

## THE WAGELORKER

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**Influence of the Politician's Wife.**  
It has often been asked how much influence the wife of a public man bears on his political career. This is hard to estimate; but this much is certain: The man who comes to Washington, either as a member of Congress or of some other branch of the government where his position is one of prominence, is very unfortunate if his wife is not one whom he can trust to making her way socially. Not necessarily being a great social success, but capable of mingling with the average woman at the national capital. For, in spite of the fact that a small percentage of society looks leniently upon the married couple who are seldom seen in public together, the average sound American believes in the comradeship of man and wife. But when we sum up this question of the influence of women in statecraft we pass the judgment that, on the whole, the influence of woman in statecraft is, for good, says a writer in Home Magazine. Being impulsive, she is apt to make mistakes now and then which cause the more logical males to laugh at her, but as a rule she is pretty sure of her footing before she attempts to make the jump across the political stream that divides womankind from mankind.

### Germs in Books.

The authorities of the city libraries in Berlin have been making some interesting experiments with the purpose of determining the hygienic conditions of books that have been used a great deal by the people. With the dirt gathered from such books, some of which was known to include tuberculosis bacilli, experiments were made on guinea pigs. In the case of books used but two years, no result could be noticed, but the refuse collected from particularly soiled books, that had been in circulation from three to six years, did produce an effect. Attempts to destroy the bacilli by sterilization through formalin vapors failed; but the books themselves suffered to such an extent that many were practically spoiled. In view of this fact, the city authorities have decided to abstain from further disinfecting experiments. In conjunction with the city medical society and the police department, it has now been decided periodically to examine the public libraries and to destroy those books which have been used so much as to make them a danger to public health. Such books must be destroyed, not sold for old paper.

Alonzo H. Evans, Boston's oldest bank president, at 87, is robust and hearty, and shows by his own example the result of living the kind of life that he prescribes for the youth of today. Mr. Evans has the greatest confidence in the generation of the present and thinks if they follow his advice they will succeed. He says: "Apply yourself, young man, if you would succeed. Work hard, be honest, be truthful, be loyal to your employer, save something out of each week's pay, even if it is little, but, above all, apply yourself."

At Krupp's, in Essen, an army of 10,000, fed with coal and iron from vast private mines, turn out engines of destruction by the thousand. There are another 12,000 men at Lord Armstrong's works in the north of England, besides an aggregate of 40,000 more in the titanic government forges of Great Britain, France, Germany, Austria, Italy, Japan and Russia, and these thousands are quite apart from armor plate makers and builders of battleships.

Twenty years ago the population of Oklahoma could be enumerated in Indians and a few thousand squaw men, cowboys and cattle kings. In 1890, one year after the first opening of Oklahoma territory, there were more than 60,000 people living on 2,000,000 acres of land. To-day the white population may conservatively be estimated at over 1,500,000.

In the newly organized province of Alberta, western Canada, bordering the foothills of the Rocky mountains, is the latest stake of Zion. There 8,000 trekkers from Utah are farming and ranching, and incidentally building up a strong cause of Latter Day Saints in the dominion, as an integral part of the army of 300,000 that constitutes the sect the world over.

The British coast erosion committee rejoices over the discovery that the sea has added 30,752 acres to the British isles in 25 years and carried away only 419 acres. The land cut off has been valuable, however, while the sandbanks added may remain useless for many years.

Alphonse Mucha, the noted French artist, has come to America to live and is now teaching art in New York. He was born in Moravia in 1860, but has lived in Paris most of his life.

## CAPITAL CITY CHAT

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION HOLDING HEARINGS.

### IT WANTS INFORMATION

Trying to Get the Knowledge That Will Enable It to Arrive at Just Valuation of Railroad Property

#### To Assess Railroads.

The state board of equalization and assessment has been holding meetings the past week to ascertain the value of railroad and car companies for the purpose of assessment.

Meetings will be held from day to day until the railroad property is valued for assessment. On the third Monday in July the board will meet to equalize the assessment of property, as returned by county assessors. Governor Sheldon, being the first member of the board named in the list in the statute creating the board, presided as chairman. George D. Bennett, who has served as secretary of the board since it was organized, was re-elected.

