

NEBRASKA NOTES

MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS IN THE COMMONWEALTH.

RESULTS OF THE STATE FAIR

Total Receipts Foot Up Over \$60,000—Some Complaint Regarding Speed Program—Other Matters Here and There.

Lincoln—The total receipts of the state fair were \$63,331. The state fair managers held a meeting and allowed claims and began the work of adjusting accounts. It is believed the board will clear from \$25,000 to \$30,000 on the fair, but the exact figures cannot be ascertained until all claims are presented. The surplus will be expended in improvements on the grounds. Just what this will be cannot be determined until later. There is talk of a new fisheries building, which is conceded to be badly needed, additional amphitheater at the race course, a theater building for entertainments, and most of all toilet rooms and additional sewerage for the grounds.

The only complaint heard is the meagerness of the speed program. While there is no complaint about the size of the racing purses, which were increased last winter by action of the board, the races did not fill and the contests were poor. It was simply a lack of horses. It is believed to be due to some lack of diligence on the part of the fair and the great competition of other race meetings. Secretary W. R. Mellor has done much for the speed department and the board has seconded his efforts, but the horses were not here. Mr. Mellor says the greatest obstacle is the Minnesota fair, which comes in competition with the Nebraska fair. In Minnesota \$20,000 is offered in purses in the speed department. There are so many racing meetings in the fall that the competition for fast horses makes it almost impossible to get them in Nebraska.

The hope is expressed that next year a better showing will be made by the speed department. This department for the first time in the history of the fair made a profit. The total receipts were \$10,048, and the amount paid out for races, including \$652 for baseball, was \$8,058, leaving a balance of \$1,990 in the treasury of the speed department.

Two Dead, Six Injured.

LEWISTON—A tornado, leaving death in its wake, visited Pawnee county Friday afternoon.

The dead:
GEORGE KOEHLER, school boy.
ROBINSON, school boy.

The funnel-shaped cloud descended to the earth at Lone Tree school house, four miles northeast of here. Such was the power of the wind that it picked up the roof and four walls of the building and dumped them into a ravine fifty rods away, leaving the floor and foundation standing. A small boy named Koehler and another named Robinson were killed. The Koehler lad was killed outright, while the other died a few hours afterward.

Six others were more or less seriously injured, among whom was the young woman teacher, who was rendered unconscious by being struck by some of the flying timbers. She came to the school from Lincoln.

Bush Wants Statistics.

Lincoln—"Anybody can see that this is a labor bureau," said Labor Commissioner Bush as he industriously pulled the gum-side of envelopes across a wet sponge and smote them with a mighty blow of his fist to seal them. He sat before a mountain of envelopes, which some busy stenographers had addressed, and it melted slowly before his lauded attack.

The labor bureau wants some statistics about the condition of the crops in Nebraska at this date and will publish the result of its researches in bulletin form after the crop is gathered in December. Bush has 900 correspondents somewhere in Nebraska, but they are not all responsive to his appeals for guesses on the crop. He wrote about a month ago for estimates and about half responded. He is now asking the laggards to "get a move on themselves."

Chamberlain Asks for Change.

Tecumseh—District court for Johnson county will meet in adjourned session in this city. At this time the petition of Charles M. Chamberlain, cashier of the failed Chamberlain banking house of this city, in which he asks a change of venue on the remaining embezzlement cases, will come up for disposal. It is said that if the changes are granted the cases will be taken to Nemaha county.

Fall from Roof is Fatal.

Fremont—Joseph Krumenacher of Fremont was killed by falling off a roof at the barn of Herman Lange, about four miles from Scribner. He was putting up lightning rods when he slipped, sliding down the roof, and fell to the ground, striking heavily on his head and shoulders.

Pardon Asked for Murderer.

Though efforts exerted for a year or two past to get Ernest Bush out of the state penitentiary have proved unavailing, his friends have not despaired. A delegation of them called on Governor Mickey to press anew the application for clemency. In the party were L. C. Burr, who made a fruitless attempt to have Bush's life sentence set aside by the supreme court; Mrs. John Wiseman and several other Lincoln women who have taken an interest in the prisoner.

OVER THE STATE.

Ulysses and surrounding country sent 700 people to the state fair.

Plattsmouth schools opened with an increased attendance.

Dr. Peabody, one of the best physicians of Omaha, is dead.

Custer county's fair will last four days, September 25 to 28, inclusive.

York is going to have an establishment for the manufacture of alfalfa meal.

Hon. W. J. Bryan of Nebraska will make several speeches in the Iowa campaign.

A solid train containing fifty-eight cars of California fruit passed through North Platte.

