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FATAL AUTO CONTEST

BARNEY OLDFIELD KILLS TWO MEN IN ST. LOUIS.

Oldfield Was Blinded by Dust from A. C. Webb's Machine and Ran Through a Fence in the World's Fair Speed Contest.

Blinded by the dust thrown by the swiftly moving machine of A. C. Webb, of Toledo, O., Barney Oldfield, of Cleveland, O., lost control of his machine in a false start of the fifth event of the World's Fair automobile speed contest at St. Louis, Sunday, and crashing through the outer fence of the course instantly killed John Scott, a watchman employed at the park, and inflicted injuries upon Nathan Montgomery, a negro, from which he died a few hours later. Oldfield was painfully injured and his machine completely demolished.

The accident occurred after a false start. The flagman vainly attempted to signal Oldfield and Webb, who were leading, that the start was not allowed, but they did not see his flag and continued around the course at a high rate of speed.

Shortly after passing the first turn of the mile track Webb secured a lead by a narrow margin, and the men were in relatively the same position when passing the three-quarter pole. In making the turn Webb's machine skidded and raised a blinding cloud of dust that completely blinded Oldfield and half smothered him. Not being able to see that he had completed the turn Oldfield completed his course and crashed through the fence. When Oldfield failed to appear after Webb had emerged from the dust cloud there was considerable excitement, but it was announced that he was not seriously injured, and shortly afterward he was driven to the club house in an automobile. It was not generally known that the accident had resulted fatally.

The race after a short delay was run, being won by Webb by a large margin. It was the most important event of the day, the prize being the Louisiana Purchase Exposition trophy, valued at \$500.

MURDER AND SUICIDE.

Cincinnati Man Kills Paramour and Then Himself.

Mrs. Amanada Harter, aged 38, and James Leonard Druce, aged 29, were found dead in their flat in the Normandie on Race Street Cincinnati, O., Sunday under circumstances that indicate murder and suicide. With them lived Fannie Harter, aged 14, the niece and foster daughter of the woman. Letters were found showing that he had been intimate with Mrs. Harter and afterward became infatuated with the young girl.

The girl said that she was sleeping Saturday night with her foster mother when Druce carried her to his room, locked her in and killed Mrs. Harter. Then he unlocked his room and asked her to go with him. When she refused he begged her to commit suicide with him and threatened her life, but finally bid her good by and shot himself.

WILL DIVULGE NOTHING.

Members of Butchers' Union Refuse to Discuss Strike.

The members of the national executive committee of the Butchers' union held a meeting at Chicago Sunday to discuss the present condition of the stock yards strike.

After the adjournment of the meeting those present would not divulge what they had done, but made the announcement that nothing definite had been settled and that another meeting will be held.

The object of the meeting was to formulate a proposition that can be laid before the packers.

Follow Carrie Nation.

Four joints, or illicit saloons, were wrecked by women at Cuba, Kan., and much liquor destroyed. Mrs. E. O. Fites and Mrs. William McDonald, wives of prominent business men, and twenty other women, armed with hatchets, smashed everything in sight, breaking the bars and fixtures and destroying all the liquors.

Assaulted a Strike Breaker.

At Albuquerque, N. M., Marinar, president of the Albuquerque Central Labor Union, has been given a sentence of seventy days in jail, and four other striking Acheson and Santa Fe machinists have been sentenced to sixty days each for assault upon a strike breaker in violation of an injunction.

Refused Him Her Earnings.

Stephen Tendick, of St. Louis, Mo., aged 41, a mechanic, killed himself Sunday night after fatally wounding his wife, Mary, because she would not pay over to him her earnings.

Sioux City Stock Market.

Saturday's quotations on the Sioux City stock market follow: Cattle, 10@25c lower. Hogs, \$5.10@5.30.

Disease is Not Yellow Fever.

An interview was had with a prominent physician connected with the Marion hospital service who is at present stationed at Brownsville, Tex., in which he stated that many cases of sickness suspected of being yellow fever had been diagnosed negatively.

Police Bar Naval Cloaks.

The prefect of police of St. Petersburg, Russia, has forbidden the ladies to wear the naval cloaks, which have become fashionable since the Chemulpo fight.

EXPECT A SETTLEMENT.

Leaders Believe the Strike Will End in a Few Days.