There is little or nothing in the way of rumors as to whether the board will change the value of railroad property as determined by the board one year ago. The board last year increased the value of the Union Pacific about \$1,000,000, but made no other material change. The total value of all railroad property in the state is now \$47,000,000, and the total of all property in the state, including railroad property, is \$113,000,000. The members of the board have not formed any idea as yet in regard to railroad property, and will not express themselves until they obtain personal knowledge of the situation. There has been no rumor of any increase. The increase made by the former boards have been upheld by the highest court in the United States.

#### Railroad Rate Men on Hand.

Railroad rate men and attorneys and tax commissioners were at the state house last week in unprecedented numbers to attend.

The assessment board, Governor Sheldon chairman, heard representatives of the Sioux City branch of the Wilmar & Sioux Falls road and the Rock Island road. The board also heard Mr. S. L. Highleyman, of the Missouri Pacific, T. A. Polleys of the C. St. P. M. & O., and P. F. Crandon of the Northwestern road.

Other roads also had hearings. All the members of the assessment board are taking a deep interest in the work before them and evince a desire to get all the information possible to enable them to arrive at a just valuation of railroad property. The tax commissioners of the various roads have been asked to submit their statements in writing so that the board may digest their argument when the time comes to list property for taxation. The board comprises Governor Sheldon, Secretary of State Junkin, Treasurer Brian, Land Commissioner Eaton and Auditor Searle.

#### Burkett Gets Appointment.

E. R. Harper, acting governor of Colorado, has notified Senator Burkett of his appointment as a member of the program committee of the "Public Lands" convention, which has been called for Denver, June 18. Henry M. Teller is chairman of the program committee. The convention will consider future land laws, and propositions looking to the early development of the vacant lands in the west.

#### Governor Issues Requisition.

Governor Sheldon has issued a requisition for the return of David McMurtrey, a married man of Burt county, charged with a statutory offense against Effa Silvey, a girl under eighteen years of age, alleged to have been committed March 10. McMurtrey is said to have left the state the next day and is now at Lamar, Ia.

#### Light Company Incorporates.

Articles of incorporation of the Havelock Electric Light company were filed in the office of the county clerk. The capitalization of the company is \$15,000, and the incorporators are F. H. Whellen, J. O. Aspinen, T. C. Ballard, Cornelius Moran, H. M. Eaton and C. O. Johnson.

#### Prohibits Getting Busy.

The state executive committee of the prohibition party met to lay plans for their campaign. The dates for a state convention were fixed for July 30 and 31 at Lincoln. Plans to banquet the prohibitionists of the state on the evening of July 30 met with favor. Secretary H. T. Sutton reported activity in all parts of the state visited by him.

#### Light for the State.

The state board of public funds and buildings has awarded a contract to the Westinghouse firm for the installation of a forty-horse-power motor at the penitentiary, to cost \$509. The mechanism is badly needed there for the enlargement of the manufacturing facilities, which have heretofore been operated by one small motor. A dynamo is to be installed later, which will furnish power and light to the state capitol and the home for the friendless.

#### Bryan's "Speech Income."

The State Journal has this to say of W. J. Bryan's speaking engagements: "Mr. Bryan will stay at home for a week or ten days and then another call to rush away on a speaking tour will have to be answered. He is now sought after more eagerly than any other man who is available for platform work. Whenever it becomes known that he has any vacant time the work of caring for the correspondence on that subject becomes a real burden to the folks in the Commoner office. If he filled all demands for dates he could talk, like the bands in Berlin, 'mornings, nights and afternoons, and still leave the public unsatisfied."

"Mr. Bryan's income from these engagements is very large, but it could be made much larger if he did not use lectures as an aid to getting his political views before the country. When he makes a political speech or attends a banquet he pays his own expenses. The sermons that attracted so much attention in Washington, Springfield and Boston were given freely for the public good. But when he goes on one of these trips he accepts enough lecture engagements to cover the cost of the journey and perhaps to leave him a little profit besides. The paid lectures are thus only incidental to the main purpose of the visit."