The Hamilton county fair at Aurora was more largely attended this year than ever before.

Tons of clover hay. He threshed the clover seed, which yielded seventy-nine bushels to the acre.

It cost two boisterous characters at Riverton twenty-five dollars for doing a rough house act at the street fair.

A gunshot wound in the foot, received five years ago, caused the death of William Crouse of Republican City.

Upon a fifteen-acre tract of land J. J. Skow, a farmer living a few miles south of Beatrice, raised twenty-five Alma's superb baseball team has disbanded. It made a great record in winning games, but went behind financially.

Government range rider, Neeley White, reports 25,024 head of cattle summering on the North Platte forest reserve.

Farmers of Phelps county are preparing to sow more winter wheat than usual. The crop has proven very profitable.

The birth rate at Grand Island for the month of August was nearly one a day, the sum total amounting to twenty-four.

The small boy in Nehama county does not need to steal peaches; he is invited to get over the fence and help himself.

Charged with driving his family away from home after threatening to kill them, John Barnhart, living near Rockford, was lodged in jail.

S. J. Oliverius, who was the only successful drawer of a Rosebud claim from Cuming county, has just sold his farm for the sum of \$4,350.

Ira Wooster of Beaver City has been offered a profitable position as representative of the International Harvester company in South Africa.

LeRoy, the twenty-year-old and youngest son of Jacob Schlanker, residing four miles southeast of Elmwood, was kicked in the abdomen by a mule, resulting in his death.

The date of holding the live stock show and sale of Nebraska City has been changed to October 17 and 18. Over \$1,000 in cash prizes has been offered by the association and no entry fee is required.

Some time next month the Woodmen of Grand Island propose to celebrate the 19th anniversary of the organization of the camp in that city. It will be a great occasion with two bands and some fireworks at night.

L. P. Bogardus of the United States recruiting station at Beatrice, who escaped from Mrs. Bogardus this morning by jumping from a second story window at the Markel hotel. He was later found wading in the river, south of town, by the officers and lodged in jail.

Hon. Fred Hedde, who is believed to be the oldest, or one of the oldest editors in the United States, celebrated his eighty-eighth birthday anniversary at Grand Island. He was active in the profession until five years ago. He is also one of the eight surviving pioneer settlers of Hall county and many friends called upon him to extend their best wishes and congratulations.

The new cottage at the Nebraska state insane asylum at Norfolk has been completed and accepted by the state board of public lands and buildings. The members of the board there were Land Commissioner Eaton, Secretary of State Galusha and State Treasurer Mortensen. They agreed that the contractors, Killmer & Worth of Scribner, have fulfilled the contract faithfully and satisfactorily.

Alex Brisby, aged 25 years, son of James Brisby, a laborer of Omaha, was killed by the train in Stella while attempting to board it. Brisby had missed the passenger train to Auburn, where he was going to see a young woman, and attempted to climb on a through freight which dashed through the city at a high rate of speed. He missed his hold and fell across the rails, four cars passing over him.

"The state fair was the greatest we have ever had," remarked W. R. Mellor, secretary of the state fair board, Thursday while in Omaha. "We had a week of ideal weather and the largest crowds we have ever had were in attendance. The board is still busy paying off the premiums and until this is done, together with other bills which have to be met, it is impossible to tell accurately how we are going to come out. I thought last week we would be in the clear about \$30,000, but I am of the opinion now there will be at least \$38,000 left over after all expenses are paid."

Herman Peitzmeier, a wealthy farmer of Lincoln precinct, was brought to West Point and examined by the commissioners of insanity. He was found to be mentally deranged and was taken to the asylum.

A bench show may be one of the features of the state fair next year. The proposition had been made to the board and is informally under consideration. Peter Youngers, president when the proposal was made to him, said he believed it would receive due consideration. It is one adventure not yet tried by the fair managers.

AN UNEXPECTED VISIT.



LABOR A POLITICAL FACTOR

FEDERATION IS TO CONTINUE ITS ACTIVITY.

Executive Council Announces No Money Contributions Were Accepted from Any Candidate.

Washington.—The executive council of the American Federation of Labor Tuesday adopted the report of the labor representation committee regarding its participation in the political campaign and in that connection, adopted the following resolution:

"The committee is authorized and directed to continue the campaign to its conclusion for the attainment of the largest degree of success in the interest, for the protection and promotion of the rights and liberty of working people and the people generally. And to the attainment of these laudable purposes, the executive council of the American Federation of Labor calls upon all reform forces and public-spirited citizens, who sympathize with the effort to reestablish justice and right in the affairs of our country, to cooperate with our movement, our cause and campaign."

