

IOWA SOLD FOR ALLISON.

Harmony and Enthusiasm Marks the Republican Convention.

A WESTERN CANDIDATE NEEDED.

J. P. Dolliver Presents the Merits of the Statesman and Financier in an Eloquent Address—Old Platforms Reaffirmed.

Iowa's Unanimous Choice.

DES MOINES, Ia., March 21.—[Special Telegram to the Bee.]—The fact that Iowa was to present a candidate for the presidency called out the largest attendance at the state convention since it has been seen in years. It has been emphatically an Allison day. Allison pictures, Allison flags and Allison songs were conspicuous in the grand opera house and an Allison spirit of absolute unanimity and harmony pervaded the convention.

Although a harmonious convention, it has not been a slow or tame one. The liveliest enthusiasm prevailed and every mention of Senator Allison's name was greeted with prolonged applause. The republicans of Iowa seem to realize the opportunity that has come to them and they are determined to present Senator Allison to the country with the hearty and united support of his state. Senator James E. Wilson, who has been named as the opponent, is a man of high ability and character who has been a long and successful career in the service of his country. He has been a member of the state senate and has been a member of the national republicans. He has been a member of the national republicans and has been a member of the national republicans. He has been a member of the national republicans and has been a member of the national republicans.

Details of the Convention.

DES MOINES, Ia., March 21.—The following delegates to the national republican convention were chosen at the district conventions: First District—Delegates: J. N. Irwin, Senator James E. Wilson, alternates, Colonel W. B. Bell, Washington county; L. W. Myers, Louisa county. Second District—Delegates: Milton Reilly, Johnson county; James T. Lane, Scott county; alternates, Judge C. E. Hodges, Iowa county; C. F. Garlock, Muscatine county. Third District—Delegates: J. D. Newcomb, Des Moines county; alternates, Colonel J. E. Buchanan, Buchanan county; B. F. Birdsall, Wright county. Fourth District—Delegates: Hon. Tom Undergrad, Clayton county; Hon. J. D. Glass, Cerro Gordo county; alternates, L. E. Small, Boone county; A. J. Bailey, Winnebago county. Fifth District—Delegates: Colonel H. H. Root, Linn county; W. A. Hunter, Benton county; alternates, J. W. H. H. Root, Linn county; Major S. S. Farwell, Jones county. Sixth District—Delegates: George M. Christie, Boone county; alternates, A. H. Fortune, Davis county; Cunningham, Keokuk county. Seventh District—Delegates: Colonel A. Bigelow, Story county; Hon. T. J. Caldwell, Dallas county; alternates, Colonel C. B. H. H. Root, Linn county; Captain R. L. Chase, Boone county. Eighth District—Delegates: Colonel W. P. Heppburn, Page county; General F. M. Crocker, Lucas county; H. M. Tanner, Adams county. Ninth District—Delegates: Smith McPherson, Montgomery county; W. F. Weeks, Shelby county; alternates, E. W. Weeks, Guthrie county; J. L. Jenkins, Audubon county. Tenth District—Delegates: W. E. Hanna, Kosuth county; W. L. Culbertson, Carroll county; alternates, Mahlon Head, Grundy county; W. H. H. Root, Linn county. Eleventh District—Delegates: F. H. Kellsell, Buena Vista county; Colonel C. Brown, Boone county; alternates, J. W. H. H. Root, Linn county; A. E. Moliniaux, Cherokee county. Twelfth District—Delegates: The state convention met in the grand opera house at 9 o'clock. The theater was profusely decorated with flags, streamers and large pictures of Allison. All the boxes were filled with ladies, and the galleries were crowded with men. The convention opened with a prayer by the Rev. J. P. Dolliver, who offered an eloquent prayer, invoking divine blessing upon the republican party and its great standard bearer, Mr. J. P. Dolliver, who presided over the convention. Mr. J. P. Dolliver, who presided over the convention, was received with applause. Mr. Dolliver eulogized Senator William B. Allison, reviewed his career in public life and his special fitness for the presidency. At the close of his speech a life size portrait of Senator Allison was unveiled and a grand and prolonged cheering and great enthusiasm.

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MURDER TRIAL AT GLENWOOD.

