

Brief Telegrams

The engines of a first-class battleship cost about \$700,000.

The street railroads of Nottingham, England, a city of 250,000 population, are owned and run by the commonwealth.

Judge A. M. Woodson of St. Joseph was nominated for supreme judge of Missouri at the democratic convention held at St. Joseph.

Lord Grimthorpe, peer, clockmaker, church restorer, and in one sense father of the British bar, has just celebrated his 88th birthday.

Rev. John Gardner Murray has declined to become bishop of Kentucky and will remain rector of his present congregation in Baltimore.

The manufacture and sale of tobacco is monopolized by the Austrian government, and this monopoly brings into the treasury over \$27,000,000 a year.

The Canadian Pacific railway is opening a large anthracite coal mine at Banff, Northwest Territory, and invites tenders for driving a tunnel 1,200 feet long.

Edward Aughtinbaugh, first prisoner taken by John Brown's men in the famous raid of 1859, has been in the drug business in Indianapolis nearly forty years.

English is in the future to be an optional subject in all public schools in Saxony on the ground that it is "the most widely used civilized language in the world."

The British steamship South America, which arrived in New York Friday from Shields, had a narrow escape in mid-sea from running at full speed into an iceberg.

North Dakota owns a street railway at Bismarck to carry members of the legislature to and from the capitol. But one car is owned and operated on the system.

The governor of Nagasaki has officially thanked the British consul there for the services rendered by the British steamer Dunbar in rescuing survivors of the Hitachi.

A dispatch from Mukden to the Central News says two ambulance trains have arrived there, having on board 38 officers and 734 men who were wounded in the fight at Vanfangow.

Dominic I. Murphy, who has been elected secretary of the Panama canal commission, is a native of Philadelphia, where he was born 57 years ago, and was educated in the public schools.

Kent J. Loomis of Parkersburg, W. Va., brother of Assistant Secretary of State Loomis, disappeared from the steamer Kaiser Wilhelm II, on which he sailed June 14 en route to Abyssinia.

Party feeling is running high in Paris over the investigation into alleged attempts to corrupt members of the government in connection with the question of the expulsion of the monks of the Carthusian order.

Emperor William is sending Dr. Grabensee, one of the best known horse breeding specialists of Germany, to St. Louis to study American breeders' methods for experience.

A unique plan for the heating of residences is about to be put in operation at Glenwood Springs, Colorado. Water from the famous boiling springs is to be piped into town, and so great is the supply that houses can be heated at a very trifling expense.

An amusing invention is the "chromophone," which was recently exhibited in a London theater to an invited audience. It combines the cinematograph with the gramophone. The figures move as in life, and give utterance to songs or conversation in harmony with natural and expressive gestures.

Cecelia Logan Connelly, the author and playwright, is dead at the German hospital in New York. She was born in 1834. Her father was C. A. Logan, one of the pioneer theatrical managers in the far west. She went on the stage early in life, but left it on becoming the wife of M. Kilgus, an American painter in Paris.

Commissioner Richards of the general land office, who is at Thief River Falls, Minn., conducting the sale of lands on the Red Lake Indian reservation, telegraphed the department: "Have sold the sixty tracts scheduled for today for \$101,234; lowest price per acre, \$5.25; highest, \$18.30; average, \$10.80. Very satisfactory." The minimum price fixed by law was \$4.25 per acre.

At the meeting of the Central Association of Railroad Officers at St. Louis the Omaha association was added to the membership.

A floating theater is being constructed by a manager in Amsterdam. It will accommodate 2,300 persons and will have a restaurant and bar.

After quarreling over money matters, Samuel Merlingola, 49 years old, of Fair Ground, L. I., killed his brother, Thomas, aged 32, with an axe, and his niece, Mrs. Carman Pietra, in the high and arms, and attempted suicide by cutting his throat.

TICKET IS NAMED

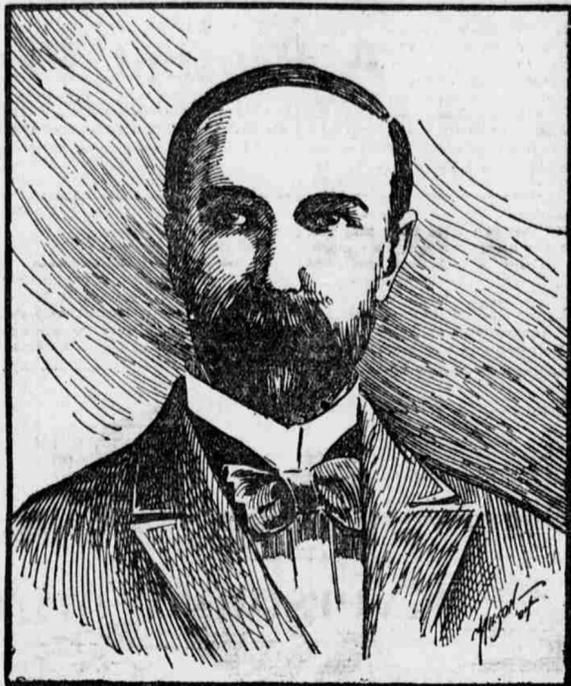
ROOSEVELT AND FAIRBANKS THE STANDARD-BEARERS.

