

Light Third Party Vote Expected

Quibbling of Leaders Killing Interest—Many Voters to Stick to Old Party Lines.

Rift Caused by Fusion

Following is the eighth of a series of articles from a staff correspondent of The Omaha Bee, dealing with the campaign of various candidates for office in Nebraska and underlying the movement of the public mind. The series will be published from day to day, covering republican, democratic and progressive activities.

By PAUL GREER.

Lincoln, July 11.—"The unpardonable sin," J. H. Edmisten concluded after a discussion of Nebraska politics, "is to vote the republican ticket." As chairman of the recently formed progressive party he has no such scruples against aiding the candidates for the progressive nomination on the state ticket are filed also on the democratic ticket.

This is true of J. N. Norton, who is running for governor on both tickets. It is the cause of bitter dissension among the progressives and has led to the entry of W. J. Taylor, a farmer of Merina, as a second candidate for the progressive nomination for governor. It also has brought out Anson H. Bigelow, a labor attorney of Omaha, as an opponent of Judge Arthur G. Wray in the senatorial race.

Branded As Mugwumps.

Plot and counterplot, rumors and accusations of all sorts, abound in the progressive party camp. Ask Mr. Edmisten to name the entries for the progressive nomination and he will not mention Taylor or Bigelow. Kenning him of their omission and he will fly into something very like rage as he brands them as mugwumps.

On the other hand, there is Mr. Taylor, who talks like this: "Gentlemen, you who have filed in two parties and have sworn that you affiliate with both, stand up and be counted. What ticket will you vote in the primary? Which platform will you support? Which organization will direct your campaign? Which state convention will you attend? Norton, if you win in both primaries, in whose camp will you sit? Hitchcock's or Bigelow's? (Notice that Mr. Taylor ignores Judge Wray's candidacy, no doubt assuming that he will withdraw.) If you lose in the democratic primary you have lost in the other."

Eliminated by Both Parties.

This latter reference is to the provision of the law by which if Norton should lose the democratic nomination while winning the progressive nomination by a smaller vote he would be eliminated by both parties. Chairman Edmisten declares that in such case Mr. Taylor himself would not legally have the nomination, but that the place on the ticket would be filled by someone selected by the progressive state committee.

Some claim that the progressive party is designed to lead the radicals into the democratic party. The fusionists say that only by combining a conservative democratic strength with the radical support can the republicans be defeated.

Few Votes.

As a matter of fact, there will be few votes in the progressive party primary next week. This is not to say that the ghost of Theodore Roosevelt is not stalking in Nebraska and there is not a great deal of irritation at that. It is simply that most people of all classes are sticking to their old political affiliations. The quibbling among the third party leaders has killed interest in it. The suit of Wray from the governorship to the senatorship race estranged many followers. There are furthermore several men, some on the democratic ticket and others on the republican, whom the farmers favor.

For another thing, the farmer vote will be light because the primaries come at a time when they are busy in the fields or threshing. Enough rain to stop farm work would bring out a larger proportion. However, the interest of the farmers has not yet been aroused. The silence of the country newspapers on men and issues is blamed for this by the politicians.

Splitting of Tickets.

The full effect of the farm vote will not be felt until the fall election. Even then it is hardly probable that it will go to the third party candidates or to those who have fused with the democrats. What may be looked for is a splitting of tickets in which voters of all parties will play with deuces wild.

This spirit of independent voting is found in the most unexpected places. Just as an instance, there is George Jackson of Nelson, former speaker of the legislature and once democratic candidate for governor. He confides to his friends that when he goes to the election booth this fall he will vote for as many republican candidates as he can hear of.

An organized factor in this split voting is the Nonpartisan league. Early in September the members of this farm organization will hold a state convention at which they will endorse candidates irrespective of on what ticket they appear. Lynn J. Frazier, who recently won the republican nomination for senator in North Dakota, will be brought into the state to address meetings of farmers and wage earners. Arthur C. Townley, the founder of the league, and Joseph Gilbert, editor of the Nebraska league paper, the New State, also will take the stump.