GLENWOOD, Ia., March 21.—[Special Telegram to the Bee.]—The case of the state against Rooks, for murder, was commenced to-day. Hon. W. T. Genung, county attorney, assisted by L. S. Lewis, esq., prosecuting attorney, and W. S. Gilliland, esq., defense attorney, were present. The trial was held in the afternoon and continued through the night. The case is expected to continue for several days.

THE ICE AT SIOUX CITY.

SIOUX CITY, Ia., March 21.—[Special Telegram to the Bee.]—The weather last night turned bitter cold. The ice has become very hard and is expected to continue for several days.

CAUGHT IN A BLIZZARD.

DENVER, Colo., March 21.—[Special Telegram to the Bee.]—A gentleman who reached Denver last evening on the Kansas Pacific was met by the Bee representative this morning and reported a sad occurrence of the late storm and the probable death by exposure of three men in the vicinity of Kit Carson, situated on the Kansas Pacific road, in the eastern part of the state near the Kansas line. At 8:30 o'clock Sunday night a man by the name of Berkeley left Kit Carson for his ranch, some eighteen miles distant, in a wagon, accompanied by two other men. The wind blew from the north and the snow after the party left town the blizzard swept up from Kansas with terrific force. The wind blew a hurricane and the air was full of blinding snow, which the men had to face. Yesterday Berkeley's wife arrived in Kit Carson, having walked all the way from her ranch, and was nearly dead with suffering from weakness, exposure and fright. She was alone, the fire burned out, and to add to the wretchedness of her condition she discovered there were no matches in the house, and so the woman started for town afoot and alone, over the bleak and wintry prairie. Mrs. Berkeley's plight was learned by the Bee representative, who immediately started out to search for the missing men. It is thought that Carson that they may have reached shelter at some isolated point, but it would be difficult to find many at Carson, that they were met by the rain and sleet and had chilled and perished before reaching shelter. Fears are entertained that the blizzard may have been poorly prepared for the blizzard which again came up yesterday afternoon and continued with blinding force for several hours. Although the wind did not blow with the fury of the previous day, quite a quantity of snow has fallen which, if not doing damage to the roads, may do much injury to the sufferings of the last party, if still alive.

STREET RAILWAY VS TELEPHONE.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., March 21.—[Special Telegram to the Bee.]—There promises to be an interesting suit between the Bell telephone company as plaintiff and either the Union railway company or the city of St. Joseph for defendants in a few days. The telephone company claims that its Savannah wire has been rendered almost useless by the stronger electrical current required for the operation of the street railroad, and that when the line was extended to the main part of the city the entire system would be greatly damaged. W. S. Elliott, of New York, representing the Sprague motor company, and W. M. Yenniman, superintendent of the Bell telephone exchange, met a committee of the council to-day to see if the differences could not be adjusted. Mr. Yenniman asked that the Sprague motor company give the Bell telephone company a bond indemnifying them for any damage to their system and read letters showing that the electric road in London had been built on the same principle of the telephone system in that city. The scientific discussion which followed was too abstruse for the common mind, but it was clear that the telephone company was in the wrong. The committee asserted that if damage was done to the telephone system by the street railroad, the city by law, its protection was guaranteed the electric road by its franchise. Mr. Elliott said last evening that the Bell telephone company had been in existence so long that it felt able to crush any corporation which came in its way.

MURDERED AND MUTILATED.

A CHINESE FOUND DEAD WITH HIS HEAD THROWN OUT.

CHENNAI, Wyo., March 21.—[Special Telegram to the Bee.]—A terrible murder was brought to light at Rock Springs yesterday when the body of a Chinaman was found in a building in Chinatown near the quarters of Company H, Seventeenth Infantry. The body of the murdered man was mutilated in a revolting manner, his head being cut off, his right hand and his body being mangled. Four Chinamen have been arrested charged with the murder. The dead Chinaman, who lived alone, had several hundred dollars in his pocket, which was found on his person. It is believed that he was murdered for his money.

ILLINOIS AGRICULTURAL INTERESTS.