THE CHOICE IS UNANIMOUS

Great Demonstration, Notwithstanding the Nominations Were Assured in Advance—Vice Presidency Goes to Fairbanks of Indiana.

For President—Theodore Roosevelt of New York. For Vice President—Charles W. Fairbanks of Indiana.

CHICAGO—The swift, sure current of public opinion for the second time in the history of republican conventions, on Monday resulted in the selection of a national ticket without a dissenting vote. Theodore Roosevelt for President and Charles W. Fair-



Senator Fairbanks.

banks for vice president received every vote in the convention.

Regardless of the fact that the nomination of one had been assured for months and the other for days, the announcement of the choice was accomplished by a resounding demonstration which attested the candidates' universal popularity. The cheering was lead by figures known the breadth of the land and echoed by a mighty throng of enthusiastic men and radiant women assembled in the Coliseum to witness the crowning feature as well as the close of the national convention that marks the semi-centennial of the republican party in the United States.

No less than 10,000 men and women participated in the ratification of the party program and the consequent roar of cheering and hand-clapping was deafening. The band, stationed high among the girders of the hall, was drowned by the tumultuous and

Paul Morton for Cabinet.

WASHINGTON—Paul Morton of Nebraska, who is being urged by President Roosevelt to enter the cabinet, arrived in Washington Thursday and was driven from the depot direct to the White house, where he dined with Mr. Roosevelt. Mr. Morton spent something more than three hours with the president and left about 11 o'clock for New York. "Anything that is said must come from the president," said Mr. Morton as he left the White house to take the train for New York.

As to Morton and Cabinet.

WASHINGTON—It was stated on high authority that Paul Morton has refused the offer of President Roosevelt to become a member of the official family as secretary of the navy, to fill the vacancy made by Mr. Moody's promotion to attorney general. The reason assigned for Mr. Morton's declination is that he is in line for a high promotion in railroad life. He is now vice president of the great Santa Fe railroad system.

Russians Return from Corea.

POSSIE—The Russian force stationed at Slavianskaya, near the Korean frontier, has returned from that place after having waited two months for the Japanese advance.

Attendance at World's Fair.

ST. LOUIS.—World's Fair Grounds.—The following are official figures of attendance at the Louisiana Purchase exposition for the week ending June 18:

Monday, 66,143; Tuesday, 75,143; Wednesday, 74,188; Thursday, 83,346; Friday, 87,994; Saturday, 87,024; total, 475,187. The attendance during the week, while not quite equalling the total of preceding week, shows a substantial gain over each day save Wednesday. That was Liberty bell day, when school children attended.

unbounded demonstration. Hats were tossed high in the air, state emblems were waved and flags fluttered from every hand as though stirred by a gale.

When Governor Black of New York made his speech nominating President Roosevelt to succeed himself as president the delegates in the republican convention showed there is no absence of enthusiasm in their ranks when occasion justified exhibition of that quality. For twenty-five minutes the great throng told its approbation of the convention's choice for president.

Pandemonium broke loose when the speaker announced that there were 994 votes and 994 had been cast for Roosevelt. A great picture of the president was carried about through the hall. It was followed by a banner carried by the Oregon delegation bearing the words: "First gun, Oregon, 23,884 Roosevelt. Forty per cent republican gain."

Alabama again yielded its place at the head of the list when the roll call

was started for nominations for vice president. The rank this time was given to Iowa and Senator Dolliver, taking the platform, named Senator Fairbanks. The speech was an eloquent endorsement of the candidate's qualifications and was received with tremendous applause. Seconding speeches were made by Senator Depew, Senator Foraker, Governor Penypacker and Senator Carter of Montana. All were applauded to the echo, and the great popular demonstration which greeted the unanimous nomination by the convention was an enthusiastic tribute to the Indiana statesman whose name was thus joined with Roosevelt.

When Illinois, Nebraska, Missouri and Georgia were called announcement was made that the candidacy of favorite sons had been withdrawn. The entire vote therefore was cast for Senator Fairbanks.

