

THE NORFOLK WEEKLY NEWS-JOURNAL.

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NEARLY 100,000 ALREADY

REGISTRATION FOR LANDS EXCEEDS EXPECTATIONS.

WILL PROBABLY REACH 110,000

Bonesteel and Fairfax Both Gain Crowds—"Flat Joins" Allowed to Open up Under Municipal Supervision at Bonesteel to Prevent Trouble

Bonesteel, July 21.—Registration for homesteads on the Rosebud reservation was extremely large during the past twenty-four hours, aggregating 15,000 at the four land offices.

The registration was accomplished with but little excitement and the crowds were nicely handled by the boards at the offices.

At this place 3,034 were registered yesterday, and the crowds during the last two days is expected to be unprecedented.

The total registrations up to night for Rosebud lands aggregated:

Yankton	46,500
Bonesteel	24,034
Chamberlain	18,500
Fairfax	6,100

Total 95,334
Yesterday the "flat joints" were put to work with municipal supervision. A policeman was stationed at each game and the agreement was that no bets should exceed the \$2 limit. This was done as a complete surrender to the gamblers.

Things were reasonably quiet yesterday. The citizens are still demanding the re-employment of Chief Nelson, not liking the cheap men experiment.

A report that a section of the Northwestern had been wrecked and 100 killed caused consternation, but the report was later denied.

FAIRFAX GAINS CROWDS.

Wild West Indian Show Helps Draw the People There.

Fairfax, S. D., July 21.—From a staff correspondent: Almost a thousand eager landseekers got off and registered at Fairfax yesterday and a very much bigger crowd stopped here last night and today so that the prospects for the registration before night is the best that has been yet known. The exact number registered here yesterday was 839.

Forty-eight families arrived here from Bonesteel and have joined the wild west show. They have been giving dances all day and are a strong attraction. They make every train and help get the people and there is no standing in line.

BUTTE FAMILY BURNED

LAMP EXPLOSION IN HOME OF LEM GORMLEY.

ONE CHILD DEAD FROM BURNS

Gormley Himself, Inhaled the Flames and is in a Bad Condition—His Wife and Two Children Were all Enveloped by the Seething Fire.

Butte, Neb., July 21.—Four persons badly burned in a fire that followed a lamp explosion, one of them perhaps fatally and two others dangerously—that is the effect of a tragic accident that occurred here in the home of Lem Gormley. The lamp exploded in the bedroom. The flames enveloped Gormley, his wife and two children, one of them four years old and the other two weeks. The latter were badly burned and the oldest is not expected to live.

Gormley inhaled the flames, but is expected to recover. His wife is in a dangerous condition. The house was saved but the furniture was wrecked.

Child is Dead.

Butte, Neb., July 21.—The older child of Mr. and Mrs. Len Gormley is dead from the burns sustained by the exploding of a lamp in the bedroom in which all members of the family were more or less seriously burned.

Mrs. Logan to Speak.

Indianapolis, Ind., July 21.—The twenty-first annual chautauqua assembly of the Christian church opened auspiciously today at Bethany park and will continue until the middle of August. Great preparations have been made use of for the celebration of G. A. R. day tomorrow, when Mrs. John A. Logan and other persons of note will be among the speakers.

CATHOLIC SOCIETIES' CONVENTION

Largest Gathering of Catholic Laymen Ever Held in United States at Detroit Next Week.

Detroit, Mich., July 21.—The largest gathering of Catholic laymen ever held in the United States will assemble in Detroit next week on the occasion of the annual convention of the American Federation of Catholic societies. The federation movement has made a steady progress since its inception three years ago and the coming convention will be attended

by thousands of delegates and visitors from every section of the country. The gathering will be formally opened Tuesday morning with a pontifical high mass at St. Mary's church. Bishop Foley will officiate and the visiting archbishops will assist. There will be two public meetings held during the week, and among the speakers will be Rev. Thomas J. Campbell, of New York, on "Socialism;" Judge Paul Carpenter, of Milwaukee, on "The Church and Society;" and Conde Fallon, of New York, on "Christian Education."

Tennessee Christian Endeavorers.

