RAILROADS ON PUBLIC LAND

Important Case Reaches the Supreme Court on Appeal.

INVOLVES THE RIGHT OF WAY STATUTE

Power of the Legislature to Donate the Use of the Public Domain to the Detriment of Purchasers.

LINCOLN, Aug. 24.—(Special.)—A case which will affect the title to the right of way of every railroad where the road crosses saline, school or other state lands has come to the supreme court on error from the district court of Lancaster county, the brief of the plaintiff in error being filed today. The history of the case runs back to the early seventies, when the Atchison & Northern Railroad company surveyed and located its right of way across the southwest quarter of section 22, township 10, range 6, in Lancaster county, the same being saline land belonging to the state. The right of way thus located was 200 feet in width, and the road was built in the center of the right of way and has since been operated by the original company and its successor, the Burlington company. In April, 1880, a survey was made of the right of way, including this strip that is now in litigation, and a copy of the plat was filed with the secretary of state and also with the county clerk of Lancaster county. In 1889 George Englehart leased from the state forty acres of the land through which the railroad runs, and in 1894 bought the land of the state on a long time contract. He then brought suit against the railroad company for the possession of the land included in the right of way, and won his case in the district court, the verdict being that he was the legal owner of the land and was entitled to immediate possession. In their appeal the company relies on the statute which reads: "Any railroad company shall be entitled to pass over, occupy and enjoy any of the school, university, saline or other lands of this state, Provided, that no more than 100 feet in width from the roadway survey of such corporation on either side shall be taken for roadway." (Sec. 305, Chap. xvi, Compiled Statutes 1895.) The railroad company does not claim the title to the land, but claims an easement under the statute quoted, and also by reason of the fact that it constructed the road and operated it across the land for many years, and argues that it is entitled to continuous possession. The argument is also put forth that Englehart bought the land with a full knowledge of the circumstances. In the district court Englehart relied upon the constitution of the state, which reads (Art. III, Sec. 18): "Lands under control of the state shall never be donated to railroad companies." The main question to be settled seems to be whether the granting of a right of way is a donation.

SPENDING THE APPROPRIATION.

The investigating committee and its assistants are still wading into that $10,000 appropriation. Up to the 1st of August the investigators had drawn the following amounts: Otto Mutz, $422.30; C. W. Beal, $467.50; O. S. Moran, $410; C. F. Wheeler, $215; D. S. Zimmerman, $255; W. N. Silver, $474.85; Otto Helbig, $396.15; R. M. Taylor, $287.50; Fred Jewell, $392; W. A. Bradbury, $25, making a total of $3,295.55 expended since the work began, or a few days over three months. Besides the amounts drawn from this fund, Experts Taylor and Helbig have drawn $341.50 and $239.15 respectively from the fund appropriated to assist the attorney general in prosecuting state cases. This money was taken from this fund on account of the work alleged to have been done by the experts in preparing the testimony against Bartley. The state officers have come to the conclusion, however, that the claims should have been made against the investigation fund, and in a few days the transfer will be made by the governor, who will draw $380.65 from the investigating fund and add it to the prosecution fund.

The C. S. Raymond Jewelry company of Omaha, with a capital stock of $100,000, filed articles of incorporation with the secretary of state today. The incorporators are C. S. Raymond, George A. Joslyn, J. F. Mawhinney and O. A. Seabury.

Omaha people at the hotels: At the Lindell—Adam Noll, C. W. Benzel, H. C. Rountree. At the Lincoln—E. E. Coonrod, Mrs. Harry W. Kane, John A. King, J. H. Swartz.

LINCOLN LOCAL NOTES.

The hearing of Policeman Dill, suspected of robbing the Rock Island ticket office, was concluded today before the Excise board, but no decision has been given out. During the investigation Dill admitted that he went into the building by the window. He said that he went in to take a nap, and claimed that it was a common practice of the patrolmen. This charge against other members of the force will be further investigated.

The hearing of the case of the Lincoln Sanitary commission against the Burlington road, which was commenced before the Board of Transportation, yesterday, was completed today. Arguments were made by T. H. Ryan of the commission and J. M. Deweese for the railroad company. The hearing was before Messrs. Law and Edgerton, secretaries of the board, and the dispute was over the digging of a canal to straighten Salt creek, near this city. The decision has not been announced.

