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RAILROAD NEWS ITEMS.

The pilot of 2710 received repairs, this week.

General Foreman J. O. McArthur is in St. Joe on company business.

Fred Wilhelm is a new helper in the blacksmith shop, this week.

and pilot of the 318, this week.

Work was done on the cylinder

Engine 1752 received some driving brass and pilot repairs, this week.

Engineer W. W. Archibald is up from the Orleans-St. Francis branch. Drop pit No. 1 holds engine 2045 for customary work. She has also been painted.

Engine 1765 is down on her wheels and will likely go out of the back shop, end of next week.

Lightning struck Conductor E. M. Cox's residence, first of last week, but the damage was nil.

Engine 2848 is over drop pit No. 2 for usual repairs and for some flue work. She has passed through the hands of the paint gang.

The gasoline engine on the turntable is out of commission and the table is being laboricusly handled by men until the engine is repaired.

Burned in Gasoline Explosion.

Agent W. C. Hanson of the Burington was severly but not seriously burned about the face and neck last Sunday evening while working at the gasoline well near the water tank. He had entered the well to county, Neb., in convention assemfix some machinery and struck a bled, do hereby declare our position match, which exploded gas that had accumulated in the well, presumably by a leak. The burns are painful, though Mr. Hanson considers his injuries slight to what might have

Hereafter he will inspect the workings in the reservoir with a candle attached to a fish pole.-Benkelman

Counties Free From Scabies.

State Veterinarian Juckmies received a telegram Monday from the department of Interior releasing from quarantine the counties of Dundy, Hitchcock, Haves and Chase. The telegram said the counties would be released upon the endorsement of the action by the governor. These counties are among the sixty-five which were quarantined for scabies some time ago.

At State Fair.

The Wright Brothers' aeroplanes will give exhibition flights each day of the state fair, Sept. 5th to 9th. Their contract calls for two flights between 10 and 12 each morning and two flights between 4 and 6 in the afternoon.

He Met It on the Road.

He didn't wait for prosperity to come. The very minute they told him it was on the road, he said: "Maybe the horses'll get stalled, and the driver all froze up; so I'll just meet it halfway, and help get the wheels out the mire, and give it a fresh start; then, when it looks like smooth sailing, I'll hop on, and take a seat by the driver, and we'll go whistling into town!"--Atlanta Constitution.

Sam Omaha No. 65543

This splendid Jersey bull, sired by Omaha's Prince Pogis No. 51637, dam Snowflake's Best No. 168354, will be found at my place in East McCook, during the season. This animal was bred at the Nebraska University farm, and is registered in the American Jersey Cattle Club, New York. He is solid color, black tongue and switch.

C. W. DEWEY, Keeper.

DEMOCRATIC COUNTY CONVENTION.

Met in McCook, Tuesday, and Selected State Delegates, Turned Down County Option, Selected Organization.

The Democrats of Red Willow coun ty met in mass convention, Tuesday in the city park. R. L. Duckworth

cailed the convention to order. N. J. Uerling was made temporary chairman, and R. A. Green, temporary secretary; the temporary organizaton was made permanent.

Frank Colfer, J. W. Hoppe, C. J. Ryan, C. B. Masters, James McClung were constituted the committee on resolutions.

The only point of difference in the committee was the action on county option. Messrs. Hoppe and Masters made a minority report on that resolation, but the convention voted against the county option plank by 46 to 17. As there was a large attendance in the convention of Mc-Cook delegates from the liquor party, this vote, however, does not indicate the strength of county option among even the Democrats. A desire to not embarrass Governor Shallenberger is given as an additional reason for the failure to secure a county op-

The resolution committee was seected by Messrs. P. Walsh, John Real, N. J. Uerling, J. E. Oxley.

During the absence of the resolution committee, the convention was addressed by Willis E. Reed of Madison, who would like to be United States senator.

N. J. Gerling of Indianola was made chairman of the county central committee, James Pontius, secretary, and R. L. Duckworth, treasurer.

The delegates and alternates to the state convention to be held in Grand Island, July 26th, are:

P. Walsh, Francis Colfer, James McClung, Frank Real, James Pontius John Dutcher, J. L. Sims, H. J. Arbogast, R. H. Gatewood, J. E. Oxley, Barney Hofer, E. J. DeArmond, C. F. Lehn, Lon Miller, W. M. Lewis, Platt Kinne, H. V. Lord, D. F. Sch-

The nine first named are delegates; the others alternates.

We the Democrats of Red Willow upon the following questions which we think are and will be of vital importance to both the state at large and our party's welfare:

First-We wish to endorse to the fullest extent the excellent and efficient administration of our present governor, Ashton C. Shallenberger. In particular do we command him for his honest and courageous attitude with regard to the enforcement of all those laws passed by our last Democratic legislature.

Second-We emphatically declare ourselves to be in favor of the initiative, referendum and recall and we hereby instruct our delegates to the State Democratic Convention to vote for the adoption of this measure into the State Platform.

