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WINS WISCONSIN FIGHT

Congressman Babcock Receives a Re-nomination.

END OF HARD FOUGHT BATTLE

Chairman of the National Republican Congressional Committee is Again Honored in His District, in Spite of the Governor's Opposition.

Milwaukee, Wis., March 3.—Congressman Joseph W. Babcock, chairman of the republican national congressional committee, was renominated for congress today by the republicans of the Third district. His renomination culminates one of the most interesting fights in the political annals of Wisconsin. The contest was begun last winter, since which time the opposition to Babcock's renomination has been waged with unabated vigor by the state administration, headed by Governor La Follette. Up to last winter Congressman Babcock had been either with the governor or had remained neutral in the state fights. This attitude was due to the fact that the Third district has always been counted on as a La Follette district, and the congressman, recognizing this, made no attempt to take part in the [illegible] overthrow the governor.

Neb State historical Society

During the last session [illegible] islature, however, Mr. Babcock went to Madison and coquetted with the governor's opponents regarding an organized fight against him. The congressman, from all reports, was willing to take part in it as a leader, but this was not to the liking of those in authority on that side and the whole scheme fell through. However, it was not forgotten by the governor and steps were taken as early as last summer to defeat the renomination of Mr. Babcock. Plans were laid to bring out candidates in every county of the district. This was done, and in addition administration leaders from all over the state were sent into the district to make the fight on the congressman. All the efforts of the La Follette forces were without avail, however, as county after county held its caucuses and declared for Mr. Babcock's renomination. It was admitted that, should the governor win in his attempts to defeat the congressman, the opposition to his renomination as governor would go to pieces like a house of cards. Now, however, in face of the complete triumph of Congressman Babcock, the politicians are speculating as to whether or not it will put a kink in Governor La Follette's plans as may end in overthrowing him.

TRAVELING MAN SUICIDES.

Supposed That Drink and Financial Trouble Was the Cause.

Waterloo, Ia., March 3.—Robert McMahon, a traveling man, committed suicide last night by drinking prussic acid. Drink and financial difficulties are supposed to be the cause. He was 55 years old and lived in New York city.

Virginia Republicans for Roosevelt.

Richmond, Va., March 3.—The republicans of Virginia, in state convention at Norfolk today, elected delegates to the national convention at Chicago and adopted a resolution indorsing President Roosevelt for the presidential nomination.

Watson Renominated.

Shelbyville, Ind., March 3.—Representative James E. Watson was renominated without opposition today by the republican congressional convention of the Sixth district. The convention also named delegates and alternates to the republican national convention.

In Ninth Missouri District.

St. Charles, Mo., March 3.—the republican congressional convention of the Ninth district met here today and elected delegates and alternates to attend the national convention to be held at Chicago in June. Resolutions were adopted indorsing the administration of President Roosevelt. The district convention to nominate a candidate for congress will be held later.

Examines Firemen.

Fremont, Neb., March 3.—Traveling Engineer J. A. Willey of the Northwestern is here from Norfolk this week and is giving nineteen firemen written and oral examinations on first and second year mechanical engineering. The examinations are being conducted at Superintendent Mahanna's office. Seven of the firemen were put through the set of questions yesterday. The examination is based on practical engineering and the course of instruction furnished through railroad channels.

Battle in Choctaw Nation.

South McAlester, I. T., March 3.—George K. Pritchard, United States marshal, left for Bokoshe, in the eastern part of the Choctaw nation, where it is reported a fight between whites and blacks is in progress. A telegram received here said that three men had been killed.

UNION LEADERS NOT GUILTY

Acquitted of the Charge of Conspiring to Wreck a Train.

Cripple Creek, Colo., March 3.—Sherman Parker and Thomas Foster, miners' union leaders, accused of attempting to wreck a passenger train, were acquitted by the jury.

Immediately after the announcement of the verdict the district attorney nolled the case against Sherman Parker, W. F. Davis and H. H. McKinney, in which they were charged with the overt act of train wrecking. While the jury was absent from the court room, the district attorney also nolled the cases against Steve Adams, W. F. Davis and Charles G. Kennison, all union leaders, the latter being president of miners' union No. 40, of Cripple Creek, charging them with the murder of Melvin Becks and Charles H. McCormick, who were killed by an explosion in the Vindicator mine shortly after the miners' strike in this district, was commenced.

San Domingo Problem.