Monteagle, Tenn., July 21.—The delegates to the Christian Endeavor state convention, which was formally opened yesterday, were up with the larks this morning and began the day with a sunrise prayer led by Rev. J. E. Gorschuch. Committee conferences and quiet hour services were interspersed during the day with a number of interesting addresses. Among the speakers and their topics were the following: Rev. J. K. Howard, "Christian Endeavor's Greatest Blunder;" Pr. William M. Anderson, "The 'What Each Society Needs'"; and a convention will come to a close tomorrow.

RUSSIA WILL APOLOGIZE

WILL RELEASE THE BRITISH STEAMER MALACCA.

YIELD TO BRITISH DEMAND

Associated Press Has Information that Russia Wants the Matter Adjusted at Once—Bill of Health of Steamer Signed "Russia."

St. Petersburg, July 21.—The Associated Press has excellent reason for stating that Russia will yield in the Malacca case and release the steamer in accordance with the British demand, and that the czar's government will express regret at her detention.

Bill of Health Marked "Russia." Port Said, July 21.—The bill of health of the steamer Malacca which left this port today with a Russian prize crew on board, was marked, "Russia."

CALL IT "RUSSIAN PIRACY."

The British Press is Vigorous in its Condemnation of Seizures. London, July 21.—The situation here over the Red sea affair is becoming alarming, and the entire British press is up in arms against the alleged "Russian piracy."

Strong representations have been made to Russia and it is believed that the latter will make ample reparation. It is known that the British foreign office has taken active steps to secure redress from Russia for the seizure of the steamer Malacca and get a promise for the future good behaviour of that country on the high seas.

The further details received from Port Said declaring the situation on board the Peninsular and Oriental company's steamer Malacca, seized in the Red sea by the Russian volunteer fleet vessel St. Petersburg, fail to give any reason for the seizure and only serve to inflame the British feeling. The officials of the company reiterate their denial that the Malacca was carrying contraband of war and reassert that the explosives on board were British government stores consigned to the naval commander at Hongkong.

BURGESS NAMES COMMITTEE.

Republican State Chairman Chooses His Political Advisors.

Lincoln, July 21.—Chairman H. C. M. Burgess of the republican state committee was empowered at the recent meeting of that body to select as his executive committee one man from each congressional district, with the exception of the First and Second, which were to have added representation in a man from Omaha and one from Lincoln. Mr. Burgess has announced the following as his selection:

- First district—William Hayward, jr., of Nebraska City and L. L. Lindsey of Lincoln.
- Second district—F. H. Claridge of Blair and Victor Rosewater of Omaha.
- Third district—Charles H. Kelsey of Neligh.
- Fourth district—A. H. Kidd of Beatrice.
- Fifth district—E. G. Titus of Holdrege.
- Sixth district—Charles A. Robinson of Kearney.

OMAHA JOBBERS TO BONESTEEL

Business Men of Metropolis Will Cover Territory Out of Norfolk. Omaha, July 21.—Bonesteel is to be the Mecca of the next Commercial club and South Omaha Live Stock Exchange excursion. Three days of riding and boating over the Northwest are on the program—August 4, 5 and 6. One day will be spent in covering the territory from Norfolk to Long Pine.

JOS. FOLK FOR GOVERNOR

PROSECUTOR OF BOODLERS IS HONORED IN MISSOURI.

THE CHOICE OF DEMOCRATS

The Candidate Promises that the Battle Against Boodlers Has Only Just Commenced in that State—No Favors to Ask and no Quarter to Give.

Jefferson City, Mo., July 21.—Joseph W. Folk, the prosecutor of St. Louis boodlers, was nominated for governor by the democratic state convention at 3:38 this morning on the first ballot. Harry B. Dawes, his principal opponent, moved to make the vote unanimous and when it carried escorted the candidate to the platform amid a great demonstration. In his speech of acceptance Mr. Folk said he had no favors to ask of boodlers whom he had been prosecuting, and no quarter to give. "It is unrelenting warfare to the end," said Mr. Folk. "The battle against boodlers has only commenced in Missouri. If I am elected I propose to make Missouri the most unhealthy place in all the land for the corruptionists to operate in."

At 1 o'clock this morning the convention adjourned until 10 to complete the ticket.

THE "IOWA IDEA" FAILED

Cummings Faction Had no Show in the Republican State Convention.

Des Moines, July 21.—The republican state convention finished its work and adjourned last evening. The "Iowa idea" was not allowed a place in the convention.

