Island. From Lincoln to York the road would traverse a rich farming territory and would run about midway between the two Burlington railroads.

CONVENTIONS HELD

REPUBLICAN AND DEMOCRATIC PLATFORMS ARE BUILT

NEW PLEDGES ARE MADE

Bank Guaranty Question One of Considerable Importance in Shaping Party Platform—Much Heated Debate.

The state convention of the two great political parties has met, transacted the usual routine of business and adjourned. The question of guaranteeing bank deposits seemed to be uppermost in the minds of all delegates. The personnel of the resolutions committee appointed at the republican convention soon made it apparent that favorable action on this question was impossible. George Copeland, who was selected as chairman, was opposed to it, and by reason of that fact the convention refused to let him name the committee and insisted instead that the congressional districts should do this. As a result of caucuses of the members of the various districts the resolutions committee was composed in the end of three bankers, one lumberman, and three lawyers, all of whom are said to be interested in banks.

After a session which consumed the greater portion of the afternoon, it was decided unanimously to leave out all mention of a guaranty plank and to submit the platform as such. Before the platform, which was read by Chairman Charles Marshall, could be put to a vote, M. L. Fries, of Arcadia, a member of the committee, presented a resolution for adoption saying that it had been left out of the platform draft with his consent, but he would like to see it before the convention. His resolution read as follows: "We favor the enactment of a law providing for the security of deposits of funds in state and national banks and urge upon our legislature and congress to formulate a plan that will be equitable to the banking interests of this state and nation and insure the payment of every dollar deposited with state and national banks."

When the vote was taken it was decided to be against the amendment. The chairman so announced. Then E. B. Perry, of Cambridge, called for a roll which was declared in order by the chairman and resulted in the defeat of the amendment by a vote of 15 to 48.

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DEMOCRATS IN CONVENTION.

Harmony Prevails in Adoption of a Platform.

The work of the resolutions committee having been completed a draft of the party platform was presented and unanimously adopted. The platform calls for some changes in the revenue law; for a physical valuation of railroads by the railway commission, and declares for a bank deposit guaranty law.

"We give unqualified approval of the candidates nominated and of the platform proclaimed by the national convention at Denver and pledge our earnest support to said principles and the nominees of said convention. Particularly gratifying to the democracy of Nebraska is the nomination of Nebraska's first democrat, Wm. J. Bryan for the presidency of the republic—an office in the occupancy of which his qualities as a statesman will work the welfare of our nation, in measure as his advocacy of the cause of humanity has challenged the attention and won the approval of lovers of liberty in all the world. In his companion in this contest, John W. Kern, of Indiana, we behold a man and democrat worthy of the position he now occupies in the democratic party. In him we recognize a man large of heart and brain, fitted in every way for the duties and responsibilities that will devolve upon him."

"We pledge the people of Nebraska that if our state and legislative ticket shall be successful in this campaign a democratic legislature will enact and a democratic governor will approve the following specific legislation:

"1. A law under which the state banks shall be required to establish a guaranty fund, under state supervision and control, for the prompt payment of the depositors of any insolvent state bank under an equitable system which shall also be available to all national banking institutions of this state, wishing to take advantage of it."

"We commend the work of the democratic and populist members of the last legislature in forcing the passage of the two cent fare law, and other reform legislation by the body."

County Option in Indiana.

Governor J. Frank Hanly, late Saturday, signed the Cox county option bill, which passed the house by a vote of 55 to 45. The measure passed the senate several days ago. Opposition to the measure has been very pronounced by the liquor element. The Cox county option bill provides that upon twenty per cent of the voting population signifying their desire, a special election shall be held to decide whether that county shall be "dry." No change can be made for two years, after which time another election can be held.

JUDGE REBUKES JURY.

Verdict of Acquittal Received With Indignation.