C. M. Kane and M. J. Mulvihill, the two men who were working the town with bogus tickets to Ringling's show, were tried today and sentenced to thirty days in the county jail. They had sold nearly fifty of the tickets, all at reduced prices.

The democrats of Lancaster county will hold their county convention next Thursday. The city caucus is called to meet tomorrow evening.

Colonel Fred Grant and party were in the city today and took dinner at the Lincoln. They were on their way east from a trip through the Black Hills. The members of the party were: Colonel and Mrs. Fred Grant, Ulysses S. Grant, New York; Mr. and Mrs. T. K. Collins, Philadelphia; Mr. and Mrs. J. S Grable, Bert Grable, Beatrice; C. B. Harris and two sons, Galena.

CORN PROMISES WELL IN WAYNE.

Farmers Are Delighted at the Results of Their Year's Labor.

WINSIDE, Neb., Aug. 24.—(Special.)—Thrashing from the shocks is in rapid progress here now, though hindered by the frequent showers. Wheat is not yielding well, the average being about eight bushels to the acre. One farmer south of town had sixteen and one-half bushels, which at 74 cents per bushel brought him a splendid return from the land. Seed wheat was bought last spring at about 60 cents and the grain is now selling at 70 to 79 cents. Had the usual rains fallen in June Wayne county would have had an average crop of wheat. As it is it is not more than half the usual yield. Oats, too, is a short crop, being from twenty to thirty bushels per acre. Much of the corn is now out of the milk and so free from danger of frost. Some fields were planted very late, but the abundant rains and hot weather have brought it forward. If the price of corn keeps up as at present and the yield is what it promises to be, Wayne county will have more from corn than from wheat. The advance in the price of corn over what it was last winter, when it was husked, is more than enough to pay for good cribs in which to hold the corn. A farmer could thus have as much for his corn as if sold last winter and have cribs for future crops left.

Woman Files a Complaint.

NEWMAN GROVE, Neb., Aug. 24.—(Special.)—Mrs. Mary Borchen, a young married woman, living eight miles north of this place, made complaint before Justice Pryer this morning against George Sporl, charging him with an attempt to commit an assault on her last Sunday, while alone at her home. Sporl is a well known character in the neighborhood, about 23 years old, with seemingly weak mind, a strong body and all around bad reputation. County Attorney Tyler of Norfolk has been telegraphed for instructions in the case.

Boy Falls from a Train.

FREMONT, Neb., Aug. 24.—(Special Telegram.)—George Harlan, a Saunders county boy, about 15 years age, was badly injured this morning by falling or being thrown from a Union Pacific freight train near Ames crossing. Harlan ran away from home a few weeks ago with another boy of about the same age to go to Klondike, but after getting west, he concluded to return and was beating his way back when the accident happened. He was seriously cut and bruised.

IS UNDER ARREST FOR BIGAMY.

Dr. F. D. Reynolds Accomplishes the Ruin of a Simple Country Girl.

HAYES CENTER, Neb., Aug. 24.—(Special.)—Notice was served on County Judge Kirk yesterday to appear before Judge Norris in chambers and show cause why the bond of Dr. F. D. Reynolds, under arrest for bigamy, should not be raised from $500. Reynolds came to this city from Trenton, Neb., and being a skilled dentist made lots of money, which he spent lavishly. This drew around him a class of people who whitewashed the doctor's many rumored failings, and who are now sorry they were so previous. Reynolds posed as an unmarried man, a masher and a flirt, nothwithstanding the fact that he was past middle age. At that time a summer normal was in progress here and the doctor became acquainted with Miss Lillie Caulk, a simple-hearted and virtuous country girl, who became infatuated with him. Five days after their acquaintance began Miss Caulk told her girl friends that she was to be married. Her pastor, the county superintendent and the druggist had previously learned that the dentist was not all that he claimed to be, and endeavored to save the girl from her impending ruin. Her father, an old soldier and farmer, who is aged and helpless, took her home and Reynolds left here. The girl promised not to speak to him again, and the old man desiring her to qualify as teacher, as he needed her assistance, brought her back here to school. Reynold's legal adviser thereupon sent him word that the girl had returned, whereupon Reynolds came back here on July 22 a marriage license was issued the 24th, and at 10 p. m. he and his victim were married, the lawyer being the witness. This was only ten days after Reynolds first met the girl. Last Sunday Mrs. Jennie Reynolds of Dillon, Mont., appeared on the scene, armed with her marriage certificate, and Reynolds was arrested for bigamy. The county judge bound Reynolds over only in the sum of $500, but other warrants were issued for adultery, so Reynolds cannot escape. Public opinion is at white heat against the plotter, as well as the perpetrator of the ruin of the girl, and Reynolds was taken to the Red Willow county jail for safe keeping.