Mother of Babe Born in Pen Asks State Board for Parole

Della De Hart Declares Her Husband Killed Mize for Making Advances to Her.



Della De Hart and Babe.

Lincoln, July 11.—(Special.)—Betty June, Nebraska's first penitentiary baby, cried and made faces a Governor McKelvie today as her mother, Della De Hart, pleaded for a parole before the state board of pardons and paroles. No amount of cooing would stop her screaming. Finally a lady in the room took Betty June away until her mother's hearing was ended.

Mrs. De Hart told the board that the murder of John Mize in Holt county, in which she was involved and for which she is serving 1 to 10 years, was the result of advances made by Mize towards her. She said her husband, Kolla, serving life, killed Mize and she helped carry Mize's body to a hiding place. "If you get me a parole will you begin trying to get my husband released?" Governor McKelvie asked. "I don't know that I will," she replied.

Education in Pen.

Walter Rifenberg, known as the most handsome man in the penitentiary, who is serving 25 years for

murder of Jacob Davis at Ainsworth in 1911, asked the board to commute his sentence to 15 years. Rifenberg claimed he had become rejuvenated in the penitentiary. "I only had a third-grade education when I came here and after Warden Fenton took charge, they initiated schools and I educated myself, took correspondence courses and am now steward in charge of the hospital when the physician is away," Rifenberg said.

Warden Fenton, Congressman

Valle of Colorado and numerous persons who have known Rifenberg since he entered prison, presented letters to the effect that Rifenberg was a changed man and, if released, would in their opinion make good.

"Tough Nuts Can't Get Away."

When Fred Sledge, Omaha gangster, serving one to 10 years on a grand larceny charge, appeared before the board with his mother and wife, each with a baby in arms, Governor McKelvie glanced at his record. It showed numerous arrests in Omaha on hold-up and larceny charges.

"No use talking," the governor said. "These tough nuts on Omaha might as well understand right now that they just can't get away with it any longer."

Joseph Shanley of Omaha, whose army records show his arm was riddled with shrapnel in France, asked for a furlough to enter the government hospital at St. Louis in order to have the arm amputated. The prison physician recommended the furlough. Shanley is serving from one to two years for burglary.

Banker to Serve Term in Prison

Sentence Imposed on F. M. Ridings Affirmed by Supreme Court.

Lincoln, Neb., July 11.—(Special Telegram.)—The supreme court today affirmed sentence of one to 10 years imposed on F. M. Ridings, president of the Farmers' Loan and Trust bank, Halsey, by the Thomas county district court.

The case was one of the first of more than a dozen prosecutions against bankheads sared by Attorney General Clarence A. Davis. Ridings was charged with issuing false certificates of deposits aggregating \$20,000 on the bank without delivering any valuable consideration in return. These certificates were sold to banks in North Dakota, Minnesota and other states.

After the arrest of Ridings these banks attempted to return the money from the state guarantee fund. Davis refused to permit J. E. Hart, secretary of trade and commerce, to draw on the fund to cover these certificates and took the fight to courts. The courts upheld the Davis claims that the guarantee fund was not legally responsible for these certificates. That it is and was a vote of the cases and \$20,000 was saved the fund.

Three-Inch Rain.

Pawnee, Neb., July 11.—(Special Telegram.)—Three inches of rain fell last night in a continuous downpour that lasted 10 hours.

Small Grain Damaged.

Friend, Neb., July 11.—(Special.)—A severe windstorm struck this vicinity Monday evening between 8 and 9 and much damage was done to trees and small grain in the shock. The wind twisted the tree-tops, breaking many limbs, but in the country north and west of the city wheat shocks were torn to pieces and bundles were, in some places, carried long distances. Windmills were blown down and destroyed. Not much rain fell during the storm. The light plant was put out of commission by the falling of tree limbs onto the wires, and the city was in darkness for several hours. The smokestack was blown off the city power plant.

Halitourism Struck.

