

Independents of Fremont have organized a political club.  
 Harry Laffer, grocer of Cozad, made an assignment to his creditors.

A woman's branch of the Maccabees has been organized at Benedict.  
 There was a graduating class of ten girls in the Lincoln high school.

A division of the uniform rank of Knights of Pythias is to be instituted in Wayne, June 29.

Mrs. Al Owens of Nebraska City narrowly escaped putting out an eye while using a curling iron.

It is said that C. A. Hubbard has completed negotiations for the purchase of the St. Paul Press.

July 4th will be a holiday at the Omaha stock yards, no business being done except to care for the stock.

Sam Payne, the Omaha negro, who is supposed to have murdered Maud Rubel, has been arrested in Iowa.

The Universalists' convention convened in Tecumseh last week for a three days' session. The attendance was very good.

The town of Battle Creek has filed bonds for registration with Auditor Moore. The proceeds will be used in building a \$500 jail.

Governor Crouse has honored a requisition for the arrest of James Whitney, who is wanted in Iowa for swindling W. M. Clayton out of a large sum of money.

The three days' session of the Nebraska state convention of the Universalists closed in Tecumseh last week. All meetings were well attended and a deep interest in the work was manifested.

Governor Crouse has issued a requisition for A. B. Loose, who is now in Ohio. He is wanted in Holt county on the charge of disposing of a \$2,500 stock of merchandise for the purpose of defrauding creditors.

Hard coal is now being delivered to consumers in Fremont at \$8.50 per ton. The supply of the dealers was put in on low freight rates and those who buy for next winter will make good big interest on their investment.

Wayne will have the largest celebration seen in Northwestern Nebraska this season. The firemen have it in charge, and will be assisted by all the civic societies. Judge Norris of Ponca is to be the orator of the day.

Mrs. Christine Brady, a widow lady of Grand Island, committed suicide by taking sixty grains of strychnine. Her husband, a cigarmaker, died about a year ago and Mrs. Brady has been considered a little off mentally since.

Deuel county has called a special election for the purpose of locating a permanent county seat. Big Springs, Chappell and Froid are in the field and a very lively fight is anticipated. The election will be held on the 23d inst.

The marshal of North Platte has been instructed not to enforce the ordinance taxing canines, presumably because it works a great hardship on those least able to bear it. No very poor man has less than two dogs nor more than six.

One of the guards at the state penitentiary has the scarlet fever, but the case has been quarantined, and Prison Physician Houtz hopes to prevent the disease from spreading to the officers' quarters, where there are several children.

H. W. Williams, a well known farmer of Sicily township, Gage county, died suddenly last week in consequence of the recoil of a gun with which he had been shooting a rabbit. It struck him in the breast and he lived but a short time.

The Missouri river has been committing serious ravages on the Nebraska side. The town of Covington has nearly all been carried away, and there are but a few buildings left. The loss is not heavy, as the town has been almost deserted for a year past.

At Beatrice, in the \$5,000 damage suit begun by Mrs. A. Saunders against a number of Beatrice saloon keepers, the jury came in with a verdict of \$850 against John Schick and Gabriel Braun. A verdict of not guilty was found against the other defendants.

William Longbotham, a prosperous farmer, was arrested near Red Cloud on a complaint sworn out by Christopher Derra, charging him with assault with a deadly weapon. The two quarreled over the boundary between their land, and when Derra went to build a fence Longbotham pulled a revolver on him and threatened to puncture him with lead.

Bright and early one morning last week thirty farmers living neighbors to Mrs. Adler of Adams county, whose husband was killed recently by lightning, appeared at her place with teams and cultivators. Without undue ceremony they entered the fields and in a short time had cultivated the sixty acres of corn Mr. Adler had planted shortly before his death.

A meeting of the executive committee of the Jefferson County Old Settlers' association was held in Fairbury, and preliminary steps were taken for holding the next reunion. The time fixed is August 30 and 31 and September 1 and 2. It is planned to have religious services on the last day, which is Sunday. Another meeting of the committee will be held August 4th.

The following is the mortgage record of Colfax county for May, 1904: Number of farm mortgages filed, 38; amount, \$30,798.55; number of farm mortgages satisfied, 38; amount, \$34,138.00; number of city mortgages filed, 2; amount, \$1,500.00; number of city mortgages satisfied, 5; amount, \$1,975.00.

Tom McDermott took to Fremont two magnificent specimens of pelicans shot by him on the Platte near his place in Saunders county. He shot three more, but they couldn't be gotten out of the river. One of the birds measures six feet five inches from tip of wings and five feet six inches from tip of tail to end of the beak.