Conferences of the committee appointed earlier in the week to attempt a settlement of the Chicago stock yards strike, with the parties to the dispute, resulted in nothing. There is no present prospect that they will result in anything in the future, and the chances of an agreement between the packers and the strikers appear very meager.

The strike leaders appeared before the committee Friday morning and stated their side of the case. They did not suggest to the aldermanic committee that it make any overtures to the packers, but simply gave their side of the case. Representatives of the packers then appeared before the committee. After a session that lasted three hours Mayor Harrison said:

"The packers have said just what they said before, that they are running their plants and have nothing to arbitrate, and that there is no reason why they should confer with the men."

"We heard a review of the entire strike trouble, and the packers say that in every city except Chicago and Omaha, the strike is over, and they assert that with 70 per cent as many men as they employed in Chicago before the strike they are now turning out 92 per cent of the normal output."

Labor leaders assert that in all probability the butcher strike would be settled "peaceably" before next Wednesday. They declined to explain the cause of their belief, and are positive in their statements that the strike will not be called off.

President Donnelly, of the Butchers' union, has called all the members of the butchers' executive board to meet in Chicago next Wednesday.

PEACE IS SOUGHT.

Negotiations to End Strike Resumed in Chicago.

The union leaders and packers at Chicago Friday conferred with a committee appointed by the city council to seek terms of settlement for the stock yards strike. Separate sessions were arranged.

Eight Catholic clergymen, after holding a conference with President Donnelly Friday, decided to offer their services towards a settlement of the strike.

President Donnelly telegraphed the members of the executive board of the Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butcher Workmen asking them to come to Chicago.

The board will meet early next week to discuss the strike and advise as to future procedure.

BIG JUDGE IS DEAD.

Julian Bennett of Watertown, S. D. Weighed 450 Pounds.

Judge Julian Bennett, of the Third judicial circuit of South Dakota, who was well known as the largest judge in America, weighing about 450 pounds, died suddenly of heart failure at Watertown, Friday morning. He was feeling well up to the time of the attack, but died in a few minutes, before a physician could be summoned.

He was elected to the bench in 1897, serving one term, and was re-elected in the fall of 1901 as a Democrat in a circuit heavily Republican. He was personally very popular.

GREAT ANTWERP FIRE.

Tanks Containing Millions of Gallons of Oil Burned.

The oil tanks at Hoboken, three miles from Anwerp, Belgium, belonging to the Russian and Standard Oil Companies, containing 26,500,000 gallons of petroleum, are ablaze, together with the sheds, wagons and paraphernalia. Troops are assisting the firemen to localize the conflagration.

A London special says: An Antwerp dispatch says seven workmen perished in the oil fire and only two out of forty tanks escaped. The loss is estimated at \$1,250,000.

Saw a Grave Robbed.

Kay Deever and Dondridge McRae, of Searcy, Ark., the two young men who made affidavits that they witnessed the robbery of Edd Pitts' grave at Searcy, have returned from St. Louis. McRae is a grandson of the late Gen. Dondridge McRae, for many years one of the most prominent citizens of Arkansas. Both are about 25 years of age.

Santa Fe Train Ditched.

A Santa Fe passenger train was wrecked about midnight Monday night six miles east of Topeka, Kan. The entire train, with the exception of the engine and rear sleeper, was ditched, but only four people were injured.

Hundreds Near Starvation.

Cloudbursts in Tonapah, Nev., and along the lines of the roads are the most disastrous in the history of these districts. People in Tonapah and Goldfield are on the verge of starvation.

Arrested for Big Forgery.

Louis Benz, bookkeeper for Pendas & Alvarez, cigar manufacturers on Pearl Street, New York, was locked up at police headquarters charged with forging checks to the amount of \$25,000.

Oil Field on Fire.

A message from Jennings, La., at 1 p. m. Thursday, says three oil wells are on fire and five others are in danger.

Assassin Sentenced to Death.

It is reported Samsonoff, the assassin of M. von Ploehve at St. Petersburg, has been sentenced to death and that the sentence is now before the emperor. The reports that Samsonoff had either escaped or is dead are declared to be false.

Master Bakers for "Open Shop."

At the final session of the convention of the National Association of Master Bakers at St. Louis, a decision was reached declaring for the "open shop" policy.

\$30,000 PURSES AND PREMIUMS

Interstate Live Stock Fair at Sioux City, Ia., Sept. 5 to 10, Inclusive.