Dakota County Teachers' Institute.

DAKOTA CITY, Neb., Aug. 24.—(Special.)—The Dakota county teachers' institute opened here today with about thirty-five teachers in attendance for a one-week's session. Superintendent J. G. Haupt will be assisted in his instructive work by Prof. S. L. Anderson of the Dakota City schools, Prof. J. E. Mannis of the South Sioux City schools and Miss Mary Sullivan of Jackson, who has recently taken the University of Nebraska course in source method in history and in better language teaching. Prof. F. C. Eastmon of the Upper Iowa university will deliver a lecture Monday evening, on "Live English."

Thrown from a Buggy by a Rut.

WINSIDE, Neb., Aug. 24.—(Special.)—Mrs. Franz Fleischmann met with a painful accident Sunday. The family was returning from church in a two seated buggy. Mrs. Fleischmann and her daughter were seated on the back seat of the vehicle. The buggy lurched in a rut just as the women leaned forward to the front seat. Both mother and daughter were thrown from the vehicle, Mrs. Fleischmann striking on her head. Nausea set in at once and she is very ill from the internal injuries she received.

Prisoners Are Not Identified.

GRAND ISLAND, Neb., Aug. 24.—(Special Telegram.)—United States Marshal McDermott of Cheyenne was in the city today for the purpose of identifying the men arrested here suspected of having committed the burglary of the residence of Mr. J. McAllister. It was believed that two of them might have been implicated in the holding up of a government ambulance in the National park on the 14th inst. They were not identified by the visiting sheriff as the men wanted.

Shown Fine Fruits at Exeter.

EXETER, Neb., Aug. 24.—(Special.)—The B. & M train carrying the eastern excursionists arrived at this place Saturday afternoon, but did not stop over five minutes. There were nearly 200 people at the depot to meet them. There was a beautiful display of grains of every description, grasses, flowers and fruits. The finest display of fruits was by J. K. Barbur, an extensive fruit grower here. He had over fifty varieties of apples, pears, plums and grapes.

Girls' Drill Corps Compete.

REPUBLICAN CITY, Neb., Aug. 24.—(Special.)—The reunion at this place last week was a grand success. The crowds were very large each day. The drill of forty young women from Bloomington was fine. Twenty-four Republican City girls, with Mrs. Strimple as captain, made a fine display in drilling. The Bloomington and city girls contested for a prize and it was won by the home team. The attractions have been numerous.

Conductors' Runs Are Changed.

EMERSON, Neb., Aug. 24.—(Special.)—Conductors Fuller and Holbrook have been relieved from duty on the Omaha road. Fuller's run will be taken by Cox, formerly on the Sioux City and Norfolk, and Cox's run will be taken by Conductor Carter of this place, who will remove his family to Norfolk at once. Carter's run will be taken by Young, who has been on one of the night freights.

Off to Visit in the East.

EXETER, Neb., Aug. 24.—(Special.)—The following parties took advantage of the excursion rates to the far east and will visit their former homes. Edward Costello and daughter Mamie went to northern New York; Warren Woodard and wife, Jacob Pflug and wife, to central New York; Mrs. E. H. Lancaster, to western New York. All left here Sunday noon.

Hog Thieves Are Arrested.

WAUSA, Neb., Aug. 24.—(Special.)—Numerous cases of petty thieving are reported by farmers living east of this town in Cedar county. The robbers finally became bold enough to steal hogs. Two men by the name of Protman, living near Magnet, were arrested yesterday and taken to Hartington to answer to numerous charges of stealing hogs.

Ashland Precinct Democrats.

ASHLAND, Neb., Aug. 25.—(Special.)—The democrats of Ashland precinct met in caucus at the council chamber in this city from 12 to 7. The caucus was held for the purpose of electing ten delegates to represent this precinct at their county convention, to be held in Wahoo on August 26.

Cars of Wheat Are Derailed.

EMERSON, Neb., Aug. 24.—(Special.)—Two cars of wheat shipped from here were rolled off the track at Nacora Saturday night by the train's breaking in two.