**Mill Saunders, the civil engineer who has been expected in Theford for some weeks, arrived on the 6th from Idaho and went to work at once surveying a line for an irrigation ditch for County Clerk Matthews and expects to have water on the land in time to save his crops. By the end of the summer the entire Middle Loup valley in the county will be a network of ditches.**

Recent reports from the farming districts of Gage county give a far more hopeful outlook for the wheat crop than appear a few weeks ago. The stalks are short, but the wheat heads in most instances are filling out remarkably well, and many fields will, from present indications, go thirty bushels to the acre. Corn looks fine. Oats are practically a failure. With a few more rains the hay crop, especially wild hay, is assured.

Gus Haefer, deputy United States marshal, arrested Joe Bittner of Humboldt on the charge of using the mails for fraudulent purposes and took him to Omaha. Bittner advertised in free want columns of a great many papers for agents, offering a big salary, with a request to send 25 cents to cover the expense of shipping agent's outfit. His mail has been quite numerous. One party in Minnesota telegraphed for a job. Bittner is about twenty-one years old.

Considerable excitement occurred in Lincoln, caused by a dog belonging to Mr. F. W. Helling. The animal showed signs of madness and was locked in the cellar by his owner, who then telephoned for the police. Officer Green answered the call and finding the animal apparently tractable led him along with a string. Before he had gone far the beast jumped for him, fastening his jaws in his arm. After a short struggle the officer succeeded in dispatching him.

Henry Brunse, a wealthy German farmer near Napier, was fatally stabbed by a man named Charles Hill, claiming to be a special constable from Chelsea, Holt county. Hill, who has no papers to show his authority, having lost his warrant in the fracas, says he was deputized to arrest one Gottlieb Krause, but Krause resisted and called for help and about thirty-five or forty Germans responded. In trying to get away, Hill says he stabbed Brunse, who was striking him with a heavy whip.

Thieves forced their way into St. Patrick's Catholic church of McCook and stole sacred property therefrom to the value of about \$50. Among the missing articles are the gold ciborium, the contents of which were scattered over the altar, the silver chalice, a crucifix, the silver altar wine flask and some brass candlesticks. The contents of the sacristy and articles on the altar were rudely disturbed, but nothing was defaced or damaged. The outrage is generally and severely condemned.

The State Pharmaceutical society of Nebraska, at its recent session held in Hastings, elected officers for the ensuing year, as follows: President, Henry Gering, Plattsmouth; first vice president, A. V. Pease, Fairbury; second vice president, E. E. Capps, Superior; third vice president, H. A. Snow, Omaha; fourth vice president, M. H. Bates, Hazard; fifth vice president, C. E. Compton, Curtis; secretary, W. L. Heilman, Tecumseh; treasurer, Jerry Bowen, Wood River. Omaha was chosen as the next meeting place and the first Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday in June, 1905, fixed as the time.

The state banking board and Deputy Attorney General Summers have a large amount of business on hand. Last week the supreme court issued a batch of orders in the various banking cases before it. Receiver Lamb of the Plainview State bank was ordered to pay a dividend of 100 cents on the dollar. Receiver Chapman of the Bank of Ansley was given an order to pay a dividend of 20 per cent. Claims must be filed with the receiver of the Pickering Banking company at Steele City by August 6, and an order was issued for the receiver of the State Bank of Franklin to sell a lot of real estate.

In the 100-mile race by cowboys at Chadron out of nine horses entered, four are dead and warrants have been sworn out for the arrest of the parties owning and riding the horses. It is not known whether they will plead guilty and pay a fine or fight the matter. In all probability they will not plead guilty and the courts will have to say whether or not they were guilty of cruelty under the statute. The members of the local humane society swear vengeance on the managers of the race and all the parties connected with it, although some of their members witnessed the race and they either did not have the stamina to stop it, or believed that the horses were not in danger.

The state supreme court has handed down an opinion that the eight hour law is unconstitutional, paying: Sections 1 and 3 of chapter 54 of the session laws of 1891 having provided, in effect, that for all classes of merchants, servants and laborers, except those engaged in farm or domestic labor, a day's work should not exceed eight hours, and that for working any employee over the prescribed time the employer should pay extra compensation in increasing geometrical progression for the excess over eight hours, the rate of payment for the eight hours being taken as the basis upon which to reckon such progression; held, that these provisions are unconstitutional; first, because the discrimination against farm and domestic laborers is special legislation; second, because by the act in question the constitutional right of parties to contract with reference to compensation for services is denied.