The usual resolutions of thanks to officers of the convention and to committees on arrangements were adopted.

Idaho Stage Held Up.

SILVER CITY, Idaho.—A lone bandit with a shotgun has held up the outgoing stage to Murphy, near the summit a few miles from this place. Nine passengers were forced to alight and give up their valuables. The robber then demanded the mail sack, which he ransacked. The stage driver was then ordered to drive on. The robber wore a black mask and his shoes were covered with cloth to prevent leaving a track for pursuit. Sheriff McDonald and posse are in pursuit.

Can Supply Volunteers.

ROME—General Ricciotti Garibaldi is continuing what he calls his preparations against Austria. He writes that there are already in existence 900 committees which are capable of providing 33,000 volunteers with arms.

Cholera in Persia.

WASHINGTON—Vice Consul John Tyler at Teheran has notified the State department that at the end of May there were 250 cases of cholera at Sultanabad, which is the principal center of the Persian carpet trade with America.

Russians Set Losses Higher.

ST. PETERSBURG.—The reports of heavy fighting at Hai Cheng are denied by the general staff. The Japanese continue to advance from Siu Yen and there are continuous skirmishes between outposts, but no further advance of General Oku's army has been reported. The Russians' losses at the battle of Vanfangow are now turning out to be heavier as the reports of the various regiments come in. They are now placed by a conservative official statement at 4,000, but it is probably more.

BIG LAND BATTLE

EXPECTATION IS THAT IT WILL SOON BE FOUGHT.

OBJECT OF GEN. KOUROPOTKIN

Naval Developments Are Looked for in the Near Future—It is Probable that a Blow Will Be Struck by Land and Sea Simultaneously.

ST. PETERSBURG—The imminence of a battle in the northern part of the Liao Tung peninsula is admitted by the War office and is indicated succinctly in today's dispatches from the Associated Press correspondents at Liao Yang, Kai Ping and other points on the railroad.

The week of skirmishing around Siu Yen retarded General Kuroki's operations, permitting General Stakeberg to reach Kai Ping, the rear guard slowly falling back on Senuchen before the Japanese advance. Meanwhile large forces are hurrying south from Liao Yang to check both General Oku and General Kuroki.

It is believed here that General Kouropatkin's object is to prevent a juncture of the Japanese armies. On the other hand, the aim of the Japanese apparently is to drive the Russians out of the Liao Tung peninsula, preparatory to a march on Hiao Yang. The approach of the rainy season will more than like precipitate matters. Nothing is known of the reported occupation of Haiung Yai Chen (Hai Yung Ya Cheng, or Yi Yung Cheng) by the Japanese. If the report should be correct, it agrees substantially with the Japanese plan of advance, as it is understood here, but it indicates that the Japanese outposts are further forward than Russian advices indicate.

It is not betraying Vice Admiral Skrydloff's plans to say that important naval developments are imminent in the far east.

The admiralty has no news of the reported loss of two Russian torpedo boat destroyers off Port Arthur. The latest dispatch from Rear Admiral Withoft, in command of the naval forces at Port Arthur, dated June 17, reports all well there.

The British ambassador, Sir Charles Hardinge, is not presenting a protest against the seizure of the British collier, Allanton, by the Russian Vladivostok squadron in view of the Russian declaration that coal is contraband of war and owing to the irregularity of the ship's papers.

THE NEBRASKA POPULISTS.

They Declare for a Presidential Ticket of Their Own.

FREMONT, Neb.—The populists of Nebraska in state convention declared for a presidential ticket of their own by an overwhelming vote, but at the same time defeated an amendment specifically demanding that the nominees on that ticket be members of the populist party. Forty-eight delegates were selected to represent the state at the national convention that is to meet on the Fourth of July at Springfield, Ill. Ex-Senator W. V. Allen will undoubtedly head the delegation.

The resolution, which was introduced by former United States Senator William V. Allen of Madison, is generally admitted by the delegates to favor fusion with the Bryan democracy in the event that the latter secures control of the St. Louis convention, but that it demands a straight populist ticket in the event of the supremacy of the Cleveland wing of the party.

Both Senator Allen and George Fred Williams of Massachusetts were mentioned as promising material from which to make the selection of a presidential nominee.

Undiminished devotion to William J. Bryan was a distinguishing feature of the convention.

Flying Machine in Oklahoma.

LAWTON, Okla.—Prof. Jonas Cook, superintendent of the Chickasha public schools, who is conducting the normal institute of Comanche county, in the presence of County Superintendent Nelson, G. W. Bohannon, professor of science in the Southwestern Normal college at Weatherford, Okla., and W. F. Kerr, a newspaper correspondent of Lawton, made his first trip with a new flying machine he has recently invented. He sailed from the summit of Mount Scott in the Wichita mountains.