N. S. Ketchum, candidate for railroad commissioner, the only office over which there was a contest, was nominated on the second ballot. W. B. Martin, for secretary of state; Gilbert S. Culbertson, treasurer; R. F. Carroll, auditor; W. B. Mullan, attorney general; and Horace E. Deemer, judge of supreme court, were nominated by acclamation.

Presidential electors were named as follows:

First district, W. B. Bell, Washington; Second, W. H. Wilson, Scott; Third, F. B. Blair, Delaware; Fourth, George E. May, Charles City; Fifth, Ward Wilson, Tama; Sixth, Ellisworth Rominger, Davis; Seventh, A. U. Prindle, Warren; Eighth, Paul August Adams, Ninth, Captain John W. Scott, Cass; Tenth, A. D. Clarke, Kosuth; Eleventh, Fred F. Faville, Buena Vista.

The resolutions committee was composed of men opposed to the so-called Iowa idea. The "stand pat" faction went to the convention prepared to fight if necessary in order to keep off the resolutions committee any who are believers in "the Iowa idea," and who are not adherents of protection. It was unnecessary, however, as the Cummings men conceded a victory from the outset.

After adopting a platform along the line of the platform of the Chicago convention and endorsing the administration of Governor Cummings the convention adjourned.

WRIT OF ERROR GRANTED

SENATOR BURTON SEES RELIEF FROM SUPREME COURT.

CASE WILL HAVE REHEARING

Convicted of Accepting a Fee for Services Before the Postoffice Department While a Member of the United States Senate.

Washington, July 21.—Justice Brewer of the United States supreme court has granted a writ of error to the United States district court for the Eastern district of Missouri, in the case of Senator Burton, convicted at St. Louis of accepting a fee for services before the postoffice department while a member of the United States senate. The case will be reviewed by the supreme court probably in the fall.

SEARCH IS FINALLY REWARDED.

St. Louis Man Finds Father, Sister and Brother.

Fremont, Neb., July 21.—George Wolters after a long search, has found his step-brother and step-sister in the Lutheran Orphans' home in Fremont.

The young man's story is an unusual one. His mother left him and his little sister in an orphanage of the Evangelical synod in St. Louis twenty years ago. The last he saw of her was when she came to bid him good bye. "Be a good boy," she said, "I'm not coming back."

Wolters grew to manhood, was released from the home and followed the trade of a butcher. His sister became of age and was married.

A few months ago the young man decided to search for his relatives and commenced visiting various institutions in hopes of getting a clue.

Finally he found a man who had known of his father and who said the senior Wolters had been confined in the Missouri state asylum.

Young Wolters visited the asylum and found his father, incurably insane.

He secured the address of an uncle and from him ascertained that his mother had married again and gone to Colorado, where she died, leaving three children, one of them Wolters' sister and two the fruit of the second marriage with a man named Yager. Wolters continued the search and finally located his brothers and sisters in the orphans' home in Fremont.

STOCK ISSUE OF SOUTHERN PACIFIC

Hundred Millions at Seven Per Cent to be Authorized at Meeting of Directors Today.

New York, July 21.—The issue of \$100,000,000 of 7 per cent stock proposed by the directors of the Southern Pacific will be authorized by the stockholders at their special meeting today. Of this amount only \$10,000,000 of the stock is to be issued at the present time. The proceeds will be used to refund a large amount of obligations maturing for betterments and additions to existing lines, as well as for new equipment, new steamships and the completion of the piers at Galveston and other large improvements already under way.

THE STRIKE IS SETTLED

BOTH SIDES AGREE TO ARBITRATION.

EMPLOYEES ARE RESUMING WORK

The Settlement Has as Yet Had Little Effect on the Market—Expected that Plants Will Soon be Running Full Time.

Chicago, July 21.—Fifty thousand butcher workmen will go back to their posts tomorrow and the board of arbitration will pass upon contentions for higher wages and less arduous working conditions. President Donnelly has today received the approval of all members of the executive board except two, Syracuse and San Francisco. Around the Chicago stock yards today there was rejoicing among strikers as well as among stockmen and the packing interests.

There was a much better feeling in the packing house districts today here and in other cities over the prospective settlement of the butchers' strike by arbitration. Many of the old employees are returning to work, pending an agreement by the board of arbitration and it is expected that the packing plants will soon be running on full time and with a complete equipment of men.