"Mr. Bryan's financial arrangements for his lectures are simple. He takes one-half of the proceeds and the people who manage the lecture take the other half. He refuses to lecture for an individual management, always insisting that the local share shall go to some organization or 'cause.' People have tried to estimate Mr. Bryan's income from lecturing but it is doubtful if he knows himself."

#### About W. J. Bryan.

A recent issue of the Springfield Republican said of the closing days of Mr. Bryan's eastern trip:

"Mr. Bryan did not quite complete his program on Wednesday, but it was the fault of a late train. As it was, he merely arrived in New York at 6 o'clock, spent an hour receiving his friends, donned his evening clothes, and rushed to Harlem to deliver a lecture, was back at a downtown restaurant to attend a 10 o'clock supper in his honor, and an hour later was on his way to Newark, N. J., to deliver a speech at midnight. He is due to speak tonight in Chicago, and will get home on Sunday, planning to help plant his farm. That farm ought to get planted pretty quickly if Mr. Bryan tackles the job in the way he has been lecturing."

#### Liquor License in Lincoln.

The written opinion in the case of Julius Reusch against the city of Lincoln was filed Friday, the court holding that county boards may not grant license for a term exceeding a calendar year, but municipal authorities may grant a license for a municipal year, which may be either longer or shorter than a calendar year. By the term "municipal year" as used in the Slocumb law, is ordinarily meant the political year, as by so construing the term the principle of local option is conveyed and applied. By the amendment made to the Lincoln charter in 1905, by which biennial elections instead of annual elections were provided for, the legislature did not intend to abandon the policy of local option. In the case before the court the saloon keepers of Lincoln claimed the right to sell liquor on their licenses for thirteen months because the terms of the city officers had been extended one month. A test case was filed and for eight days the saloons were closed.

#### Regents Institute Test Case.

Regent Charles S. Allen obtained leave of the supreme court to file a mandamus suit against Auditor E. M. Searle. John J. Ledwith, who has a claim amounting to \$25 for services as instructor in the university for the biennium, is the relator. The suit was filed to test the legality of the state auditor's ruling that no warrants on the state treasury should be issued when there are no funds in the fund on which the warrants are drawn. The fund in question is the one derived from a 1-mill levy for the support of the university. Mr. Ledwith's claim is on the temporary university fund. The petition of the relator asserts that the auditor has ruled that no warrants shall be issued when there is no money on hand. It cites sections 1, 2, and 3 of chapter 93, compiled statutes, to show that it is the duty of the state treasurer to register warrants when funds in the treasury are insufficient to pay the same. By reason of this it is alleged that it is the duty of the state auditor to issue warrants against the appropriation authorized by the legislature, whether or not taxes are actually collected at the time the warrants are applied for. The petition of the regents says the law authorizing the collection of a 1-mill levy for the maintenance of the university was passed by the legislature in 1899, the proceeds to constitute a fund to be expended under the direction of the regents for the maintenance and for buildings and permanent improvements.

#### Wants Water Right.

Application has been made to the state irrigation department by W. W. Votaw, of Lincoln, on behalf of the Maywood Milling company for permission to build a dam and sluice in Medicine creek near Maywood, Froider county, to operate a flour mill and for an ice pond. Another application has reached the board from C. C. Mulloy of Irving, Cheyenne county, to tap Lower Dugout creek for a small irrigation system, estimated to cost \$350 and water seventy acres of ground.

## NEWS OF THE WEEK

Most Important Happenings of the Past Seven Days.

Interesting Items Gathered from All parts of the World Condensed into Small Space for the Benefit of Our Readers.

**Personal.**  
C. H. Kimball, an attorney and politician of Parsons, Kan., died suddenly at his home there.

The newly born heir to the throne of Spain has been named Alfonso Pio Christino Eduardo.

Mrs. Houser, wife of Daniel Houser, president of the Globe Printing company publishing the Globe-Democrat died in St. Louis from the effects of a self-inflicted gun shot wound.

Grand Duke Nicholas Nikolaivitch of Russia has married Princess Anastasia of Montenegro.

Frank H. Butler, who was charged with the murder of the Marvin boy at Dover, Del., has been released from custody, for want of sufficient evidence against him.