The latest weekly crop report of the Nebraska weather service says: The drought has been partially broken by scattered local showers, and while crops in the localities visited by them have been greatly benefited, the greater portion of the state is still suffering badly for rain. Wheat, oats and all small grain have been seriously, if not hopelessly injured. Meadows and pastures are drying up, and fruit prospects are exceedingly poor. Corn is generally reported as going fairly well. The acreage continues to be increased by farmers plowing up poor fields of wheat and oats and replanting in corn.

**POPULIST PLATFORM.**

**Two Reports Submitted to the Convention - Minority Favor Woman Suffrage.**  
**TOPEKA, Kan., June 14.**—Speaker Dunsmore of the Populist house of representatives and Ben S. Rich, chief clerk of the same, were yesterday afternoon chosen permanent chairman and secretary of the Kansas Populist state convention.

On motion the following message was transmitted to Mrs. Mary E. Lease, who is ill at Osawatimie: To Mrs. Mary E. Lease, Osawatimie, Kan.—The people's party state convention sends its most sympathetic and hearty affection and a unanimous wish for your speedy recovery. J. M. DUNSMORE, Chairman.

The committee on resolutions not being ready to report, the convention proceeded to raise money for the campaign fund. The roll was called by counties and subscriptions and cash were received to the amount of \$1,685.80.

The new state central committee was organized by the selection of each congressional district and one at large, in part as follows: Second, D. C. Zercher and Ross Williams; Fourth, Taylor Riddle and W. T. Tipton; Fifth, C. L. Baker and W. J. Dunsmore; Sixth, O. D. Smith and J. F. Hale; Seventh, H. Rupp and J. J. Barnes.

At this juncture the committee on resolutions sent word to the convention that it would be unable to report last night and an adjournment was taken at 10 o'clock until 8 o'clock this morning.

It is understood that there was a big fight at the meeting of the committee on resolutions over the suffrage question, but the majority finally agreed upon the following: We, the representatives of the People's party of Kansas, in convention assembled do hereby reaffirm our allegiance to the principles enunciated in the Omaha platform and point to the record of our representatives in Congress as an evidence of their loyalty to that platform. We meet at this time under conditions which every prophecy then made as to the fulfillment of our platform have fulfilled and every indictment made against the Republican and Democratic parties proven.

Our enemies go on to the unemployed, homeless and landless people of the country who have been brought to their present condition by the unscrupulous and un-American financial policy of this government and we hold sacred the declaration of independence that all men are created equal, they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. We demand for their wise and economic administration of state affairs, that has saved to the people thousands of dollars, and the Populist legislators for their efforts to place in law every demand of the state platform adopted at Wichita in 1892.

We demand the repeal of all laws which during the year 1893 national banks suspended, leaving financial ruin in their wake, we again demand the repeal of the law which created the so-called banking system the world has never known, and demand in its stead banks of deposit under the control of the depositors and the deposits guaranteed by this government.

That we are unalterably opposed to issues of interest-bearing government bonds, and demand instead the issue of full legal tender treasury notes and the payment of the same together with silver money, to meet the needs of the government.

We condemn the unwise and cruel policy of all the government parties in this nation who favor the capitalist and the employer, and we hereby declare our sympathy with all toilers in their efforts to limit the hour of labor. We demand legislation which will remove some of the burdens of toil by shortening the hours of labor, without lessening their daily wages.

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**STANFORD AND THE TARIFF.**

**PERKINS OF CALIFORNIA DEFENDS THE LATE SENATOR.**  
**CONGRESSMAN GEARY CONTRADICTED**

**Mr. Sherman Makes a Vigorous Speech Against Free Wool—Pettigrew, Power, Peffer and Hoar Speak at Length in Opposition to the Compromise Wool Schedule—Washington News**

WASHINGTON, June 14.—Mr. Perkins of California, at the opening of the senate to-day, briefly defended the memory of the late Leland Stanford from the charge made by Representative Geary, a few days ago, that he had founded the Stanford university out of a spirit of revenge and resentment because he had not been elected a trustee of the university of California. When he was governor of California he (Mr. Perkins) had appointed Mr. Stanford a regent of the university, but at the request of the latter the legislature did not confirm the nomination. Governor Stanford also would have made Mr. Stanford a regent, but the honor was declined.

The tariff debate was then resumed, the pending question being Mr. Peffer's amendment to restore 50 per cent of the duty on raw wools. Mr. Sherman was recognized and made a vigorous speech against free wool and Messrs. Dubois and Hansbrough followed.