Sioux City is making great preparations for the entertainment of a large crowd of people which, it is expected, will attend the Interstate Live Stock Fair to be held Sept. 5 to 10, inclusive. Thirty thousand dollars in premiums will be distributed. The railroads have consented to make a half fare rate, and on some of the days will run special trains.

In connection with the fair visitors will be given an opportunity to see the Patterson-Brainerd Carnival Company, which consists of Blackman's Glass Blowers, Professor Frank, in Hindoo mystery, with all the late oriental tricks; the London Ghost Show, Fire and Serpentine Dances, Electric Fountain, the Edison Kinodrome, and various other acts and performances. They have also just completed arrangements with the Intrepid Death Defier, Carlo, who performs the Barnum & Bailey feature which it is claimed is several stunts better than loop the loop. He indeed loops a loop that has a gap of about twenty feet in it. It is decidedly the most dangerous stunt ever devised.

Every day during the races various acts will be performed in front of the amphitheater; among these will be Diver Johnson, who dives from a 100-foot ladder into a shallow tank. The lightning flying Dumbars, the marvelous Kinsners, equilibrist; the Oliphans, comical Parisian eccentricities, and the trolley car trio.

Lovers of speed trials should bear in mind that there will be seven big trotting races, seven pacing races and eleven running races, and in addition forty amateur horses in a new relay race—ten-mile dashes. Some of these races are for \$1,000 purses. Exhibition speed trials will also be given by the celebrated fire team, Corbett and Sullivan.

Large premiums are offered for stock exhibits, agricultural, orchard, household, dairy, poultry and other kindred exhibits. The management anticipates the finest exhibition of live stock ever gotten together in the west.

Autoists will be interested to know that preparations have been made for three big automobile races, in which the swiftest machines made will test their speed on one of the fastest tracks in the country.

TO FIGHT LAWLESSNESS.

Vigilance Committee of Sarpy County, Neb., Incorporates.

An incorporated vigilance committee has made its appearance for the first time in the history of Nebraska, says a Lincoln special. The Sarpy County Mutual Protective association has been organized, with no capital, to protect the members from theft and lawlessness. The executive committee may levy such sums as are made necessary by the depredations of thieves and criminals. The incorporators are: August Leaders, A. L. Lund, J. M. Ward, N. C. Snider, J. M. Martin, James Tannehill, Charles Leader, J. L. Sutter and W. H. Fase.

AMBUSHED BY BANDITS.

A Captain of Constabulary is Killed by Guerrillas.

A detail of native constabulary has been ambushed on the island of Leyte, P. I., by a superior force of bandits. Capt. H. Barrett, of the constabulary, was killed in the fighting.

There has been trouble in the province of Misamis, island of Mindanao, where the bandits looted several towns. The native authorities were defied, and the padre of Mercado and family kidnaped. Three Chinese stores were burned, four natives murdered and the rest of them burned alive.

SHAREHOLDERS HARD HIT.

Hundred Per Cent Assessment Against Grinnell Bank Stock.

A Washington, D. C., special says: The first report of the receiver of the First National Bank of Grinnell, Ia., was filed with the comptroller of the currency Thursday.

The comptroller authorizes the statement that owing to the great amount of forged paper among the assets an assessment against the shareholders is necessary and has been levied.

Chicago Glue Factory Burns.

Fire in the glue factory of Armour & Co., at Beason Avenue and Thirty-second Street, Chicago, just north of the stock yards, caused a loss estimated at \$100,000. The blaze originated in a small building containing the liming vats and spreading to the main structure. The cause of the fire is not known.

Big Fruit House Fails.

A receiver has been appointed for the Rogerson Fruit and Cold Storage Company of Leroy, N. Y. Liabilities, \$95,000; assets, \$40,000. The Rogersons were large buyers of apples and other fruits and their embarrassment, it is said, will result rather disastrously to fruit dealers in that vicinity.

Victim of the Plague.

An autopsy on the body of a Korean who was a stowaway passenger on the steamer Coptic, and who died after being landed at the quarantine station at Honolulu, H. I., shows that he died of the plague.

Fire in Oil Fields Unchecked.

A fire which started in the Morse oil fields near Crowley, La., is still burning, but it cannot spread further. The oil being burned each hour is worth \$400.

Car Mechanics Quit.

At East St. Louis, Ill., one hundred union car mechanics employed at the packing houses quit work Thursday in sympathy with the striking butchers and meat cutters and other unions belonging to the allied trades.

A Sensational Report.