A halitourism struck the northeastern part of Saline county last evening, doing considerable damage to growing crops. Listed corn will undoubtedly recover, but the checked corn that was so far advanced as to be in tassel has been damaged beyond recovery.

Two-Inch Rain at Beatrice.

Beatrice, Neb., July 11.—(Special.)—Nearly two inches of rain fell in this section of the state Sunday night, making a total of about seven inches of moisture during the past two weeks. Unless dry weather come soon, farmers fear that their wheat will be damaged.

Unusual "Wants"

Miss Alice Robertson, republican congresswoman from Oklahoma, used the classified "Want" Ad columns of her "home town" paper during her political campaign.

This unique method of advertising is but one of the hundreds of ways in which classified or "Want" Ads can be utilized.

If you have something "different" or some hard problem to solve, give the work to an Omaha Bee "Want" Ad. You will find these "Want" Ads willing little workers on the job twenty-four hours a day. In addition they work so reasonably, too.

Strikers on U. P. System Enjoined

Restraining Order Issued by Federal Court, Forbids Interference With Men Working in Shops.

Hearing Set for July 20

The Union Pacific railroad obtained an injunction order from Federal Judge Woodrough yesterday afternoon, restraining striking employees from any interference with the company's property or those who remain on their jobs in the shops.

The restraining order is patterned after the one obtained Monday by the Burlington.

Northwestern and Missouri Pacific roads are expected to take similar action soon.

15 Unions Affected.

The Union Pacific order is directed at 15 unions of shopcraftsmen and the railway employees departments of the Union Pacific and American Federation of Labor. More than 1,700 employees are affected.

Judge Woodrough set July 20, the same date as the Burlington hearing, for this one.

Claims Conflicting.

"We honestly believe that shopmen on the Union Pacific system are out as strong, if not stronger, than on the day they struck," said J. H. Furse, president of Union Pacific System Federation No. 105, in a statement last night.

"We have received no reports to indicate that any of our men are returning to work, and although it is entirely possible that the railroads are hiring new men, we don't believe the men they are hiring are mechanics," he added.

W. H. Guild, assistant to the vice president of the Union Pacific system, said last night a total of 172 former employees returned to work on the system Monday and 236 new men were hired, according to this statement.

"Everything is moving in good shape," added Guild.

Trainmen Meet in Bluffs and Endorse Strike

Resolutions of Support Are Adopted by Members of "Big Five" at Session in Labor Temple.

About 1,000 trainmen of all railroads running into Council Bluffs attended a session of the "Big Five" unions at the Labor temple Tuesday and adopted resolutions pledging themselves as individuals to urge each of their respective crafts to give full and unqualified support to the present strike.

Bert Parker, head of the switchmen, presided at the meeting. After a general discussion of the situation and various declarations of sentiment, a special committee was appointed to draft resolutions. J. W. Dingman was chairman; F. S. Stevens, secretary, and H. G. Leonard, Fred G. Austin, George A. Siders and J. B. Ferguson were members. The resolutions were drawn as follows:

"That we will take up with our different crafts the matter of giving our brother trainmen, who, we believe are making a stand for the just and right, our full and unqualified support.

"That these resolutions are not to bind any one of the organizations or its officers to any part of this.

"That it is and was a vote of the (Turn to Page Two, Column Six.)

Editorial Contest Is Open to All Newspaper Readers

Your Chance to Help Form Public Opinion.

That is what The Omaha Bee editorial-writing contest offers every Nebraska newspaper reader.

No editorial may exceed 500 words.

Each editorial must bear the name, address and occupation of the author and must be written plainly on only one side of the sheet.

Each contestant may submit one, two or three editorials.

All contributions must be received not later than August 10; in case more than one is submitted, they may be sent in separately or together.

Judges for the grand prizes will be three in number, appointed by the Nebraska State Press association.

Announcement of prize winners will be made at the meeting of the State Press association in Omaha August 31 to September 2.

Address Editorial Contest Editor, The Omaha Bee, Omaha, Neb.

Scenes in Path of Tornado at Gregory, S. D.