**THE PRESIDENT BETTER.**  
**Mr. Cleveland Passes a Good Night and Is Progressing Toward Recovery.**  
 WASHINGTON, June 14.—It is stated at the White house that the president is better to-day. Dr. O'Reilly called early and soon afterward Dr. Bryant, the president's family physician, who had come from New York, went to the White house in company with Secretary Lamont. After examining the patient Dr. Bryant and Secretary Lamont went to the nearest drug store and had a prescription compounded, with which they returned to the White house.

Meanwhile Secretary Gresham and Attorney General Olney called to inquire after the president's health. They saw Mr. Cleveland and were well satisfied with his progress toward recovery. He passed a good night, and the active symptoms of his complaint have been checked. Although he is still under the injunction to keep perfectly quiet, he has seen a few visitors without coming into his office and has been engaged in some routine and easy work.

**COMMONWEALERS GUILTY.**  
**Judge Thomas Lays Down the Law to the Train Stealers.**  
**LEAVENWORTH, Kan., June 14.**—Judge Thomas of the United States district court found Captain John A. Ralston, Color Sergeant Frank E. Woods and Commissary Ed Hart, leaders of the band of Coxeyites who seized a Union Pacific train at Watkins, Col., and were captured at Ellis, Kan., guilty of contempt in that they interfered with a road in the hands of receivers.

Judge Thomas held that the actions of these commonwealers in boarding a Union Pacific train in large numbers over the objections of the train men and in insisting upon riding on the train after being ordered off was equivalent to actual force and constituted an interference with the operation of trains in the hands of the receivers which could not be tolerated and that these acts amounted to a contempt of court. Sentences will be announced hereafter.

**THE BLACK PLAQUE'S HAVOC.**  
**Two of China's Greatest Cities Ravaged by the Scourge.**  
**VANCOUVER, British Columbia, June 14.**—The steamship Empress of Japan which arrived last night brought alarming reports of the spread of the plague in Canton and Hong Kong, China. The disease is similar to the great plague in London in the seventeenth century. Thousands have died in both cities and scores were dying daily when the vessel left. The plague paralyzed business, as many leading steamship lines refuse to take either passengers or cargo from Hong Kong.

**DUKE AGAINST BRECKINRIDGE.**  
**The Noted Southerner Will Work for Major McDowell, a Republican.**  
**LEXINGTON, Ky., June 14.**—General Basil Duke of Louisville, editor of the Southern Magazine, and brother-in-law and chief of staff of General John Morgan, the famous Confederate raider, has assured Major Henry Clay McDowell that he will stump the Ashland district for him and against Breckinridge if the latter should be renominated. Major McDowell is a leading Kentucky Republican and Duke is a stalwart Democrat.

**Still Some Republi cans in Office.**  
**WASHINGTON, June 14.**—It is announced at the postoffice department that the amount of federal postage patronage in New York state held by Republicans aggregates over \$100,000 in salaries. The places are postoffices in which Republican postmasters have not been yet succeeded by Democrats, owing to lack of expiration of the postoffice term.

**CRIMINALS SET FREE.**

**Freedom After Twenty Years of Confinement.**  
**KANSAS CITY, Mo., June 11.**—For the first time in twenty years Arthur Winnor of Kansas City and Joseph W. McNutt will at sunrise to-morrow morning be free men. They went into the Kansas penitentiary as boys twenty years ago to-morrow, sentenced to be hanged, and they will leave it to-morrow men well along in middle life. They will leave behind them only one man who was there before the penitentiary gate closed behind them.

The Winner and McNutt case is probably the most famous in the criminal history of Kansas. Early in 1873 Winner and young McNutt went to Wichita, Kan., and started a paint shop. Winner was 19 years old and McNutt was 20. Soon afterward McNutt insured his life in favor of Winner for \$5,000. One night a few months after the young men settled in Wichita some one discovered that their shop was on fire. The people of the town turned out and extinguished the fire, but McNutt was missing. The partly burned body of a man was found in the ruins of the building. Winner declared that it was McNutt, but the people of Wichita did not believe him. The body was recognized as that of a tramp known as "Texas." The sudden departure of McNutt and the fact that his life insurance was in favor of Winner, though McNutt was married and father of a child, excited so much suspicion that Winner was arrested the next day. A few weeks later McNutt was captured in the woods in Newton county, Mo. They were tried for murder. The evidence was so convincing that they were convicted, and sentenced by Judge W. P. Campbell, now department commander of Kansas, to be hanged, under the law they went to the penitentiary for life.