A most unusual and dramatic scene took place in district court at Broken Bow, Neb., Saturday night, when the jury in the case of James Garland, charged with the murder of John Sanderson, March 28, last, brought in a verdict of acquittal after being out about thirty-six hours. Judge Hostetter was almost dumbfounded with surprise and in a voice of suppressed emotion addressed the jury in part, as follows:

"Gentlemen you are discharged from the further consideration of this case. Good-bye. I believe, however, that as judge of this court and as a conservator of the law, it is my solemn duty to say that I believe a most grievous mistake has been made. I believe the evidence in this case justified beyond doubt the conviction of the defendant of murder in the first degree. I believe the evidence of some fifteen reputable men of Broken Bow who were eye-witnesses to the scene instead of the uncorroborated evidence of the defendant himself. As the crime remains unpunished the white robe of justice has the blood stains of a victim upon its fold. God pity society when trembling men refuse to do their duty and enforce the law."

Here the judge, overcome with indignation, completely broke down. The verdict is a startling surprise to the people of Broken Bow.

OPPOSE ANY CHANGE.

Bankers Want No Guarantees or Postal Savings.

The most important discussion in the savings bank section of the American bankers' association in session at Denver, Colo., occurred at the afternoon session Monday, when the questions of postal savings banks and the guaranty of bank deposits were taken up. While it was evident that the sentiment was practically unanimous against postal savings and overwhelmingly against the guaranty idea, a respectable minority tried to prevent action on the latter question, contending that it was a matter for the committee of all the members of the association to decide upon, and not a single section.

John Schuetz of Wisconsin, was the only speaker in favor of the guaranty of bank deposits. He opposed the establishment of postal savings banks on the ground that it would establish 18,000 banks in the country to compete with the other banks of the country. He favored the guaranty bank deposit plan in order to avert the establishment of the postal savings banks and declared that the bankers of the country would have to face one or the other of the issues.

TAFT VICTIM OF JOKE.

Mistakes An Unmarried Woman For Head of Family.

The people of Sauk Center, Minn., are making merry over what they regard as a fine joke on Judge Taft. He had told them the question for the voters to determine was whether they wanted to continue a party of action in power or place at the head of the government a party which had done nothing but make misleading prophecies regarding economic questions. "We don't want to try it," said a somewhat elderly woman in the audience.

"I hope not, madam. I have no doubt that you are the head of a family of sturdy men whom you control and I rely on such intelligent women as you to carry out your views," was Judge Taft's smiling rejoinder.

When the train had started Mr. Taft was informed by one of the local statesmen aboard that it was Miss Sylvia Townsend with whom he had the colloquy.

CONVENTION OF HOBOES.

Extraordinary Gathering Begins Four Days' Session in New York.

An extraordinary gathering began in New York Monday, made up of delegates from various parts of the country to take part in a four days conference. They arrived on the brake beams of freight cars, on the "blind baggage" of the swift express or struggled in over dusty roads. They profess to represent the country's workless and to constitute the "first national convention of the unemployed." "The national committee of the unemployed" is the official name of the organization at the head of which is J. Eads How, of St. Louis, known as the "millionaire hobo." It was through How's efforts that the plans for the convention were completed and it was How who welcomed the delegates when they struggled in by ones and twos to the committee headquarters in Duane street.

Brewing Plant Is Burned.

Fire early Friday almost totally destroyed the plant of the Schauble Brewing Company at Hudson, N. Y. The loss will be at least \$150,000. The fire is believed to be of incendiary origin. A fire in the plant the day previous was extinguished with light loss.

Hurt By An Explosion.

An explosion of gasoline in a cleaning establishment at Twenty-third and Cuming streets, Omaha, Monday, demolished two small buildings and injured six persons, some of them seriously, but none fatally. A fire followed the explosion but it was soon extinguished. Howard Morrison, an employee, was the most seriously injured, being badly burned. He may die. The others were slightly burned. The explosion shook buildings for blocks around, breaking many windows.