Washington, March 3.—The administration is puzzled to know how to deal with San Domingo. Every report that comes from the island indicates the existence there of a state approaching anarchy. If there were a capable government—either regular or revolutionary—the state department would call upon it to preserve the peace, protect American interests and cause a cessation of the frequent and annoying interference with American commerce, but it is said there is no such government and the government is loath to embark on a policy of policing the island and chasing small guerrilla bands through the jungles. The whole subject is under serious consideration by the administration, which believes that foreign interests are looking to the United States to relieve their own governments of the necessity of taking hold in San Domingo.

Opinion Formally Upheld.

St. Louis, March 3.—The United States court of appeals sustained the district court in its decision that any railroad has the right to use the Union Pacific bridge between Council Bluffs and Omaha and the stations and switch yards facilities of that road in the two cities. The decision was reached in the contest of the Mason City and Fort Dodge road, owned and controlled by the Chicago Great Western. It applied for the use of the bridge and was refused. The district court decided in its favor and the Union Pacific company appealed the case.

Wife Murder and Suicide.

Fargo, N. D., March 3.—Gottlieb Seivert of McLean county pounded his wife with a revolver until she was forced to lean upon him for support and when her head was resting upon his shoulder he shot her, causing instant death. He then turned the weapon upon himself and is in a serious condition. Jealousy inspired the crime.

Vane Dine Declared Sane.

Chicago, March 3.—Harvey Van Dine, one of the three car barn bandits now on trial for murder, was declared sane by Dr. James G. Kiernan, a specialist in nervous diseases, and who testified concerning the sanity of Guiteau, the assassin of President Garfield. Two other experts also testified that Van Dine was not insane.

CAUSES FEVER OF EXCITEMENT

Striker Arrested for Vagrancy and Handcuffed to Telegraph Pole.

Denver, March 3.—Headquarters of the Western Federation of Miners in this city was thrown into a fever of excitement by a report of ill treatment of a striking member of the miners' union, under arrest on the charge of vagrancy, at Telluride, by the civil authorities there. The following version of the affair was sent out by Captain Bulkeley Wells, who is in charge of the local military: "Five of the men convicted under vagrancy charges by the civil authorities were put to work, by order of the sheriff, filling in the excavation made this winter by the soldiers in searching for the body of W. J. Barney. One of the men, Harry Maki, refused to work and was handcuffed to a telegraph pole by the deputy sheriff in charge. This action on the part of the civil authorities has caused great indignation among the strikers."

Russians Occupy Telegraph Offices.

Tokio, March 3.—It has been learned here that the Russians have occupied the telegraph offices at An Ju and Young Pyon, north of Ping Yang. They have imprisoned the district governor and confiscated official papers. The main Russian force is concentrated at Liao Yong. The Russians near An Tung aggregate 2,000. No important engagement is expected south of the Yalu river, which, it is believed, the Russian will make their main line of defense.

Japanese Concentrate Troops.

Paris, March 3.—Information reaching here from official sources shows the Japanese concentration of troops is going on extensively in the neighborhood of Ping Yang, Korea. Large forces are debarking from transports at nearby ports, from which it is assumed that an extensive land engagement is imminent in northern Korea.

FIREMEN HOLD A FAIR

Pioneer Hook and Ladder Company Adds to Funds.

NORTHER INTERFERED SOME

Not a Large Attendance But Everything Sold and Brought Good Prices—A Number of Prizes Were Given Away—Lunch Served.

The fair and lunch given in the Coyle building yesterday afternoon and evening by the Pioneer Hook and Ladder company, although the norther offered competition and discouragement throughout, was a very successful venture withal and the company's treasury is swelled to some dimensions this morning.

Because of the storm there were few others than firemen in attendance, but they made things lively and interesting. A nice array of goods that had been contributed by the merchants were on display, and everything was turned into money before the evening was ended. The goods were at first sold privately and what were left later in the evening were auctioned off by J. A. Trulock, everything bringing good prices.

A lunch of cake, sandwiches and coffee was served during the evening and the eatables that were left over were auctiond with the other goods before the fair terminated.

A meeting will be held by the company this evening to settle up the affair and ascertain just how much better off the treasury is than before the fair took place.

A number of prizes were given away. Valma Light drew a handsome sofa pillow valued at $5, which was among the best prizes. A ring was given with a piece of one of the cakes auctioned, but it has not been learned who was the lucky purchaser.

Chas. Shulz bought a package purporting to contain a pair of pants, but when he opened it he found only a single "pant." It would be all right for a one legged man, but for a man with two whole legs it would not answer at all and the firemen refunded Mr. Shulz his money.