ALL ARE DETERMINED TO WIN

Republican County Conventions Are Enthusiastic and Harmonious.

FULL TICKETS PLACED IN THE FIELD

Ringing Resolutions Renewing Allegiance to Old Party Are Adopted at Beatrice—Governor Holcomb Denounced.

BEATRICE, Neb., Aug. 24.—(Special Telegram.)—The Gage county republicans held their convention today and named the following ticket: Treasurer, George W. Maurer; county clerk, J. D. White; register of deeds, C. L. Reed; sheriff, Lind Nelson; county judge, M. B. Davis; coroner, J. Q. Reed; surveyor, Willis Ball. E. E. Hardin of Liberty was selected as chairman of the central committee. The delegates to the state convention are: Elijah Filley, Henry Albert, Edward Bauman, J. M. Burnham, J. M. Wardlaw, E. B. Hinds, J. L. Schlosser, George U. Jones, M. E. Shults, C. E. Tebbetts, W. H. Edgar, J. E. Cobbey, Fred Inman, J. W. Williams, W. W. Fullman, Jack Priest, J. W. Allen, H. T. Beattie, W. W. Morrison, G. A. Murphey, Noah Ryan, J. R. Zimmerer, L. W. Colby, Fulton Jack, Samuel Rinaker, E. Hiddart, R. J. Culey, R. R. Kyd, Rankin Lenars and W. E. Chittenden. The following resolutions were adopted:

The republicans of Gage county, in delegate convention assembled, heartily and unqualifiedly endorse and make proclamation of allegiance to the principles of the republican party as enunciated in the St. Louis platform of 1896, and are uncompromisingly opposed to the free coinage at 16 to 1 of the 40-cent cheap silver dollar, independently of the action of other nations, and we denounce such financial doctrines as heretical and fallacious. We regard with pride and confidence the magnificent record of that brilliant soldier, statesman and apostle of protection, President William McKinley, and the republican congress just adjourned. We submit that the record of both President McKinley and the republican congress, especially convened to revise the deficiency-producing and bond-issuing tariff known as the Wilson law, has been a complete fulfillment of the pledges of the republican party made in the recent campaign to re-enact a tariff law that would afford protection to American industries and American labor, and produce sufficient revenue to pay the running expenses of the government and bring back to the nation the bloom of prosperity that had faded away before the devastating ascendency and advance of democratic misrule; and we commend the wisdom of President McKinley in recommending to congress by special message the appointment of a commission for the purpose of making a wise and conservative revision of our currency laws.

We heartily and earnestly approve of the vigorous foreign policy adopted by President McKinley and his able secretary of state and especially take pride in the steps taken by the present administration looking toward the annexation of the Hawaiian islands and the recent intercession of the president in behalf of bleeding and outraged Cuba.

We congratulate the farmers of the great agricultural state of Nebraska that since the advent of the republican party to power there has been a dissolution of the alleged and oft-repeated marital ties of wheat and silver, and that wheat has again reached and passed the dollar mark, and silver, the popocratic god, is gradually proceeding down the toboggan slide in the opposite direction, proving conclusively the fallacy of the populist party that they were intermarried.

We point with pride to the fact that the republican party has restored confidence to this nation, which is abundantly shown in the reopening of former idle factories, the re-employment of thousands of idle men in these factories, the increase in price of all farm products and the increased activity along all channels of trade.

We denounce the narrow and partisan efforts of Governor Holcomb to injure our state by his unamerican zeal for party and office and for his cowardly and evasive answer to the inquiry of the eastern press as to the reduction of the indebtedness of the people of Nebraska and the evidences of returning prosperity.

As a party we enter this campaign feeling proud of the prosperity that now prevails throughout the nation, and with confidence submit that it is but the fulfillment of the pledges of the republican party, and is the result of the success of republicanism. We heartily approve of the liberal policy of the present administration toward the old soldiers in the granting of pensions to these preservers of the nation's life by increasing the pension roll to the highest limit yet reached since the civil war.