Oppose Harsh Measures.

ST. PETERSBURG—M. Linder, vice president of the Finnish senate, in conference with Minister of the Interior Von Plehwe, discussed the policy of the Russian government in Finland in view of the assassination of Governor General Bobrikoff. Minister Von Plehwe expressed himself as averse to harsh measures in consequence of the act of one man whose views were only held by a small portion of the people, but recommends continuation of General Bobrikoff's policy.

Howard Gets No New Trial.

FRANKFORT, Ky.—The court of appeals overruled the petition for rehearing in the case of James B. Howard against the commonwealth, who was given a life sentence on the charge of murdering William Goebel. The petition says nothing of the appeal to the United States supreme court as that matter will be considered by the supreme court on the writ of error, this court having granted a stay of the mandate for forty days for that purpose.

NEWS IN NEBRASKA

FIGURING UP ASSESSMENT.

State Board Has a Job Certifying Railroad Valuation.

LINCOLN—The state board of assessment having completed its work of assessing railroad property, Secretary Bennet is now busy, assisted by all the state house clerks that could be drafted into service in certifying the assessment out to the various county clerks. This work should be completed by the 27th, but from the amount of figuring necessary to comply with the new revenue law, unless much additional help is brought into service it will be an impossibility to do this.

As a final action of the board another change has been made in the grand total, making this \$46,084,087.75. This was occasioned by a reduction of the assessment of the Great Western from \$48,000 to \$26,835. To make up the grand aggregate of the railroad property the different systems of the state were valued as follows, one-fifth of which amount being the assessed valuation: Union Pacific, \$52,783,049; Burlington, \$101,184,996.75; Missouri Pacific, \$10,968,538; Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific, \$10,426,330; St. Joseph & Grand Island, \$3,649,750; Wilmar & Sioux Falls, \$2,564,200; Chicago & Northwestern, \$34,563,200; Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha, \$11,524,300.

The increase in the total assessment of railroad property, some \$19,000,000, is by far the greatest increase ever handed down by any Nebraska assessment board, but even that large amount of increase should occasion little protest from the railroad companies when taken into comparison with assessments levied against them years ago when the roads were in value worth little compared to what they are worth now. The main line of the Union Pacific was assessed this year at \$16,000 a mile, while away back in 1881 the average value per mile for this system was \$11,552. In 1894 it was assessed on the main line at \$11,500 a mile, while from 1888 for four years the assessment of the main line was \$11,440 a mile. From that time, with the exception of one year, the assessment was gradually decreased, though the property each year became more valuable, the last five years preceding 1903 the assessment being \$9,800 on the main line. In that year it was increased to \$9,900 a mile still being \$1,652 less than the assessment of 1881.

The Burlington has just as little room for protest as the Union Pacific, for this year it was assessed on the main line at only \$15,470, while back in 1885, the highest of any year except the present, it was assessed at \$12,612 a mile. Then began the gradual decrease in valuation until the climax was reached last year, when the assessment on the main line was \$10,500 a mile, lower than it had been for six years.

Saved Child's Life.

REMONT—Lloyd Havens, a member of the Pohl & Shephard ball team, saved the life of a two-year old child near Ames. He was driving in a car with the other players to North Bend, where a game was to be played, when he spied the little one sitting in the middle of the track playing. Half a mile away the Union Pacific through train was approaching at the rate of a mile a minute. Havens hurriedly jumped from the vehicle and rescued the child from its perilous position.

A Big Potato Patch.

SCOTT'S BLUFF—T. C. Bottom & Co. have just finished planting 400 acres of potatoes. This will make a total acreage of about 10,000 in this valley.

Cars Mangle Three Children.

AINSWORTH—While the eastbound freight No. 82, George Mills conductor, was switching in the yards here, the hind trucks of a flat car ran over the 3-year-old son of Mr. Ellis, killing him instantly, also the 16-month-old babe, who died an hour later, and badly mangled the foot of another 6-year-old girl.

Boy Drowned While Swimming.

NORFOLK—Willie Stahl, 14 years old, stole away to swim with comrades Sunday afternoon and was drowned in the Elkhorn river. His comrades denied the accident, declaring Willie had gone home, and hid his clothing in a barn to conceal the fact.

Smallpox Has the Day.

SCOTT'S BLUFF—At a meeting of citizens it was decided not to celebrate this year on account of the smallpox scare. At present there is but one mild case and it is thought that it can be controlled so that there will be no further danger.