Scenes showing damage done by tornado at Gregory, S. D. The tornado, sweeping a 20-mile path, killed one and injured 33 and resulted in property damage estimated at \$3,000,000.

J. H. Wilkerson Named to Succeed Landis

Washington, July 11.—James H. Wilkerson was nominated today by President Harding to be federal judge for the northern Illinois district, succeeding Judge Kenesaw Mountain Landis, who resigned several months ago to become arbitrator of organized baseball.

James H. Wilkerson, successor to Judge Landis, has had a long career in Chicago as county attorney, member of the Illinois legislature, assistant and later United States district attorney of Illinois.

He was born at Savannah, Mo., December 11, 1869; graduated from DePaul university, Green Castle, Ind., and started the practice of law in Chicago.

As assistant district attorney he prosecuted before Judge Landis the Standard Oil rebating cases in which Judge Landis announced the famous \$29,000,000 fine. In 1910 Mr. Wilkerson headed the prosecution of the anti-trust suits against the leading packers, and in 1911 he was appointed district attorney by President Taft.

As assistant attorney general of Illinois he was prominent in the prosecution of the notorious embezzlement case against Governor Small.

York Motorist Injured by Overturning of Car

York, Neb., July 11.—(Special Telegram.)—O. W. Tomkinson lies in the Lutheran hospital with a broken shoulder, bruised body and internal injuries as the result of an automobile accident north of Benedict last night.

The front wheel of his car became entangled in a rut, causing the machine to turn turtle and pinning Tomkinson under the wheel. Surgeons performed an operation on the injured man. He will recover, physicians predict.

Code Bill Suit Lost

Lincoln, July 11.—Application of Attorney Orville Jones of Lincoln for a peremptory writ of mandamus compelling Darius M. Amsherry, secretary of state, to submit the code bill to a referendum of the people in the fall election, was denied by three judges of the Lancaster district court here. The decision was unanimous.

J. E. Masters Elected Grand Ruler of Elks

Atlantic City, N. J., July 11.—The first executive business session of the annual convention of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks commenced today with Grand Exalted Ruler William Wallace Mountain presiding. Most important of the reports presented was that of the Elks national memorial headquarters building commission, headed by Former Governor John K. Tener of Pennsylvania.

According to the report of the grand secretary, Fred Robinson, charitable work by the Elks since 1880 amounts to \$13,730,433.20. J. Edgar Masters of Charleroi, Pa., was unanimously elected grand exalted ruler.

Relief is being sent to the devastated area from Sioux City, Ia.

Harrison Attacks Brazilian Commission

Lincoln, Neb., July 11.—(Special Telegram.)—Frank A. Harrison, who recently resigned from the Brazilian commission following a row over method of expenditure of the appropriation made by congress, returned to his home at Lincoln today.

"There are three classes of persons on the commission," Harrison said, "those who want to draw pay without working, those who would not know how to work if they wanted to and those who were determined to grab as much of the \$1,000,000 appropriation as they could get."

Omaha in 15th Place in Bank Deposits Per Capita

Omaha ranks 15 among cities of the United States in bank deposits per capita, according to figures compiled by the Chamber of Commerce bureau of publicity.

Per capita bank deposits are \$508 in Omaha, as compared to Cincinnati's \$590, Detroit's \$466, St. Paul's \$460, Milwaukee's \$407, and Seattle's \$400. Cities leading Omaha in per capita deposits are Pittsburgh, San Francisco, Boston, Denver, Los Angeles, Cleveland, New York, Kansas City, Chicago, Philadelphia, St. Louis, Richmond, Dallas and Baltimore.

Fall Authorized to Survey Columbia Basin

Washington, July 11.—The bill authorizing Secretary Fall to investigate, survey and report to congress on the Columbia basin irrigation project in Washington state was passed today by the senate.

Navy Enlistment Resumed.

Washington, July 11.—After a year's suspension, recruiting for the navy, under orders published today, will be resumed. Sixty-five thousand men will have to enlist or re-enlist in the coming year in order to keep the navy up to the 86,000 men authorized under the naval appropriation bill.