GENEVA, Neb., Aug. 24.—(Special Telegram.)—Fillmore county republicans in convention assembled today made the following nominations for county offices: Treasurer, T. M. Talmadge; county clerk, Sid Donisthorpe, both present incumbents; county judge, J. D. Hamilton; sheriff, James Lamb of Sibley; superintendent, J. G. McKinnon of Exeter; coroner, Dr. J. W. Archard of Grafton. This is considered a strong ticket, the candidates being men held in high esteem, both politically and as citizens. The following were elected as delegates to the state convention: Peter Youngers, jr., of Madison precinct; Dr. J. W. Archard of Grafton, Sam Logsdon of Hamilton, S. Perry of Stanton, J. Shepherd of Belle Prairie, J. M. Hall of West Blue, J. H. Sterling of Exeter, A. V. Kouba of Glengary, E. K. Cobb of Geneva City, George Lareu of Chelsea, E. D. Babcock of Franklin, Dr. S. F. Ashby of Fairmont, John M. Ward of Geneva, Alex McCarty of Liberty. The best of good feeling and harmony prevailed in the convention.

SYRACUSE, Neb., Aug. 24.—(Special Telegram.)—The republican county convention met today with a full delegation of 209. C. H. Elmedorf was chosen chairman. The following named persons were elected as delegates to the state convention: M. L. Hayward, C. W. Hoge, A. Zimmer, D. S. Jackson, D. H. Harris, Henry Damine, J. R. McKee, J. W. Strong, C. H. Elmedorf, James Darr, M. D. Harrison, Thomas Rodaway, A. E. Chaffee, J. H. Armends, Thomas F. Roddy, R. J. Beere, W. E. Hillis, E. C. Whitham, J. E. Casselman. Delegates at large: Rev. J. H. Harman, E. F. Warren, Hon. Patrick Roddy. Patrick Roddy was also elected chairman of the central committee. Rev. Mr. Harmon and Hon. Patrick Roddy made good talks. The county nominating convention will not be held until such time as the county central committee shall designate. It is reported that if the sound money element captures the democratic convention, to be held here tomorrow, another convention will be called composed of populists, free silver republicans and democrats, and they will place a full ticket before the people.

CHADRON, Neb., Aug. 24.—(Special Telegram.)—The republican county convention met here today with every precinct but one represented. Resolutions copied from those adopted by Box Butte county republicans were passed, the name of William McKinley being vociferously cheered when mentioned. There was quite a contest for the office of sheriff. Crawford people seeming to think that Chadron wanted to take all. O. K. Eastman, who has held the office two terms, was nominated for clerk without much opposition. Arthur M. Bartlett, nominated for sheriff, has also held the office two terms. James L. Paul was renominated for county treasurer by acclamation. Rev. A. R. Julian, presiding elder of the Northwest Nebraska conference, was unanimously nominated for county superintendent. George T. H. Babcock was named for county judge. Dr. C. E. Furay, formerly of Omaha, was nominated for coroner by acclamation, and Donald McMillan, the present incumbent, was chosen for surveyor. The following delegates to the state convention were chosen: W. F. Winfield, A. M. Bartlett, J. A. Habegg, W. H. Reynolds, T. J. Wilson, A. Barlow, G. A. Eckles. The delegation goes uninstructed. G. A. Eckles was elected chairman of the county central committee.

BUTTE, Neb., Aug. 24.—(Special.)—The Boyd county republican convention met in Butte Saturday and selected the following delegates to attend the state convention: Hon. Sanford Parker, Major Dudley, J. M. McGinitie, T. S. Armstrong and Colonel Moffet. Full delegations were present from each precinct and the convention was harmonious and enthusiastic. Following are the resolutions adopted by the convention:

Whereas, Republican success having been attained at the last national election by the election of Major McKinley, the exponent of sound money and protection; and

Whereas, Since his brief administration as chief executive of this government the pledges and promises enunciated by the St. Louis convention are being fulfilled as rapidly as possible, evidences of which are so apparent that even the most pronounced populist or popocrat cannot deny the tangible existence of the "wave of prosperity" guaranteed by Major McKinley; and

Whereas, The rapid rise in the price of cereals—of so great benefit to the farming class of this great commonwealth—and the continued "slump" of silver is a complete refutation of the claims of the silverites last fall that "the price of silver governed the price of wheat;" therefore be it

Resolved, That we renew our allegiance and fidelity to the republican party, the party of progress and prosperity, and ask all good citizens to unite with us in upholding its doctrines and principles.