The packers were on the market this morning buying some stock, but owing to the fact that the shipments had continued during the trouble and that there were large numbers of animals on hand, the buying had no early appreciable effect on the prices.

The questions that have been in dispute are to be settled by arbitration and the packers agree to take back all employees who went on strike within a specified time. It is understood that work is to be resumed at all packing centers this morning.

A conference yesterday afternoon to attempt a settlement of the big strike was agreed to by the packing house proprietors. The agreement was reached at a meeting in the stock yards office of Armour & Co., at which representatives of all the packing houses were present. The purpose of the meeting was to consider an appeal made to the packers by representatives of trades employed in the packing houses such as teamsters, engineers and electricians, who might be affected by a sympathetic strike in aid of the butchers and unskilled workmen who constitute the bulk of the army of men already out.

Six weeks is the time agreed upon in which the old employees may return to work. New employees are to be permitted to retain their positions if they choose to do so.

The arbitrators are to be three in number, all packing house men. One is to be chosen by the packers; one will represent the strikers, and the third is to be chosen by these two.

OMAHA PLANTS TO START.

Packing House Managers and Employees Welcome News.

South Omaha, July 21.—The news from Chicago that the strike had been settled was conveyed to the packing house managers in Omaha by private telegrams.

The men were also notified and the expression from both employer and employe was one of relief.

The Omaha plant was the first to announce its intention. Its old men will go to work on Friday morning and operations will be put on the old basis at once.

Other managers express themselves as willing to start at once, and as soon as the word can be gotten around to the men the plants will be running full tilt again.

MURDERER IS TO HANG

MAN WHO KILLED A NEBRASKA WOMAN TO PAY PENALTY.

WAS A MOST UNUSUAL CASE

Norman Williams, Accused of Making Away With His Fiance and Her Mother After Getting Them to Take a Homestead in Oregon.

The Dalles, Ore., July 21.—The execution of Norman Williams, which is scheduled to take place here tomorrow, will be the climax of one of the most sensational and unusual murder cases in the criminal annals of the northwest. It will culminate the revenge of a brother and a son for the murder of his sister and her mother.

In the spring of 1899 Williams and Miss Nesbitt were engaged to be married in Omaha, Neb. Williams induced his fiance to go to Oregon and take a homestead claim before they were married. She came to Oregon, filed a claim and hired herself out as a domestic. Later her mother, Mrs. L. J. Nesbitt, joined her in Portland, where Miss Nesbitt had secured employment. The two women went to Hood river valley to live on their claim during the winter.

It was on March 8, 1900, they left Portland with Williams. It was dark when they reached Hood river and a storm was raging. Williams hired a rig and in the face of the storm set out for the homestead. Williams drove them into a lonely road and that was the last ever seen of the two women. The next morning Williams returned to Hood river with a jaded team. He said that he had put the women aboard the morning train. He was seen, however, to return to Hood river two hours after the only morning train had left.

The following June Williams filed Alma Nesbitt's relinquishment to her claim. This was later discovered to be a forgery. Then George Nesbitt appeared on the scene. He believed Williams had murdered his mother and sister, and slowly, but surely, he set about hounding the man down and collecting evidence that resulted in Williams' conviction last May.

A peculiar part of the case was the body of neithr though portions with hair attached pieces of clothing and a line of moldings disappeared.

EQUALIZATION OF STATE

BOARD ANXIOUS TO COMPLETE WORK EARLY IN AUGUST.

LAND VALUES OF COUNTIES

Tuesday and Wednesday of Next Week Set Aside for General Hearing of Complaints—Tables Prepared by Land Commissioner Folmer.

Lincoln, Neb., July 21.—The state board of equalization is desirous of completing its labors by the first Monday in August, and to expedite matters the board yesterday set aside Tuesday and Wednesday of next week for a general hearing of complaints against the county assessments and invited the public to be present.

At the meeting of the board yesterday the method of making the equalization was thoroughly discussed. The board finally adopted the theory of State Auditor Weston, that while equalization might be made on all classes of property the resulting increase or decrease to each county would have to be certified to the county as a whole and then distributed equally among all of the taxpayers by the county clerks, regardless of what had been done with the particular class of property on which they pay taxes.