CHICAGO, March 21.—The joint meeting of the board of trustees of the university and the presidents and secretaries of the state board of agriculture, the Illinois dairymen's association and the Illinois horticultural society, was held here to-day to formulate a plan for organizing the experimental agricultural station provided for by the act of congress of 1887. The following directors were named: President, Regent Peabody; E. E. Chester, of the state board of agriculture; J. T. Johnson, of the horticultural society; H. B. Gurley, of the dairymen's association; E. Cobb and B. Pullen, university trustees; and E. Morrow, J. T. Burrell and William McMurline, university professors. The directors have power to decide upon experiments, to erect buildings and to employ such other powers necessary in carrying out the requirements of the act.

VOTED RAILROAD BONDS.

MASON CITY, Ia., March 21.—[Special Telegram to the Bee.]—Osage to-day, by a vote of 231 to 70, voted a 5 per cent tax amounting to \$21,000 in aid of the Winona & Northwestern road. The present survey runs from Winona to Preston and Oahe to Mason City. One survey has been made north of Preston to Chatfield and Spring Valley, and one south of Lanersboro. The three places are striving to secure the road. One of the considerations voted at Osage to-day was that the road was to connect Osage with Mason City.

STOLEN JEWELS RECOVERED.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 21.—Detective Hume, of Wells, Fargo & Co., is advised that after the Steins pass train robbers had been killed by Mexican troops, a stolen diamond necklace, worth \$100,000, was recovered from the bodies.

CLEVELAND ACCEPTS.

BALTIMORE, Md., March 21.—A letter was received to-day from President Cleveland accepting his election as member of the Browning lake trout fishing club.

LARD DISCOURSES ON LARD.

The Nebraska Statesman Tells What He Knows About Hogs.

THE INVESTIGATION'S MEANING.

Lively Times in the Capitol With Lightning—Kearney and Cleveland—Manderson's Ft. Omaha Bill Passes the Senate.

The Lard Investigation.

WASHINGTON, March 21.—[Special Telegram to the Bee.]—The investigations being made into the manufacture of compound or refined lard by the committee of congress in connection with the hog raising industry, which has been in progress for some time, has been brought to a head to-day. The investigations have been made into the manufacture of compound or refined lard by the committee of congress in connection with the hog raising industry, which has been in progress for some time, has been brought to a head to-day. The investigations have been made into the manufacture of compound or refined lard by the committee of congress in connection with the hog raising industry, which has been in progress for some time, has been brought to a head to-day.

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ACYCLONE IN THE SOUTH.

Many Houses Demolished and People Killed and Injured.

WILD HAVOC OF THE ELEMENTS.

Another Blizzard Raging and Railroad Traffic Blocked—Three Colorado Men Supposed to Have Perished in the Storm.

A Death Dealing Cyclone.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., March 21.—Dispatches to-night state that the cyclone which did such great damage at Calhoun, Ga., passed over the East Tennessee near Lenoir. Much damage was done and several lives lost. The residence of J. Williams, three miles east of Lenoir, was completely swept away and his wife carried off in the wreck and killed. The storm then crossed the Timberridge and tore up every tree by the roots in its track. The house of James Lingenfelter was reduced to kindling wood. In it were John R. Smith, who was killed, and a little daughter of Lingenfelter, who had a leg broken. The dwellings of William King and John Gideon were blown down. Seven members of the King family were badly injured, and several were seriously hurt who they cannot recover. The house of Lafayette Pratter was wrecked and Jackson Pratter was blown over the fence, but escaped with slight injuries.

A Death Dealing Cyclone.

At London, Tenn., the house of George Massey, on March 21, was destroyed and every member of his family badly hurt. Andrew Worley's house was also carried away and the members of his family escaped with their lives. They are seriously injured.

Terrific Electric Storm in Georgia.

SAVANNAH, Ga., March 21.—A terrific electric storm enveloped the state last night. Fairburn both colored churches were demolished, the court house chimneys torn off and other damage done. Around Gainesville much damage was done. The colored Baptist church was completely demolished. Valhoun suffered the most in north Georgia. It was visited by a terrific funnel-shaped cyclone, which cut a wide path through the woods in the town, taking the courthouse. Every building in its path was destroyed or damaged. The Baptist church was demolished and the colored Methodist church razed. The southern arm of the storm passed eastward through Taylor county, taking everything in its path 400 yards wide. The turpentine works of Whidden & Holland, two miles north of Lumber, were completely demolished. Whidden & Holland, who were in the building, rushed out, but had run only a few steps when the house was blown over and everyone was hurled to death. Two other men sleeping in another house were also crushed and killed by the house being blown upon them. Several reports are being received from other parts of the state of houses being blown away and fences destroyed.