CLAY CENTER, Neb., Aug. 24.—(Special.)—The republican county convention met here today, with a good attendance. Hon. D. M. Neitleton was made chairman and Oliver C. Williams secretary. The enthusiasm was unbounded. Fifteen delegates were elected to the state convention, and go uninstructed. Clay county republicans will make an active and aggressive campaign.

HAYES CENTER, Neb., Aug. 24.—(Special.)—One of the most enthusiastic conventions ever held by any party was held yesterday. The ticket then nominated by the republicans is an exceptionally strong one. The nominees are as follows: County clerk, A. L. West of Hayes Center; county treasurer, J. L. Blood of Hayes Center; sheriff, S. C. Franklin of Fairfield; county judge, John Barker of Hayes Center; superintendent, C. M. Rees of Dearfield; surveyor, John Wise of Frenchman; coroner, Charles Bennett of Carrico; commissioner First district, A. J. Coons of Germanville.

TEKAMAH, Neb., Aug. 24.—(Special.)—The republican county convention was held in this city today. John F. Piper was nominated for county treasurer; Theodore Palmquist, clerk; W. R. Langford, sheriff; F. E. Ward, county judge; C. L. Laughlin, superintendent; W. E. Pratt, surveyor. For county supervisors, E. F. Sisson, H. Coleman, Franklin Everett, J. H. Campbell. Delegates to state convention: R. A. Templeton, E. E. Carter, H. E. Mundorf, Ole Larsen, J. C. Blackburn, H. D. Byram, J. C. Crawford, Oscar Samson, J. E. Spire, W. A. Harding, Joseph Hall, C. A. Wetherell, J. M. Boves, Alva Smith.

ALLEN, Neb., Aug. 24.—(Special.)—Chairman W. L. Mote has called the republican county convention to meet at Newcastle Tuesday, September 7. The present republican officials, Sheriff Hart, County Clerk Ekroth and Judge Rose will doubtless be renominated. For treasurer David Armstrong of Silver Creek will probably be nominated, and the candidates for county superintendent are Edward Lundburg of Wakefield, Superintendent Culver of Ponca and Miss Butler of Ponca.

EXETER, Neb., Aug. 24.—(Special.)—The republicans held a caucus Saturday afternoon to elect delegates to the county convention and placed in nomination the following township ticket: For justice of the peace, Calvin A. Songster; assessor, T. B. Farmer; clerk, T. S. Blouch; treasurer, W. S. Dimick.

POPULISTS MEET IN CONVENTION.

Silver Republicans and Democrats Join the Younger Party.

TEKAMAH, Neb., Aug. 24.—(Special.)—The populist party of Burt county held their county convention in this city yesterday and elected delegates to the state convention. They will nominate county officers at a later date. Many of those who called themselves silver republicans or silver democrats last fall are now full fledged populists, and as such participated in yesterday's convention. A set of resolutions introduced by Lawyer Peterson, endorsing the populist state officials, the populist board of county supervisors and the populist county superintendent were adopted. The two latter resolutions brought out some opposition, as it is well known by all citizens of the county that the present populist control of the board of supervisors has been extravagant and incompetent, while the report of the county superintendent's office shows unreasonable extravagance. A resolution from the same source was also adopted, thanking the Supreme Being for the bountiful harvest and expressing sympathy for the "starving millions" in foreign countries. In supporting this resolution Peterson endeavored to blight the feeling of good times which pervaded the convention by denouncing Mark Hanna and other millionaires for cornering wheat and raising the price that the "starving millions" will have to pay more for their bread.

BURWELL, Neb., Aug. 24.—(Special.)—The populists held their county convention last Saturday and elected E. R. Woods, C. W. Hennich and M. E. Guyer to go to the state convention. The following county ticket was placed in nomination: County clerk, T. G. Hemmett; treasurer, J. J. Connolly; judge, F. M. Obert; sheriff, C. W. Hennich; superintendent, Richard Bodyfield; coroner, Dr. N. Cameron; surveyor, F. E. Hill. Hemmett and Hennich have already served four years in the offices for which they were nominated. The delegates to the state convention go uninstructed.

WAUSA, Neb., Aug. 24.—(Special.)—Politics among the fusion forces of this county is not all harmony. A majority of 450 for Bryan has induced a host of hungry populist aspirants for office to announce themselves. Added to this list is a large number of democrats and silver republicans, who are demanding recognition, which the populists are not disposed to grant, and who threaten, if they are not honored, to kick over the traces. This aggregation of 16 to 1 place hunters hold their different conventions in Bloomfield Saturday, when the problem of satisfying all the diverse elements will be tackled.