Third-We believe that the County Option question should not be made a plank in the State Platform nasmuch as the principles involved can be more properly worked out, if at all, by means of the Initiative and Referendum and we hereby instruct the delegates to the State Convention from this county to oppose its adoption into the State Platform.

I curth- We favor the election of people and to this end we most U. S. Senators by direct vote of the heartily endorse the "Oregon Plan."

Birds' Eggs.

Ostriches lay the largest eggs of all birds now extant, according to a writer in the Scientific American, but the ostrich's egg would have appeared small beside that extinct Madagascar bird, the epyornis, which measured more than thirty inches in its smallest circumference. The smallest birds' eggs are those of the minute species of humming birds, which are smaller than the eggs of certain kinds of tropical beetles. But the cuckoo lays the relatively smallest egg-that is to say, while the jackdaw and the cuckoo are about equal in size, the former's egg is five or six times larger than the latter's. The fact that the cuckoo is wont to deposit its eggs in the nests securities and the watering of stocks. of birds which are usually much smaller than itself doubtless accounts for benefit to shippers, such as those to this. The relatively largest egg is laid expedite hearings. Many of the proviby the kiwi, a strange, wingless New sions in the railroad law were placed Zealand bird. The egg is no less than there by the insurgents in the two five inches long, although the extreme houses. They called it "giving the bill length of the bird itself is only twen- teeth." Among the most notable of ty-seven inches.

Tommy and the Worm. There were only two pieces of cake sives also struck out the merger and and three hungry boys upstairs throwing their clothes on in the race to get down first. Tommy won out and rush-

ed into the dining room breathlessly.

of cake," said his mother. ly, inspecting it from all sides.

do ?"

Railroad Revision Measures, Creation of Commerce Court and Postal Savings Banks Among Laws Pointed to by Taft.

By JAMES A. EDGERTON. HE chief measures passed by the session of congress just closed were the railroad bill, the postal savings bank bill. the land withdrawal bill, the reclamation bond bill, the campaign publicity and the statehood bill. What amounted to a tariff commission bill was also passed, for an appropriation was voted the tariff board on an understanding that it should investigate cost

of production at home and abroad. All of these measures were enacted on the recommendation of the president and constitute what are known as the Taft policies.

Probably never in the history of the country did a president so completely have his way so early in his administration. True, he had to abandon some of his program, including such items as federal license, anti-injunction and ship subsidy, but this abandonment was only temporary. Considering the driving power he displayed he should be able to force through those items and others during the short session. He will also probably attempt to obtain federal regulation of railroad stock and bond issues at some future session. He recommended it strongly this time. and his idea was ingrafted in the Wickersham draft of the railroad bill, but was stricken out in the senate. Later the conference committee gave him a commission to inquire into railway securities, and it will doubtless be on the report of this commission that he will renew his recommendation for federal regulation. The chief object of such a law would be to prevent the watering of stock.

A Bill With Teeth.

The new railroad law provides, among other things, for a commerce court, to which all appeals from the interstate commerce commission shall be made It gives the commission power to initiate an inquiry although no formal complaint has been made. It confers on the commission the power to suspend for ten months a proposed advance in rates and to prohibit such advance permanently if found to be unreasonable and unjust. This provision went into effect at once in order that it might apply to the proposed increase in freight rates recently halted by the famous Taft-Wickersham injunction. The law places telegraphs, telephones, cables and wireless under the control of the commission, but provides for special rates, such as those given to the press. It contains a long



ONGRESSMAN J. R. MANN, CHAIRMAN OF RAILROAD COMMUTTEE, WHO AIDED CONGRESSMAN J. TAFT'S PROGRAM.

and short haul provision forbidding a greater charge for a short haul than for a longer one over the same line. It prevents the merger of competing roads or of the absorption by a railroad of a competing water lime. It permits shippers to choose route's and to be represented by counsel in hearings. C.W. DEWEY, Auctioneer It forbids a railroad from lowering its rates to drive out water competition and afterward raising them except by permission of the interstate commerce commission. It provides for a commission to inquire into the issue of railroad It contains many other features of

traffic agreement sections. Postal Depositories.

these additions are the long and short

haul clause and the inclusion of tele-

graphs and telephones. The progres-

The postal savings bank law marks "That's a good boy. Tommy. The a new departure in American finance. early bird gets the worm. Take a piece It provides that the president and two members of his cabinet shall consti-Tommy looked at the cake quizzical- tute a commission to establish postal depositories at money order postoffices "What's the matter, Tommy?" asked throughout the country, that these of "What are you trying to ficers shall receive deposits not exceed-\$100 per month or \$500 in all from "Say, ma, which piece has the worm one person, that 2 per cent interest shall in it?" he inquired soberly.—National be paid on these deposits, that 65 per cent of the postal funds shall be placed

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