Almost everything conceivable was on sale, from every line of business represented in Norfolk, and everything approximated in selling price what it was worth. The room was nicely decorated for the event and the truck of the company was used as an advertising medium, being driven up and down the street, before the norther struck.

DAKOTA COUNTY COURT.

Extended Trial in Land Case Involving Large Amount of Money.

Dakota City, Neb., March 3.—In the district court the case of Henry C. Jordan vs. Andrew R. Jackson was on trial to the court all day and is still in progress this morning. The attorneys in the case are W. E. Gantt for the plaintiff and Mabry & Warner for the defendant. Both parties in the case are residents of Iowa, Mr. Jordan residing at Battle Creek and Mr. Jackson at Des Moines. In the fall of 1902 Jackson sold Jordan an 800-acre tract of land in Emerson precinct in this county, the consideration being $36,000. Jordan deposited $1,000 in the Weare & Allison bank of Sioux City to the credit of Jackson on hte deal and a land contract was executed between the parties providing for the payment of the balance at various stated times. Jackson furnished an abstract of title to the title to the property which Jordan claims is defective, and on which Jordan refused to accept the land, and the suit now in court by Jordan is for the recovery of the $1,000 paid and for $5,000 damages. The defendant is making his case on the contract entered into signed by both parties and that if any defects appear in the abstract he had until the expiration of the contract, to perfect the same.

GALE SPREADS THE FLAMES

Disastrous Prairie Fires Reported in Several Places in Nebraska.

Kearney, Neb., March 3.—A destructive prairie fire is raging between this place and Wood River, carried on by a fifty-mile an hour gale. It started near the latter town and was carried rapidly southward. All the buildings on the Calkins ranch have been destroyed as well as a number on the Gamble farm. The wind carried the flames across the Union Pacific railroad tracks, giving the fire a clear field, and it licked up hay stacks, buildings and everything else in its path. A request came to Kearney for help and members of the fire department have gone to the scene. It is not believed the fire can be stayed, however, until it reaches the Platte river.

How to Advertise.

The householder in glancing through his morning paper has his attention caught by the more attractive advertisements. Advertising is an essential factor in modern business methods, and to advertise wisely the business man must understand the workings of the minds of his customers and must know how to influence them effectively—he must know how to apply psychology to advertising.—Atlantic.

Drop of Sixty-Three Degrees.

Lincoln, March 3.—Two March temperature records were broken in Nebraska. At 1 o'clock in Lincoln the weather bureau thermometer indicated 79 degrees, the highest temperature for March of which there is a record. At 7 o'clock the reading was 16 above zero, a fall of sixty-three degrees in six hours, a descent likewise without precedent in the state. Throughout the night a tremendous gale blew from the northwest. Reports from country towns show damage to small buildings, wind mills and plate glass store fronts.

Chicago World's Fair Final Dividend.

Chicago, March 3.—The accounts of the World's Columbian exposition of 1893 were closed with the payment of a final dividend of 4.65 per cent to all of the 2,000 stockholders. This payment, with a dividend of 10 per cent, which was paid in 1894, makes a total of 14.65 per cent in dividends paid on the capital stock. About $2,000 remains in the hands of the treasurer to meet any claims which may be brought against the company. The total amount spent on the Chicago World's fair was $33,000,000.

McCook Menaced by Prairie Fire.

McCook, Neb., March 3.—McCook was seriously menaced by prairie fires. A perfect gale prevailed. A shift of the wind at an opportune time and hard fighting by citizens warded off the disaster. North and east of here many farm buildings and other farm property were destroyed.

Maumee Out of Its Banks.

Toledo, O., March 3.—The Maumee river here is seven feet above normal and has overflowed the docks, although the ice is unbroken. The situation is more threatening than ever. At Grand Rapids, O., the business section of the town was complet flooded.

Third Defendant Testifies.

Norton, Kan., March 3.—Clyde Wilson, the third of the defendants to testify, took the stand in the Dewey trial. He corroborated the testimony of Dewey and McBride that the Berrys had fired first and the Dewey party had returned the fire in self-defense.

Two Men Asphyxiated.

Kansas City, March 3.—W. F. Helm of [illegible], Ky., and W. G. Huber of Terre Haute, Ind., were found dead in a rooming house here as a result of asphyxiation. Huber bore a card of a St. Joseph (Mo.) lodge, Knights of Pythias.

SCHOOL HOUSE AT ELGIN

New $12,000 Structure to be Erected There.

THE CONTRACT IS ALREADY LET

The Board of Education Has Given Contracts to Local People for Handsome New Monument of Learning Which Will Go Up at Once.