Land Commissioner Folmer's report on land values has been practically completed. According to his figures the county assessors have come very close to the land values, and if the Folmer schedule is adopted there will be little change. The figures by railroad attorneys remain unchanged. Some of the figures are as follows:

County—	Actual value.	Assessors' value.
Adams	\$30 40	\$30 25
Burt	51 30	47 40
Cuming	55 22	54 55
Otoe	52 99
Polk	44 57	44 75
York	43 60	43 10

Chickasaw Brigade Reunion.

Sulphur, I. T., July 21.—This place is gay with flags and bunting today in honor of the veterans of the Chickasaw brigade, United Confederate veterans, which is in session. The Sons of Confederate veterans and the Daughters of the Confederacy are participating and the reunion, which lasts until the end of the week, promises to be unusually successful.

Exposition at Grand Forks. Grand Forks, N. D., July 21.—Grand Forks is thronged with visitors today as seldom before in her history. The occasion is the opening of the Red

THE CONDITION OF THE WEATHER

Temperature for Twenty-four Hours Ending at 8 O'Clock This Morning. Forecast for Nebraska.

Conditions of the weather as reported for the 24 hours ending at 8 a. m. today.

Maximum	84
Minimum	60
Average	72
Rainfall	.61
Total rainfall for month	3.74
Barometer	30.00

Chicago, July 21.—The bulletin issued by the Chicago station of the United States weather bureau this morning, gives the forecast for Nebraska as follows:

Generally fair tonight and Friday. Warmer Friday and west portion tonight.

River Valley exposition, which will continue for three days. For several months the various committees have been hard at work arranging for the exposition and the result is one of the largest and most comprehensive displays of the products of farm, factory and ranch ever seen in this section. Numerous forms of entertainment, including a three-days' race meeting, add to the attractions of the exposition.

ELKS' DAY AT THE FAIR

JOLLY CROWD WILL VISIT EXPOSITION IN A BODY.

WILL BE IN ST. LOUIS JULY 28

After Adjournment of the Grand Lodge Meeting in Cincinnati the Elks Will Take in the Pike and a Few Other Features of the Expo.

St. Louis, July 21.—Tuesday, July 26 will be Elk's day at the World's fair and for one day and a very long night the purple colors will float over the exposition. The members will come to St. Louis in a body after the adjournment of the grand lodge meeting in Cincinnati. A special program has been provided for their entertainment while at the World's

Exposition at the local club rooms and building at Seventh and Grand streets, the members will parade through the city to the exposition grounds.

Upon their arrival at the main entrance they will be met by an escort of 200 Boer soldiers and proceed through the grounds to the Temple of Fraternity, where an address of welcome will be delivered by John H. Holmes, Exalted Ruler of St. Louis Lodge No. 9, to which address the newly elected exalted ruler will respond. President Francis of the exposition company will welcome the visitors on behalf of the World's fair management.

Following a general reception, the concessionaries on The Pike will give a spectacular parade especially for the benefit of the Elks. This parade will pass the Temple of Fraternity while the guests are gathered there and will include a deputation from Mysterious Asia, strange music makers from India, Japanese Geisha girls, Spanish dancers from the streets of Seville, a detachment of Hale's Fire Fighters and representatives of other attractions on the amusement street.

After the parade the Elks will be unharnessed and allowed to forage in the pasture of the World's fair grounds. At 6 p. m. there will be a competitive drill on the Plaza of St. Louis between several Elk teams. The winning team will be presented with a beautiful flag in commemoration of its victory.

BIG LEAD MERGER COMPLETED

Plan of Merging National and United Lead Companies Will be Acted Upon in New York.

New York, July 21.—It is said on good authority that the plan for the merger of the National Lead company and the United Lead company will be favorably acted upon at today's meeting of the directors of the National Lead company and that the deal will be consummated at an early date. Reports have been current at different times during the last two years that the rival lead interests would get together. Negotiations have at times been held looking to such a result. Each time, however, they came to naught, and the rivalry became more bitter. It seems that it was this rivalry which was directly responsible for bringing the two interests together.

It is believed that in the proposed merger the National will take over only the manufacturing plants of its rival, and that the mining interests owned by the Guggenheim-Ryan combine—which also controls the United Lead company—will be otherwise disposed of. If this plan is carried out the mining properties of the United Lead company will probably be turned over to the American Smelting and Refining company, which is also controlled by the Guggenheim-Ryan people.