A. E. Stillwell and a party of 90 capitalists who took a trip over the lines of the Orient railroad in Mexico, have returned.

Dr. M. P. Creel, of Centerville, Kan., has been elected one of the vice presidents of the National Association of Pension Examining Surgeons.

Francis M. Brown, democrat, was recently elected mayor of Lincoln, Neb., by a majority of 31 votes.

Ex-United States Senator Edmund G. Ross, of Kansas, whose vote saved President Andrew Johnson from impeachment, is dead at Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Dr. Frank Billings, of Chicago, has been elected president of the National Tuberculosis association.

Mrs. Eustace Brown, of Olathe has been chosen president of the Kansas Federation of Women's clubs.

Gen. Kuroki and suite were the guests of Secretary Taft at a dinner in Washington recently.

Senator Thomas C. Platt, of New York, announces that he will retire from public life at the end of his present term.

**Miscellaneous.**  
The motion for a bill of particulars filed by W. D. Haywood, on trial at Boise, Idaho, for complicity in the murder of former Gov. Steunenberg, was denied by Judge Fremont Wood.

The Wyoming Woolgrowers' association accuse the eastern buyers with conspiracy to force down the price of wool regardless of the demand of the manufacturers.

The Susan B. Anthony memorial fund of \$50,000 to promote the cause of equal suffrage has been completed.

The trial of W. D. Haywood, secretary of the Western Federation of Miners, for complicity in the murder of former Gov. Steunenberg, of Idaho, has begun at Boise. The trial promises to last for several weeks.

W. O. Douglas, the former loan clerk of the Trust Company of America, has pleaded guilty of the larceny of \$112,000 worth of railroad stock.

On account of the longshoremen's strike at New York, several Atlantic liners have been compelled to sail with only partial cargoes of freight.

There is a serious lack of farm hands in the Northwest, according to reports received by the Great Northern railroad. Farmers are offering \$35 and \$40 a month for help.

Portions of Siberia recently experienced a severe earthquake shock.

A six-story building in Omaha occupied by the Parlin, Orendorff & Co., dealers in farm implements, collapsed recently. No one was killed.

The Shriners in session at Los Angeles, Cal., have chosen St. Paul as the meeting place of the 1908 convocation.

The president has approved the recommendation of Attorney General Bonaparte that William January, alias Charles W. Anderson, who was recently arrested at Kansas City, on a charge of being an escaped convict, be given a full pardon on July 19.

The St. Paul Episcopal church in Kansas City, Kan., has celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of its organization.

Six men alleged to be the leaders of the mob that lynched a negro at Sterrett, I. T., March 31, have been arrested by United States marshals and held on a charge of murder.

The Union Pacific railroad earned during the year ending June 30, 1907, \$32,465,000 over operating expenses.

The Union Pacific railroad has declared a quarterly dividend of 2 1/2 per cent.

Northwest Texas was visited by a storm of wind and rain which assumed the proportions of tornado in places doing damage to buildings and crops.

The strike which has prevailed in the Texas Oil fields has been declared off and the men have returned to work.

The Val Blatz Brewing Company has commenced suit in the Kansas supreme court to regain possession of its property now in the possession of the receivers, alleging that papers were not served on any authorized agent of the company.

The 300th anniversary of the landing of the first permanent English settlement at Jamestown Island was elaborately celebrated at the spot where the landing was made.

Fire destroyed \$50,000 worth of property at Allen, Kan., a small town in the northern part of Lyon county.

The plant of the American Smelting Company at Salt Lake, Utah, which recently closed because of labor troubles, throwing 1,200 men out of employment, has resumed operations. Robbers broke into the Citizens State Bank of North Topeka, Kan., and, it is believed, secured the contents of the vault, about \$15,000.

A coroner's jury investigating the wreck of the Shriner's special train in Southern California where 31 persons lost their lives found that the accident was caused by defective equipment.

H. C. Pierce, head of the Waters-Pierce Oil company, recently surrendered himself to the authorities at St. Louis, on the indictment returned against him in Texas charging perjury. A writ of habeas corpus was immediately issued by the federal court, which will be heard on its merits in the near future. Mr. Pierce was released on \$10,000 bond.