The committee consists of President Gompers, Vice President O'Connell and Secretary Morrison of the federation. The council announced that no moneys had been accepted by the federation from any candidate for office on any ticket, and it was decided to pursue this course in the future. The council directed Mr. Gompers to appear before the house committee on post offices when it meets next month to consider changes in the postal rates and to protest against any change "which would affect the rights to which the trade union with other publications are now entitled."

PLANS FOR FEDERATION TOLD

Seal of American Labor Body May Adorn Union Made Goods.

Washington.—The regular quarterly meeting of the executive council of the American Federation of Labor began Monday.

President Gompers reported on the question of a universal label for all of the international organizations, or for the use of the seal of the American Federation of Labor as a universal design and part of the various union labels issued by the affiliated organizations. A number of organizations were reported favorably disposed and a large number opposed to the surrender of their right to issue their own label without any other design. The report will be submitted to the federation convention at Minneapolis in November.

Great Damage by Cloudburst.

Jackson, Neb.—At 7:30 o'clock Sunday morning water from a cloudburst in the northwestern part of Dakota county and the eastern part of Dixon county rushed down the valley of Elk creek, sweeping away hundreds of tons of hay, drowning hogs caught in pens, flooding cellars, washing away railroad tracks, and doing other damage, all of which is conservatively estimated at \$100,000. The wave of water in the creek when it struck this town was seven feet high.

Odd Fellows Elect Officers.

Toronto, Ont.—The sovereign grand lodge of Odd Fellows Tuesday elected the following officers: Grand sire, E. S. Conway, Chicago; deputy grand sire, John L. Nolan, Nashville, Tenn.; grand secretary, John B. Goodwin, Baltimore, Md.; grand treasurer, M. R. Muckle, Philadelphia.

Wrecked Crew is Landed.

Charleston, S. C.—The Clyde liner New York Monday brought into port the mate and three seamen of the American bark R. D. Bibber, wrecked off the Frying Pan shoals. The vessel turned turtle and went to pieces.

Allege Men Are Counterfeiters.

Potosky, Mich.—Lee Crown, Harry Williams and Harold Williams were arrested by a secret service officer on a charge of counterfeiting. They are alleged to have made lead nickels with which to play slot machines.

TRAIN HOLD-UP MEN ARE FOILED

Resistance by Conductor Causes Bandits to Abandon Their Plans.

Peoria, Ill.—Four masked men attempted to hold up passenger train No. 311 on the Rock Island road one and one-half miles north of Peoria, Friday night at ten o'clock, and but for the presence of mind of Conductor Robert Murray, who disarmed one of the men after being struck on the head, the passengers would have been robbed.

There were about 100 people on the train, which left Chicago at six o'clock.

Sheriff Potter and a force of deputies and Peoria policemen are searching the woods near the scene of the attempted hold-up.

The would-be robbers placed an obstruction of railroad ties on the track, which brought the train to a standstill. They then, at the point of revolvers, commanded the engineer and fireman to remain on the engine. Running back to the front end of the smoker they mounted the platform with drawn revolvers.

Conductor Robert Murray met them at the door. One of the bandits pushed a gun into his face. He struck the weapon up and knocked it from the man's hand. He was struck over one wrist and over the head with a club, but the robbers became alarmed at his unexpected resistance and fled.

The men are described as being about 25 or 30 years of age, all of slight build. All wore masks, but evidently were amateurs at the business.

A posse of deputy sheriffs and officers left the city in automobiles to search the vicinity of the attempted hold-up, but reported no captures.

One traveling man, representing a Peoria brewer, had on his person \$3,500, the result of a day's collections, and sat near the front end of the smoker.

SEPARATES WARRING INDIANS

Hostile Members of Moqui Tribe Are to Live on by Themselves.

Washington.—In accordance with a recommendation of Superintendent Lemmon, of the Moqui Indian reservation in Arizona, the commissioner of Indian affairs has directed that the hostile members of the Oraibi village be located a few miles distant from the village, where they will be out of the way of conflict with the "friendly."

Mr. Lemmon was also instructed to warn the Indians remaining in the village that they should not molest the other faction, and both parties are informed that they must keep the peace until all difficulties are adjusted. It is announced that the superintendent has an adequate police force for that purpose.

The Oraibi school, which was closed as a result of the recent disturbances, is to be reopened as soon as practicable, and the Indians are to be required to attend.

Seeks to Acquire Railroad.

Mexico City.—It is generally understood that one of the principal objects of Finance Minister Limantour's trip to Europe is to bring about the acquisition of the Mexican Central railroad by the Mexican government, and this supposition is strengthened to a considerable extent by the fact that Vice President Richards, of the Mexican Central, has also gone to Paris.