Rail Strike Taken Up by Cabinet

President and Secretaries Will Oppose Interference of Unions With Mail Trains or Commerce.

Daugherty Ready to Act

By ARTHUR SEARS HENNING, Omaha Bee Licensed Wire.

Washington, July 11.—The United States government will not tolerate interference with the transit of the mails, interruption of interstate commerce or interference with the right of employment.

This was unanimous decision of President Harding and his cabinet at the semi-weekly meeting today. The strike of railway shopcrafts employees was the principal subject of discussion.

It was determined, moreover, that all the reasons the government should be employed, if necessary, to carry out this policy.

After the cabinet meeting it was announced at the White House that President Harding would issue a statement setting forth in detail the attitude of the government toward the strike and indicating the measures that may be invoked to deal with it.

Harding is Anxious.

Believing that the coal strike is now in process of settlement the president has ceased to worry about that matter but did not conceal the fact that he is prey to considerable anxiety over developments in the railroad strike. He regards it his duty to adopt a firm attitude and to lose no time in checking by aggressive action the spread of violence which already has begun to interfere with transportation and the transit of the mails.

Attorney General Daugherty said that the situation up to date, in his opinion, did not warrant the institution of legal proceedings against the strikers by the government but that the policy of the government he would be ready to proceed to carry out any measures within his jurisdiction which the executive may specify.

The Department of Justice continued during the day to appoint special deputy marshals to cope with violence wherever requests for such reinforcements were made by judges or district attorneys.

Mail Interfered With.

Postmaster General Work submitted to the cabinet meeting a survey of the instances of interference with the transportation of the mails. Three thousand miles of railway mail service on the Washash railway will be out of operation today, according to the telegram received by the Postoffice department from S. H. Cislir, superintendent of mails at St. Louis. Superintendent Cislir said that the Washash Railway company has made this announcement, but did not say what trains will be withdrawn. Mr. Cislir is also advised that the situation on the Missouri, Kansas & Texas railway is assuming serious proportions and that this road has been unable to provide train service since yesterday on the Hannibal & New Franklin line.

Superintendent Cislir stated that the fuel situation is very serious because of the impossibility of getting coal moved over foreign lines from the west.

The Frisco system announces that it has no intention of withdrawing trains. Cislir states that no trouble was reported at Springfield or other points in Missouri yesterday and that the situation in Kansas City is good.

Mrs. Stokes Wins Suit to Save Dower Rights

New York, July 11.—Mrs. Helen Elwood Stokes won her fight to have her dower rights to property valued at more than \$6,000,000 restored when Supreme Court Justice Daniel F. Cohen handed down a decision in the suit she brought against her husband, W. E. D. Stokes, wealthy hotel man and real estate operator.

Mrs. Stokes alleged that she signed away her dower rights to the property under a misapprehension that it was necessary for her to do so at once. The defendant claimed that she had signed over her dower rights as part of an ante-nuptial pact.

Mrs. Stokes, who secured a separation from her husband and \$18,000 a year temporary alimony last fall, will have an interest amounting to about \$2,500,000 in the Stokes property, it was said, if Justice Cohen's decision is upheld by the high court, to which appeal will be taken.

Missouri Pacific Rescinds Order to Cancel Eight Trains

Falls City, Neb., July 11.—(Special Telegram.)—Superintendent W. F. Kirk of the Omaha division of the Missouri Pacific announced that the previous order cancelling eight trains on the division has been rescinded due to the new development in the coal miners' situation. All trains will run according to the old schedule.

The Weather

Forecast.

Wednesday, fair; not much change in temperature.

Hourly Temperatures.

Table with 2 columns: Time and Temperature. Rows include 5 a.m., 7 a.m., 9 a.m., 11 a.m., 1 p.m., 3 p.m., 5 p.m., 7 p.m., 9 p.m., 11 p.m., and 12 (noon).

Highest Tuesday.

Table with 2 columns: Location and Temperature. Locations include Cheyenne, Denver, Denver, Des Moines, Dodge City, and Leader. Corresponding temperatures are listed.