Advices from Las Palmas, Canary Islands, state: Fishermen report three Russian cruisers coaling from the German steamer Voreca at Cape Juby, off the coast of Morocco.

STATE OF NEBRASKA

NEWS OF THE WEEK IN A CONDENSED FORM.

Apples May Prove Expensive—Woman Shoots at Three Boys—Husband Slashes Neighbor with Knife for Referring to it.

A very serious shooting affray took place at the Cook farm west of Lawrence a few days ago, which was again brought to mind by a cutting affray recently. Monday last Frank Kozel, a farmer living near the Cook farm, was passing near that place and climbed over the fence to get an apple. He had no sooner entered the orchard than he was seized by the discharge of a shotgun by Mrs. Cook, whom he had not seen before. He ran and was not injured. Soon after three boys, Harry Jungles, Frank Myers and Robert Holmes, who were working with a thresher, passed the Cook farm and stopped to get an apple. They had gone a short distance in the orchard when they were startled by the discharge of a shotgun and Holmes fell. Jungles ran to his assistance and as he passed within fifteen feet of Mrs. Cook she shot at him, but missed. All three boys were quite seriously injured by the first shot, and as soon as Holmes recovers they intend filing complaint against Mrs. Cook.

Saturday Mr. Cook went to the farm of Mr. Hunker to secure the services of Hunker Bros' thresher. During the conversation Mr. Hunker referred to the shooting affray and Mr. Cook became so enraged at the mention of it that he drew a knife and attacked Hunker with it, inflicting a slight wound across Hunker's abdomen. All parties concerned are prominent farmers.

BIG ROBBERY AT CHADRON.

Woman Attacked and Four Thousand Dollars Taken from Her.

The house of ill repute conducted by Mae Johnson at Chadron, was entered through a window by two masked men. Miss Johnson went in the hall and called out to know who was there when an arm was thrown around her and the robber with his other hand choked her so she could not make an outcry, while the other man robbed her of \$4,000 in greenbacks which she had in an inside pocket of her dress skirt.

The men then went out of the back door, leaving Miss Johnson so stunned she was hardly able to call for help. As soon as possible the police were called, but the robbers had no good but their escape for the time. No one but habitues of the place, it is thought, could have done the deed, and the sheriff and city authorities are conducting a thorough search. Miss Johnson has offered a \$500 reward.

CAUGHT HOG THIEVES.

Ranchman Finds Two Hired Hands Stealing Shoats.

B. M. Barber, whose ranch is two and a half miles south of Bloomington, noticed for the last two months that some of his hogs were being stolen. He placed a constant watch on his ranch and Saturday night his vigil was rewarded.

Accompanied by the sheriff he kept watch all night and about 4 o'clock in the morning observed two of his hired hands, brothers, loading a wagon with young shoats. He and the sheriff headed off the team, which was being driven into Kansas by one of the thieves. They arrested the thieves, who are now in the county jail for safe keeping.

Mr. Barber claims he has lost over 100 shoats during the last two months. These two brothers are supposed to be a part of a gang who make this a regular business.

WAS NOT MURDERED.

James Hanslip, of Decatur, Victim of Heart Disease.

The reported murder at Decatur of James Hanslip by being choked to death by Arthur English was proven at the coroner's inquest to have been a mistake, and that Hanslip's death was due to heart disease.

Dr. Nesbit, of Tekamah, was called to conduct the autopsy, which showed conclusively that the heart was much enlarged and fatty.

Hanslip and English had a quarrel over a horse trade. Hanslip became enraged, struck at English and fell to the floor, dying instantly. Four witnesses were present when the quarrel occurred. The coroner's jury exonerated English from all blame.

Card Game Ends in Fight.

As a finish to a card game at Tecumseh George Chastine made a murderous assault upon James Halepecke, a young harnessmaker, and in a plunge for his heart with a large pocket knife he penetrated the case of Halepecke's watch, which was in a shirt pocket. Chastine succeeded in inflicting two or three slight flesh wounds. No arrests have been made.

Alleged Bank Examiner in Trouble.

J. C. Goggins, the man who represented himself to be a bank examiner at Tamora a couple of weeks ago, was taken before Judge Gladwish at Seward on Monday and bound over to the next term of the district court, which convenes in November. He was placed under \$500 bonds, which he failed to furnish.

Child Drowned in Well.