Harvest Hands Wanted.

The association of free employment bureaus, composed of the labor commissioners of five states in the wheat belt, of which Don C. Despain of Nebraska is president, will soon have an opportunity to demonstrate whether it can do the business. Last week President Despain received word from Kansas that that state would require the importation of about 21,000 men to handle the harvest. The harvesting begins June 20, at which time special rates will be given by the railroads.

THE STATE IN BRIEF.

Flag day was quite generally observed throughout the state.

Beatrice has sent fast horses to Iowa under control of Fred Robore.

The Grand Army of the Republic will hold a reunion at Franklin August 22-25.

Owen B. Peppen, wanted for larceny as bailer at Dakota City, has been arrested at Topeka.

A reward of \$50 is offered for recovery of the body of young Bessey, recently drowned at Elk City.

Three cases of smallpox have developed in one of the hospitals at the Soldiers' home at Grand Island.

Gibbon will celebrate the Fourth in grand style this year with steam merry-go-rounds and games and races of all kinds.

Grand Island college, which started the year in debt, is out of debt and has \$13,000 for a new dormitory which is under construction, and about \$25,000 has been added to the endowment fund.

Julius Kushman, a farmer residing south of Nebraska City, was kicked in the jaw while unharnessing a team. The kick of the horse broke his jaw and caused concussion of the brain. He is not likely to recover.

Violations of association rules were charged by members of the State Implement dealers in session at Lincoln. Some of the members, it was said, were either robbing the farmers with exorbitant rates or giving inferior machinery for good money.

Sixty-two graduates of the medical colleges of the state took the examination before the state board of medical examiners for permits to practice medicine in the state. Of the number all but two were up to the required standard and will be issued licenses.

The residence of Frank Wolf, who resides in Glenover, Gage county, was struck by lightning at an early hour in the morning. The family was away from home with the exception of Mr. Wolf, and when he arose he found the roof on fire. The flames were extinguished by the neighbors, who formed a bucket brigade before much damage resulted.

John Cloupek, a farmer about 27 years of age, living five miles east and one mile north of Ulysses, was found dead in his cornfield. He went to the field after dinner and had plowed only three rounds. When found, the horses were standing where they had stopped when the man fell off the cultivator. Death is supposed to have been due to heart failure.

Undertakers of the state, in convention at Grand Island, elected the following officers: President, J. W. Butt, Nebraska City; first vice president, president, George Darling, Alliance; second vice president, A. J. Jackson, Plattsmouth; third vice president, C. E. Troyer, Dorchester; secretary, George Brown, Superior; treasurer, N. P. Swanson, Omaha.

Jacob Shaw and wife, pioneers of Beatrice, celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of their wedding last week at their home in that city. They came to Beatrice in 1864 and erected a log house on Court street where M. S. Wolbach's dry goods store now stands, four years later building a brick residence on Marke t street between Fourth and Fifth streets, where they now live.

The assessment of Cass county, which has just been completed, shows a large per cent increase over the returns of one year ago. The total valuation of the county is \$30,734,425. The valuation of real estate is \$24,491,875, and of personal property \$6,246,550. There are 11,626 horses valued at \$162,060; there are 28,435 head of cattle valued at \$662,755, and 36,097 head of hogs valued at \$210,425.

The County Board of Equalization of Hall county is in session reviewing the work of the assessor and his various township duties. Over the assessment of a year ago, under the old law, there is an increase in all kinds of property of 71 per cent. The larger portion of it is in personal property.

The call for \$50,000 of state warrants issued by Treasurer Mortensen ten days ago, for June 16, is now in effect. The majority of the warrants are held by the permanent school funds, and consequently the cash on hand in these funds will be increased a considerable amount. Money is coming into the treasury at a lively rate and the treasurer expects to issue another call for \$50,000 warrants before the end of the month.

The convention of undertakers in Fremont listened to an address by Dr. S. R. Towne, the state medical inspector of Omaha. His subject was "The Standard Death Certificate." He believed that steps should be taken for the appointment of death recorders in each county of the state. The board of health, he said, has considerable difficulty in keeping track of all the deaths in the state, especially those which occur in the smaller towns.

Mrs. George R. Reed of York is investigating the death of her brother, Mr. Gere, a former resident of York county, who died near McPherson, Kan.

The first divorce suit ever appealed to the Nebraska supreme court by a colored person was filed last week by Napoleon Bonaparte Washington, who is not pleased with the decision of the Douglas county district court granting the divorce petition of his wife, Mamie L. Washington, and awarding her the custody of their only child, Ruth.