Elgin, Neb., March 3.—Special to The News: Elgin is to have a magnificent new school house. It will cost $12,000. The contract for the structure has been let by the local board. Elgin contractors will do the work. Fred Palmer will have general supervision over the work. W. F. Hammond will furnish the brick. Endie & McCord will do the mason work.

Invests in Pierce County.

West Point, Neb., March 3.—Special to The News: E. Giffert has gone to Plainview to invest some more of his money in Pierce county lands.

New Elevator at Elgin.

Elgin, Neb., March 3.—Special to The News: W. F. Hammond has the foundation for his new elevator about finished. It will have a capacity of 30,000 bushels and will cost $6,000.

Looking After Mickey.

West Point, Neb., March 3.—Special to The News: A. D. Beemer of Lincoln is in the city looking after Governor Mickey's fences. Cuming county needs a little looking after in that line.

Doctor From Kentucky.

Elgin, Neb., March 3.—Special to The News: Dr. George F. Payne of Louisville, Ky., is in the city, summoned here by his brother, James Payne, in whose family two cases of illness are now reported.

Robbers Bound Over.

Tekamah, Neb., March 3.—The preliminary hearing of Thomas Gray, Frank Bullis and George Keeler, charged with robbing the First National bank of Lyons last November, was held. About twenty witnesses were on hand for the state and nearly as many for the defendants.

Practically no defense was made by the men and they were bound over to the district court and the amount of their bonds was not fixed.

Death of H. S. Gamble.

Yankton, S. D., March 3.—Hugh S. Gamble, brother of Senator Robert J. Gamble, died suddenly last night of Bright's disease. He was a prominent insurance man here for many years. Age was about 60. He leaves a wife and four children, two girls and two boys.

A TERRIFIC HURRICANE

Very Remarkable Temperature Range of Seventy Degrees.

WAS FIERCEST IN MANY YEARS

The Sudden Switching of the Wind Shortly Before Noon Yesterday Brought a Tempestuous Storm Which Churned Things Generally.

Probably no greater freak in the way of a day has been known in this section of the globe in many, many years than that which was thrust upon Nebraska yesterday. Certainly no greater range in temperature between the rising of the sun and the setting has been recorded than that which occurred during the change. From a fair, balmy spring day in the dawning, the weather switched at noon into a hurricane which lasted until far into the night and the thermometer dropped from seventy-one degrees to one degree—a deviation of exactly seventy degrees for a very few hours.

It was prhaps the fiercest March wind storm that has hit this locality. It came predicted by the weather man but in its suddenness it swept down like a wolf upon the fold.

One of the most terrific windstorms that March ever brought along, registered in at noon and made life miserable for quite a while. For a time the dust was so clouded in the streets that it was quite impossible to see at any distance ahead and pedestrians had great difficulty in keeping to the sidewalks at all. Several loads of hay that were being hauled through the streets, were badly diminished by the swirling atmosphere. Hats went chasing about in all directions. D. Rees was one of the unfortunate sufferers on this account. His hat was lifted entirely off his head and carried up into the sky, over a whole block of brick buildings on Norfolk avenue and when last seen was sailing merrily away, all same balloon. He walked home bare headed.

Piano boxes that lined the street were overturned and hurled into the avenues. Sign boards were ripped from their fastenings. Women were blown off the sidewalks and into the gutters. No one could attempt to make headway against the blowing blast.

As is shown in the drop of the temperature, the evening became bitterly cold. And this, with the gale that was added to drive it in, created one of the most severely cutting breezes imaginable. People who had come down town in the morning with no overcoats went crazy in trying to crawl home at night against the current of the atmosphere. Dogs curled their tails between their freezing legs and scurried along close to the fences and the buildings, in their efforts to be rid of the suffering. Electric wires howled and moaned in their agony.

But they didn't always talk quite straight for all of that. So entangled did they become in some instances that communication was quite impossible. Telegraph wires throughout northern Nebraska were mixed up in a bad way.

Fire Broke Out.

Fire would have been a dreadful thing. One almost started in Norfolk during the storm. A small blaze was discovered in an alley between Third and Fourth streets and the department was called out. It was easily extinguished and was only dangerous because of the wind.

This morning dawned clear and bright and keenly cold. The streets are whipped bare of dust and the ditches are drifted with rubbish.

A Mile a Minute.

The wind blew with a velocity of a mile a minute shortly after it had arrived. It is a part of the same great wave that came down from Canada and has swept down over the entire middle west. In Denver it blew sixty-two miles an hour and in Sioux City sixty miles an hour.