The 2-year-old son of John Foster, of Greeley Center, was drowned Monday in a well. The father had gone to town two miles distant and the mother was powerless to save her child. The little one in some way removed one of the boards on the platform and fell through.

Elevator Burned.

The fine elevator at McLean belonging to the Atlas Elevator Company, of Minneapolis, burned down Thursday about 2 o'clock.

Named for Legislature.

E. P. Voter, of Laurel was nominated by the Republicans for representative from the Nitecauth district at the convention at Randolph. The district is composed of the counties of Cedar and Pierce.

Old Soldiers to Meet at Riverton.

A Sidney special says: The old soldiers of this section of Iowa will meet at their sixteenth annual reunion at Riverton. The reunion will last four days, beginning Tuesday. A good program has been prepared for each day.

DOMESTIC BURNED TO DEATH

Young Girl Who Starts Fire With Kerosene Meets Common Fate.

Miss Henrietta Staak, a domestic in the employ of A. F. Kendall, of Syracuse, was fatally burned by an explosion of coal oil. Miss Staak had built a fire in the kitchen stove as it did not burn well she took a can containing a gallon of oil and commenced to put the oil on the fire, when an explosion occurred. Her clothing was saturated by the burning oil. Mr. Kendall heard the girl's screams and hastened to her assistance, extinguishing the flames, but not before she was terribly burned on the body, face and arms. Her injuries were attended by a physician, but she died. Her entire body had been burned and in many places the flesh fell off the bones. Inhalation of the heat caused her death.

SERIOUS BLAZE AT HASTINGS

Implement Stock and Second-Hand Store Destroyed.

At an early hour Monday fire at Hastings destroyed the N. F. Dameron two-story brick building and damaged the Herpolsheimer Implement Company's stock to the extent of about 50 per cent. The building was valued at \$5,000 and was insured.

Robert Tressneider's second hand store was almost completely destroyed. No insurance.

The fire broke out in the Herpolsheimer rooms at 2:30 in the morning and had a big headway before it was discovered. It took four streams of water and three hours of hard fighting to extinguish the flames. The origin of the fire is unknown.

HOLDREGÉ MAKING A SPREAD

Intends to Have a Carnival which Will Outshine Its Neighbors.

Arrangements are about completed for the holding of a harvest jubilee and agricultural exhibit in Holdregé from Sept. 5 to 10. The business men have been untiring in their efforts and have spared neither pains nor expense to make this the greatest carnival ever held in that part of the state. The live stock exhibit is expected to be a strong feature.

The Parker Amusement Company has been secured. Preparations are being made for a floral parade as well as a traveling men's and military parade. Something new is arranged for every day. Liberal premiums are offered for agricultural and live stock exhibits.

JUDGE SOAKS BRUTAL FATHER

Given Three Months in Jail for Abusing His Daughter.

Herman Nolte, a farmer living near Rosebud, was brought before County Judge Lungan at Hastings on the charge of assault and battery. The charges were filed by his wife for cruelly beating their 15-year-old daughter. Evidence in the case brought out the fact that Mr. Nolte had forced his daughter to work in the harvest field while he sat around and took it easy. Last Saturday the defendant flew into a violent rage and struck the girl and then chased her about the farm with a pitchfork. He was found guilty and sentenced to three months in the county jail.

CAMP IS DESERTED.

Tents Fall Promptly at Firing of Signal Gun.

A David City dispatch says: The firing of a cannon promptly at 6 o'clock Tuesday morning was the signal and every tent of the First Nebraska on Camp Victor Viquain fell to the ground. In a few minutes after the cannon's roar every tent of the Second Nebraska fell. In a short time fifteen drays were busy loading and hauling the baggage, and the various companies were marching to the different depots.

During the forenoon the soldiers left on regular and special trains, and one or two companies did not get out of the city until evening.

CHARGED NEGRO WITH MURDER

Wife of Alfred Boister Says He Killed His Child with a Saw.

A Norfolk special says: Alfred Boister, a negro aged 72, is in jail at Niobrara on the charge of killing his child with a saw last month. His wife says he killed the child and buried it. His wife has been afraid to reveal the facts because he had threatened to murder her if she did.

They have existed in a tepee three miles from Niobrara on the Santee reservation all summer. Citizens of Niobrara are intensely furious.

Seriously Injured.