A letter written by McNutt's wife, then living in Kansas City, played an important part in the trial. She had been informed of the plot by her husband and on the morning after the murder a letter was found from her imploring him not to commit the crime. In that letter were these words which led to the conviction of her husband and his accomplice: "If you carry that on we will all be ruined. Before I will have the name of murdering and stealing for wealth, I will beg on my hands and knees." She said she had only one dime left in the world and she sent it as a Christmas present to her husband with her blessing.

The young men began to serve their sentence June 10, 1874, just twenty years ago. McNutt's wife secured a divorce and a few years later was married again. She is living in Clay county, Missouri, and has a family of growing children.

**OKLAHOMA'S MONSTROSITY.**  
**A Girl Baby Makes Its Advent in Jonesville With Two Heads.**  
**SOUTH END, Ok., June 11.**—Mrs. McMan, wife of a justice of the peace in the first addition north, called Jonesville, gave birth yesterday afternoon to a girl baby which had two heads. They were about equal size and were in an inverse order, that is, the faces were in opposite directions. The eyes, ears, nose and mouth of the head which faced backward were not perfect, as it could not breathe, see, hear, taste nor smell. The scalp, however, was perfect. Dr. Roiseon, the attending physician, cut off the head facing backwards and the baby is doing well. He thinks it may live.

**Kelly on the March.**  
**CAIRO, Ill., June 11.**—The shot gun quarantine which has been maintained by this city for the past two days against Kelly's industrial navy has resulted favorably to the city. Reduced to destitution and his men deserting him in large numbers, Kelly yesterday accepted a proposition from a committee of citizens to march at 3 p. m. He received two days' rations and transportation for his luggage to the county line. It is supposed the crowd will try to reach a point on the Ohio river near Paducah, Ky.

**LIVE STOCK AND PRODUCE MARKETS.**  
**Quotations from New York, Chicago, St. Louis, Omaha and Elsewhere.**  
**OMAHA.**  
 Butter—Creamery print..... 17 @ 19  
 Butter—Choice country..... 12 @ 14  
 Eggs—Fresh..... 6 @ 7  
 Hogs—Mixed packing..... 22 @ 25  
 Poultry—Old hens per doz..... 6 @ 7  
 Chickens—Spring per doz..... 3 @ 3.50  
 Pigeons—Old, per doz..... 3.50 @ 4.00  
 Lemons—Florida..... 3.50 @ 3.75  
 Oranges—Florida..... 1.75 @ 2.00  
 Beans—Navy..... 2.15 @ 2.25  
 Sweet Potatoes—Seed, per bin..... 4 @ 5  
 Hops—Mixed packing..... 3.00 @ 3.50  
 Hops—Heavy weights..... 4.50 @ 5.50  
 Beaves—Prime steers..... 4 @ 4.50  
 Beaves—Steady and feeders..... 2.25 @ 3.50  
 Steers—Fair to good..... 3.75 @ 3.99  
 Steers—Western..... 2.75 @ 4.10  
 Sheep—Lamb..... 3 @ 4  
 Sheep—Choice natives..... 4 @ 5

**NEW YORK.**  
 Wheat—No. 2 red winter..... 57 @ 57.50  
 Corn—No. 2..... 38 @ 38.50  
 Oats—Mixed western..... 42 @ 42.50  
 Pork..... 13 @ 13.50  
 Lard..... 6 @ 6.50

**CHICAGO.**  
 Wheat—No. 2 spring..... 54 @ 54.50  
 Corn—Per bu..... 38 @ 38.50  
 Oats—Mixed packing..... 40 @ 40.50  
 Pork..... 11 @ 11.50  
 Lard..... 6 @ 6.50  
 Cattle—Com. steers to extra..... 3 @ 4  
 Sheep—Lamb..... 3 @ 4

**ST. LOUIS.**  
 Wheat—No. 2 red, cash..... 51 @ 51.50  
 Corn—Per bu..... 38 @ 38.50  
 Oats—Per bu..... 40 @ 40.50  
 Hogs—Mixed packing..... 2 @ 2.50  
 Cattle—Com. steers to extra..... 3 @ 4  
 Sheep—Lamb..... 3 @ 4

**Wales and Goid Meet.**  
**LONDON, June 11.**—The Field says that it is stated that George Gould has had an interview with the prince of Wales and that they have arranged for a series of matches between the prince's cutter Britannia and the Goid sloop yacht Vigilant.

**Richard Croker Sails for Europe.**  
 New York, June 11.—Richard Croker, accompanied by his sons, Richard, Jr., and Herbert, sailed to-day on the steamer Umbria for Liverpool. Mr. Croker expects to remain abroad nearly all summer.



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