The Texas legislature has passed a law taxing all dealers in firearms who sell revolvers 50 per cent on their gross receipts. It is intended to stop the practice of carrying revolvers in Texas.

Seventy-five members of the Omaha grain exchange have made a trip through Southern Nebraska and Kansas to make a personal investigation of the damage to the growing wheat crop.

The Kansas supreme court has issued a writ of ouster to compel the city of Leavenworth to cease licensing saloons and other unlawful resorts.

President Roosevelt gave a dinner to Gen. Kuroki the Duke of Abruzzi, Vice Admiral Ijulu and other representatives of foreign powers who have come to this country to visit the Jamestown exposition.

Judge Pollock of the United States district court at Topeka, Kan., overruled a motion to discharge the receiver he appointed recently for the Uncle Sam Oil company.

A special train loaded with Shriners was wrecked on the coast line of the Southern Pacific railroad near Surf and 20 persons killed and as many others dangerously injured.

A Southern Pacific passenger train collided with a string of runaway freight cars near Lordsburg, N. M., the engineer was killed and fireman badly scalded.

Upwards of 1000 delegates representing 30,000,000 persons will attend the world's fifth Sunday School convention at Rome. King Victor Emmanuel of Italy will be honorary president.

During April 133,452 immigrants arrived in New York mostly from Southern Europe and the May record will probably be still greater from the record of the first ten days.

Queen Victoria, of Spain, recently gave birth to a son. The fact was immediately heralded throughout the kingdom and caused widespread joy among the people. Much state ceremony was observed at the palace in Madrid, all the officials of the court being present to greet the new born prince.

The New York court of appeals has sustained the right of Attorney General Jackson to attack the title of George B. McClellan as Mayor of New York city on behalf of William R. Hearst.

The government crop bulletin shows the average condition of the winter wheat crop on May 1 to have been 82.9 per cent. The acreage is about five per cent less than that harvested last fall.

The Kansas state text book commission has let contracts aggregating \$700,000 for books to be used in the schools of the state for the next five years. The so-called book trust only got one award.

While on the witness stand at Des Moines, Ia., James Hadfield, a pioneer of the state, fell dead from heart disease.

The Chicago Journal recently published a long article charging that Charles H. Moyer, president of the Western Federation of Miners, had served a term in Joliet penitentiary. Moyer denies the charge.

An order for steel rails has been placed with the Tennessee Coal and Iron company which calls for 150,000 tons at a cost \$5,000,000. The rails are for the Harriman lines.

The differences between Mexico and Guatemala have been amicably settled, Mexico withdrawing her demand for the extradition of the murderers of Gen. Barrillas.

Twenty-nine St. Louis persons have been subpoenaed to appear before the federal court at Denver, Col., regarding fraudulent coal land claims in that state.

A disastrous fire in which two persons lost their lives and a number of others were injured, occurred in Kansas City when the University building, occupied by many musicians and artists, was completely destroyed.

Three men were wounded, two probably fatally, in a feud fight near Nevada, Mo., recently.

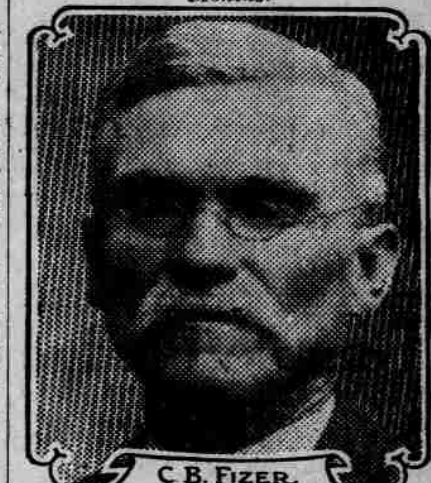
It is stated in Washington that the president in his speech at Indianapolis on May 30, proposes to give a full and conservative statement of his views regarding the railroad legislation needs of the country.

A suburban passenger train on the Burlington railroad was wrecked recently near Chicago. One passenger was killed and about 20 others injured.

In a rear end collision near Hamilton, Ohio, one man was killed, one fatally and two others seriously injured.

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