Chas. F. Jenken, of Bancroft, an old soldier and a carpenter, 75 years of age, met with a serious accident Tuesday. He, with some other laborers, was engaged in raising a roof on a dwelling, a section of which dropped and caught Mr. Jenken, one leg being crushed at the knee, one arm was badly torn, besides being badly bruised on the body. He is not expected to recover.

Sheep Killed by Heat.

The intense heat of Wednesday afternoon was disastrous to the sheep at the Union stock yards of Grand Island, 100 of which were killed. It is stated that at the same time the animals were water fondered. They had been shipped in from a cooler climate and after a long journey drank too much when let to the water.

Finds Chloroform in Bedroom.

B. F. Kleeberger, of Nebraska City, has reported that late the other night he and his wife were awakened by a mysterious noise and found their bedroom filled with an odor of chloroform. He made a thorough inspection of the house, but was unable to find anything that would indicate how the drug got into the room.

Aged Woman Suicides.

Mrs. Kirema, a Bohemian woman living in Niobrara, stood on a chair, put a rope around her neck, jumped off and was found dead by her children. She was 80 years old and despondent.

Severe Storm at Fremont.

The Thomas Fox house at Fremont was struck by lightning during a heavy thunder and rain storm early Sunday morning. The building was shaken up and a bed on which one of the Fox children was sleeping was set on fire. It was easily extinguished.

Boy Drowns in River.

Alvin Walworth, aged 14 years, only son of George E. Walworth, of Edgar, was drowned while swimming in the Blue. Other boys with him saw him go down, but efforts to rescue him failed.



Gov. Mickey has issued the following Labor day proclamation: "A nation's greatness may be measured by its capacity for labor. Other elements of power are supplemented to it and only become important when the genius of toil has given them direction. Nowhere is perfection attained without effort. Our own nation, greater than any other, has correspondingly dignified labor in many ways and has also set apart a special executive department which has to do with all questions pertaining to the great army of wage earners. Further than that nearly all the states, Nebraska included, have by legislative enactment, designated a particular day in recognition of labor, as a public tribute to the importance of toil and the results achieved by it. In obedience, therefore, to the mandate of law and to established custom, I, John H. Mickey, governor of the State of Nebraska, do hereby designate Monday, Sept. 5, 1904, as Labor day, and earnestly request all who toil, whether by hand or brain, to take a brief respite from their ordinary avocations and pass the day in such a way as will best promote their special, intellectual and physical enjoyment."

Notwithstanding the dull times which have been experienced in the state treasury during the past month, the treasurer has managed to collect enough money in the general fund to warrant him in making a call for \$50,000 general fund warrant for Aug. 26. A large percentage of this money will go to the permanent school fund, thereby adding to the treasurer's ability to care for newly issued warrants. With the redemption of warrant 103,600, which will take place Aug. 26, the oldest registry will be Jan. 20, 1903. This will leave the state just nineteen months and six days behind in the payment of its debts. Ten months ago the state was more than two years behind in the payment of its debts. The expenditures by the last legislature were larger than usual, so that notwithstanding the gain in point of time the debt hovered around the \$2,000,000 mark.

State Superintendent Fowler, who arrived in Lincoln Saturday afternoon after making a tour of the junior normals in the western section of the state, reports that the work accomplished this year far exceeds that of 1903. While the attendance was only slightly greater, a larger percentage of the 1,100 teachers who registered for the work stayed for the time necessary to secure certificates which will entitle them to credit in other state institutions. A rule was established this year at all of the schools that attendance for eight of the ten weeks of the session was a prerequisite to the granting of this certificate and the consequence was that better average work was done. The number of certificates will exceed by far the number issued last year, although the superintendent is not yet able to give the exact figures.

Saturday Secretary Royse, of the state banking board, issued his annual report showing the condition of building and loan associations of the state for the year ending June 30, 1904. The total resources of the fifty-eight associations show an increase of \$73,921.02, of about 12 per cent, bringing the total up to \$6,217,350.40. There has also been an increase of 24,598 in the number of shares, bringing the total to 174,922. There are 23,499 shareholders, of whom 690 are minors. Secretary Royse stated that he was highly pleased at the showing made in the report.

Friday afternoon the state board of educational lands and funds met for the consideration of an offer of \$15,000 Keith County bridge bonds, bearing 4 per cent. They were offered directly by the county officials without the intermediation of a broker, and the offer was accepted. The bonds run without option for six years, and thereafter \$1,000 is to be paid each year until they are paid. The purchase leaves only \$22,000 in available cash in the permanent school funds.