The acquisition of the railroad is a thing which would have great political significance, as it is believed that the only way that the roads can be regulated in order to avoid discrimination in the matter of rates.

Will Pay Friaco Losses.

San Francisco.—According to officers of the Hibernia bank, the London and Lancashire Fire Insurance company will pay policyholders who suffered losses in the San Francisco fire 95 cents on the dollar.

Aged Couple Killed.

Goshen, Ind.—While crossing the track of the Winona interurban line, 15 miles south of this place, Tuesday, Mr. and Mrs. Jason Jones, aged 84 and 85 years respectively, were struck by an interurban car and killed.

CARS PLUNGE FROM BRIDGE

EIGHT PERSONS DROWN IN OKLAHOMA TRAIN WRECK.

High Water Weakens Structure Over Cimarron River—Several Rescued from Stream.

Guthrie, Okla.—Eight persons were drowned and more than 20 were injured when a Rock Island passenger train plunged from the high bridge over the Cimarron river, three miles from Dover, Okla., at 8:30 o'clock Tuesday morning. It is feared the list of dead will be increased when complete reports are heard from the scene of the disaster, as 20 to 30 passengers are reported missing.

The train was running at high speed. The river was a raging torrent, due to a heavy rainstorm, and the driftwood which was borne down the stream had weakened the supports of the bridge.

The engineer did not notice the condition of the bridge until it was too late to stop the train. He set the air brakes and, shouting to his fireman, jumped from the cab, escaping unhurt. The fireman sustained severe injuries.

When the train struck the bridge the structure collapsed, and the locomotive, tender, baggage and mail cars, the smoker and a day coach plunged into the swift current. The parlor cars attached to the train did not leave the track.

The locomotive disappeared from sight immediately it struck the river, and the day coach and smoking car were submerged all but their very tops. The day coach was whirled down stream by the current and struck against a sand bank. The occupants were rescued through the windows in scenes of the wildest confusion.

The smoking car was carried down midstream and struck a sandbar. Four men were seen to clamber through the windows and pull themselves to the top of the car, where they called for help. Those on shore were unable to assist them. A large mass of driftwood swept down the stream at a terrific rate and carried them with it.

The most reliable accounts procurable place the number of passengers in the smoker at from 25 to 30. With only a few exceptions they are yet unaccounted for, but messages are dropping in from rural districts stating that men were seen clinging to driftwood miles down the river from the scene of the accident.

When the bridge went down it carried with it telegraph and telephone wires, which has made communication with the scene of the wreck difficult.

NOTED BRITISH ADMIRAL DEAD

Commander Who Stood by Dewey in Manila Bay Passes Away.

Gibraltar.—Rear Admiral Sir Edward Chichester, who commanded the British squadron at Manila during the Spanish-American war, died here Monday of pneumonia, after an illness of a few days. Sir Edward's wife has arrived here from England.

Rear Admiral Chichester was chief of the sea transport service during the South African war.

It was Sir Edward Chichester who, according to report, stood by the Americans in Manila bay at a time when friction between Admiral Dewey and the German naval commander then seemed likely to lead to serious consequences.

CONVICTED OF LAND FRAUDS.

Oregon Jury Returns Verdicts Against Three Prominent Men.

Portland, Ore.—State Senator Franklin Pierce Mays, ex-representative Willard L. Jones and George Sorenson stand convicted in the Blue mountain land fraud case.

The sealed verdict returned by the jury at 1:45 o'clock Thursday morning was read in the federal court when it opened, finding all three defendants guilty of conspiracy to defraud the government in connection with the creation of the Blue mountain forest reserve.

Counsel for the defendants immediately gave notice to move for a new trial, and were allowed time to do so.

Must Deport Coolies.

Washington.—Chinese laborers taken to Panama for work on the isthmian canal will be required to be deported at the conclusion of their service. To insure their deportation the Panama government will require the contractors who furnish the Chinese laborers to give a bond of \$50,000 for the first 2,500 Chinamen and \$20 each for laborers in any number in excess of 2,500.

Alleged Briber Pardoned.

Milwaukee.—Michael Dunn, former building inspector, private secretary to former Mayor Rose, who was convicted and sentenced to 18 months in the house of correction on the charge of receiving a bribe from the Pabst Brewing company, was pardoned by Gov. Davidson.

Noted Educator Dead.

Raleigh, N. C.—President Charles N. McIver, of the North Carolina Normal and Industrial college at Greensboro, dropped dead of apoplexy on the Bryan special just after the train left Durham Monday.