IN NORFOLK SOCIAL CIRCLES

[From Wednesday's Daily.]

Juvenile Farewell.

Master Thomas Odiorne entertained a company of little friends from 4 to 8 o'clock last evening for his little playmate, Fritz Bucholz, who is about to leave the city with his parents, for California.

Browning Club Banquet.

Members of the Browning club were banqueted at the home of Dr. and Mrs. A. D. Cole last night in their home at the corner of Koenigstein avenue and Ninth street. Following a very delightful feast of edible delicacies, the club enjoyed a feast of intellectual discourse upon the present war between Japan and Russia. The comparative armies, navies and strength, together with ideas and impressions deferentiating the two countries, were dealt with at length.

Heights Ladies.

Mrs. A. J. Durland is entertaining a number of ladies of the Heights at her home on South Ninth street this afternoon.

Farewell Party.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Reckard expect to leave the latter part of next week to make their home in Los Angeles, Cal. Their neighbors and friends to the number of twenty-five thought they would have one more good time in the Reckard home whether invited or not, and last evening dropped in about 8 o'clock and spent the evening in a delightful manner. Mr. and Mrs. Reckard have many friends ni Norfolk who are sorry to see them leave but will wish them an abundance of prosperity and happiness in their new home.

Rare Birthday Anniversary.

Mr. L. Sessions of this city is one of the rare individuals who has a birthday but once in four years and has had none for the past eight years owing to the manipulations of the calendar makers, his birthday fallinfi on the 29th of February.

Monday night his neighbors and friends thought they should help celebrate the first aniversary he has had during the past eight years and paid him a surprise visit, taking their suppers along. About thirty of them joined in the movement and called in about 6:30 to spend the evening. A thoroughly delightful time was enjoyed by the man with the rare birthdays as well as his uninvited guests and the host was left with the regret that his anniversaries were not more frequent.

Wednesday Club Banquet.

The annual banquet of the Wednesday club was held last evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Butterfield. Heretofore it has been the custom of the club to hold its annual banquet at the close of the year's work, in April or May, but the date was promoted this year on account of the fact that one of its members, Mrs. Bucholz, is soon to leave for another home. Of the nineteen active members of the club, sixteen were present, who with their husbands, made a company of thirty-two at the table.

The table effect was one of the prettiest that has ever been seen in the city. A long board down the length of the dining room and library, which were thrown together, terminating in large round tables at either end, was surmounted with most exquisite table furnishings, candelabra and cut flowers. The menu, served in courses, was all that might be expected from the combined skill of the ladies of the club.

After the repast, and after considerable good tobacco had been consumed by the rougher members of the company, there was organized an imitation club, conducted by the men, in which they gave what they believed to be a representation of the ordinary club meeting. The feeble attempts of the men to conduct an up-to-date meeting but demonstrated to the ladies that the lords of creation have many things to learn before they can consider themselves thoroughly up to date in a literary sense.

The evening was enjoyed by everyone present.

THE WEST POINT LIEDER-KRANZ

A Very Interesting Meeting of the Society is Held.

West Point, Neb., March 3.—Special to The News: The West Point Lieder-Kranz held its first social session for this season in the Turner hall. President Ruessing in his opening address aroused applause to the echo from all those who were present, in championing the cause of erecting the new auditorium.

Over 200 of the leading citizens of Cuming county were present. The evening was spent in singing by the Lieder-Kranz. A piano solo was rendered by Miss Meister and one by Miss Hanger. A song was given by members of the parochial school. Vocal solos were sung by Miss Doellot and Miss Hierschman. A recitation was delivered by Miss Ella Stieren. A prologue on "The Issues of the Day" was delivered by Mr. Breitinger. A very interesting lecture was given by Mr. Hirschman on "The Days of the Old German High Church."

Chicago's Long Training Trip.

Chicago, Ill., March 3.—When the players of the Chicago National league base ball club leave here tonight it will be the beginning of the longest training trip on record. The first objective point is Los Angeles, where the club will arrive next Monday and make a stay of a bout a week. From Los Angeles the team will travel to San Francisco, playing Portland at Bakersfield and Tacoma at Fresno enroute. From San Francisco it is intended to travel to Colorado Springs, playing enroute Sacramento, Ogden and Salt Lake City. There will be a stay of ten days at Colorado Springs, and games will be played with Colorado Springs and Denver during that time. From Colorado the team will travel homeward, playing two or three games on the way, and reaching Cincinnati on the morning of April 13. The regular season will be opened at Cincinnati the following day.