Two More Killed.

SAVANNAH, Ga., March 21.—A cyclone struck Lumber City, Ga., this morning. B. V. Holland, of the firm of Holland, Strickland & Co., and W. B. Whiddon, of the firm of Whidden & Holland, both prominent men, were killed.

Terrific Storm.

PITTSBURG, March 21.—A terrific wind storm accompanied by heavy rain passed over this section this morning, doing damage to telegraphic service. The poles are down in all directions and the wires are working badly.

Iowa Roads Blocked.

MARION, Ia., March 21.—[Special Telegram to the Bee.]—A severe blizzard set in here at 9 o'clock a. m., and has continued through the day. Trains west of here on the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul road have been abandoned. The Central is blocked in ten miles west of here, and the Mason City & Fort Dodge is blocked near Meservey.

Raging in the Northwest.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., March 21.—[Special Telegram to the Bee.]—A severe rain storm received here indicated that a cold wave of great severity accompanied by a heavy snowfall and a cutting forty-mile-an-hour wind prevailed at various points in southeastern Dakota, Minnesota and northern Wisconsin last night and to-day. Only the general blizzard front has prevented a general blockade of railroads. As it is most of the trains are behind time.

An Arctic Blast in Wisconsin.

CHIPPewa FALLS, Wis., March 21.—An arctic blast struck this vicinity to-day and filled the railroad cuts with snow. Trains on the Omaha road are stalled between here and Eau Claire. Scattering reports from other points in the state are that the heavy snow storm in northern Wisconsin yesterday was followed to-day by the arctic wave, and the mercury averages from 10 to 15 below zero.

A Train Load Snowed In.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., March 21.—A passenger train on the Chicago & Northwestern road is reported to be snowed in between Havana and Claremont, Minn., with between one hundred and fifty and two hundred passengers on board. Provisions are exhausted and supplies are low. The train is stuck on Owatonna, there being no prospects of getting the train out.

Violent Winds in Massachusetts.

PALMER, Mass., March 21.—A severe rain storm, accompanied by violent winds, has prevailed throughout western Massachusetts since 10 this morning, inundating meadows for miles and badly washing highways. The Quabog river overflowed, its banks and the huge ice gorge is gradually washing away. If the entire gorge is lifted great damage to property will surely follow. Several railroad bridges have been washed away. Serious trouble is feared.

A Blizzard in Illinois.

BLOMINGTON, Ill., March 21.—A genuine blizzard struck this vicinity about dusk. The thermometer, which stood at 28° above this morning, is now at 10 p. m., standing at 12° above and will doubtless go lower.

Causing Serious Floods.

NEW YORK, March 21.—Advices to the Associated press are to the effect that the rains of the past few days in the west quantity of snow which fell during the recent storm are causing serious floods at various points in southern New York and northern Pennsylvania.

Great Suffering in Spain.

MADRID, March 21.—Reports are being received of great suffering among the people in the rural districts owing to the severe weather. Many peasants perished in the snow and cattle and sheep were lost in drifts. Thaws have caused serious floods in the Ebro and Tago valleys.

English Consols Conversion Bill.

LONDON, March 21.—The consols conversion bill passed the committee stage in the house of commons to-night. The queen left Windsor to-day for Portsmouth on route for Italy. She will remain abroad for three weeks.

ARMY ORDERS.

WASHINGTON, March 21.—[Special Telegram to the Bee.]—Sixty recruits have been ordered to the Sixth cavalry and twenty to the Fourth cavalry.

NEBRASKA AND IOWA PENSIONS.

WASHINGTON, March 21.—[Special Telegram to the Bee.]—Pensions were granted the following Nebraska to-day: Original invalid—Henry C. Cooper, Fletcher, Increase—John Kinney, Davenport; George W. Spray, Hastings, Mexican survivors—Alonso Bean, Bart