New Ocean Cable Opened.

New York.—The opening of a new cable route to Rio Janeiro, Montevideo and other South American ports was announced by the Postal Telegraph and Cable company Monday.

THOUSANDS DEAD

AWFUL LOSS OF LIFE BY THE RECENT TYPHOON.

LOSSES MOUNT INTO MILLIONS

Twelve Ships Sunk, Twenty-Four Stranded and Seven Damaged—Over One Thousand Sampans and Junks Missing from Hong Kong.

HONG KONG—It is now estimated that 5,000 Chinese lost their lives in the recent typhoon.

MANILA—Latest advices from Hong Kong state that 1,000 lives were lost during the typhoon and that the damage to property, public and private, will amount to millions of dollars.

Twelve ships were sunk, twenty-four were stranded, seven were damaged and one-half of the native craft in port were sunk.

The shipping trade has been paralyzed through lack of lighters.

HONG KONG—The typhoon which swept this port, destroying a great number of vessels and causing much loss of life, was of a local nature. It came suddenly and without warning. The observatory had predicted moderate winds. Half an hour after the gun signal had been fired the storm was at its height. It lasted two hours. Most of the damage done was wrought on the Kowloon peninsula. The losses are estimated at several million dollars. Over 1,000 sampans and junks are missing from Hong Kong alone. Wharves were swept away and houses collapsed. The military barracks are in ruins.

The steamers Montague, Fatschan, Keungshan, Wing Chai, Hermania, Castellano, Tak Hing, Emma Luyken, San Rosario, Slava, Pakhong, Petrarch, Chum Lee, Sexta, Sunon, Chang Sha, Signal and Chinkai Maru are ashore. The American ship S. P. Hitchcock was also driven ashore, as were many of the launches that run about the harbor. The steamers Kwong Chong, San Shweg, Sorsogon and Kongmoon were sunk. The steamers Apenrade and Johanne are partly awash. The British reserve sloop Phoenix and a small gunboat, the Donbola, are ashore. The British torpedo boat destroyers Moorhen, Robin and Taku were damaged. The Sir William Jervois was sunk. The French torpedo boat destroyer Frounde was wrecked and the Francisque is ashore. The guns of the Frounde were saved, but three petty officers and one seaman lost their lives.

SEARCHING FOR THE DEAD.

Cimarron River Refuses to Give Up Bodies of Wreck Victims.

KINGFISHER, Okl.—The Cimarron river has fallen eight feet from the stage at which it weakened the Rock Island bridge Tuesday, when part of train No. 12 went into the river, but the smoking car is still six or seven feet under the surface and an attempt to explore it will not be made until Thursday. It is not known positively how many persons were in the smoker when it fell. Conductor Thomas says there were at least nine, and he believes that three escaped. B. P. Nicholson, who escaped from the smoker, says there were at least ten persons in the car and that persons with whom he had talked are missing.

Grafting at Manila.

MANILA—Captain Ira L. Fredendall of the quartermaster's department was charged in the court of first instance in this city with misappropriation of public funds. The filing of these charges is the culmination of extensive investigations by the insular authorities into an alleged series of frauds perpetrated by members of the quartermaster's department in the Philippines. The inquiry resulted in the discovery of padded pay rolls in the quartermaster's shops and grafting in the lease of lighters.

Taft Hears Factions.

HAVANA.—The presidents of both the moderate and liberal parties submitted to Secretary of War Taft and Assistant Secretary of State Bacon, representing President Roosevelt, their respective statements of the facts leading up to the revolution and the conduct of the belligerents. Each of the presidents will present a written statement of the terms he is willing to agree to in the interest of peace.

Chief Kiely is Dismissed.

ST. LOUIS, Mo.—Matthew Kiely, chief of police, who has been on trial before the police commissioners on charges of neglect of duty, was dismissed from the department by that body, after a trial lasting more than a week. Following this action, the commissioners appointed as chief of police Captain Edmond P. Creedy.

Government Buys Silver.

WASHINGTON.—The director of the mint has purchased 200,000 ounces of fine silver, one-half for the Denver and one-half for the New Orleans mints, at 68.35 cents per ounce.

Bryan Speaks in Columbia.

COLUMBIA, S. C.—William Jennings Bryan spoke Wednesday to 3,000 people on the campus of the South Carolina university. Mr. Bryan expressed gratification that this meeting had been opened with prayer and he referred to the fact that the need of the Orient was Christian ideals for citizenship. He declared he had no objection to President Roosevelt using his platform, but he does object to electing a republican when a democrat could be chosen on the same platform and be consistent.