Bryan Will Speak at Columbus.

COLUMBUS, Neb., Aug. 24.—(Special Telegram.)—A mass meeting of citizens was held in the council chambers this evening and arrangements made to suitably receive W. J. Bryan, who will address the people of central Nebraska at this place on Saturday next at 1 o'clock in the afternoon. Excursion trains will be run in all directions and half fare rates have been secured.

Joint Picnic at Hastings.

HASTINGS, Neb., Aug. 24.—(Special.)—About 150 members of the Loyal Mystic Legion of the local lodge and about forty members of the Junilata lodge of the same order picnicked together on the Blue today.

SOUTH DAKOTA ASSESSMENT

Figures Show that the State Prospers in Material Things.

INCREASED VALUATION OVER LAST YEAR

No Class of Property Shows a Decrease, but Some Remain the Same—More Live Stock of All Kinds Except Sheep.

PIERRE, S. D., Aug. 24.—(Special.)—On account of the failure of the appropriation committee to prepare a tabulated statement of assessment returns as received from the counties for the use of the state board of assessment, there has been considerable delay in securing any figures as to the valuation returned, as the work had to all be done after the board had concluded, instead of a large part of it being done prior to the session, as in past years. But figures showing the leading points of the assessment are now in such shape as to show something definite.

The total final returns show a total assessment return of $120,167,166, which is an increase of $776,010 over the return of last year. Every class of property has been either increased or left at the same value as last year. The totals on different classes of property are: Lands, $74,363,869, an increase of $678,832; lots, $15,982,527, an increase of $75,908; personal property, $20,455,227, an increase of $20,290; railroads, $9,116,435, an increase of $22,852; telegraphs, the same as last year, $127,202; express companies, $57,500, an increase of $2,000; telephones, $53,406, an increase of $14,030; sleeping cars, no change, $11,000.

The question of railroad assessments shows a discrepancy from the estimate of increase made by the board at the close of its work and is accounted for by an affidavit from the Northwestern road that in the past it had been paying taxes on a little over four miles more road than it actually owns in the state. It will also show by a comparison with last year's report a reduction instead of an increase, but that is explained by the auditor's office on the fact that through error last year the total railroad assessment in Fall River county was placed $40,000 too high and the error was carried through the report. With this correction the actual increase this year is practically $22,000, and with $17,000 added for the extra mileage of the Northwestern in past years the first estimate would be practically correct.

In the assessment of lands Brown county leads with a valuation of $3,993,675, and Minnehaha and Spink are close behind with over $3,000,000 each. Stanley shows the lowest land assessment with only $18,122. Minnehaha leads in town lots with a valuation of $2,512,785, and Lawrence next with $1,790,697, they being the only counties which go over a million on this class of property. Buffalo and Charles Mix counties show no town lots and Walworth is lowest on this class, only returning $4,069.

On personal property Minnehaha leads again with $1,135,515; Lawrence second with $917,671, and Brown third with $194,735, the lowest organized county being Buffalo, with $47,667.

In the unorganized counties the total land assessment is $29,236, and the total personal assessment $1,752,426, of which $630,549 is credited to unorganized to Butte, and $202,488 to Nowlin county.

The total valuations of the leading counties are: For Minnehaha, $7,220,693; Brown, $6,488,717; other counties above $3,000,000 are Beadle, Bon Homme, Brookings, Codington, Hutchinson, Lawrence, Lincoln, Spink, Turner and Yankton.

The returns on live stock show an increase on all kinds except sheep, which show a decrease. The total number of horses returned is 314,104, increase of 2,492; cattle are returned to the number of 537,548, an increase of 23,329; the sheep found are given at 316,097, a decrease of 24,654; hogs are shown to be on the increase with 235,598, which is 23,026 greater than last year. Brown returns the greatest number of horses, with 12,759, and Hutchinson leads on cattle with 18,016. Sping is at the head on sheep with 18,870, and Clay on hogs with 22,488.

The total assessment returns from 1879 to this year show that there was a steady increase in valuation up to 1890, and a steady reduction from that year to 1896, but this year shows a slight gain again.

EACH THINKS HE WAS DEFRAUDED.

South Dakota Man Trades Sheep for Merchandise and Skips.

CHAMBERLAIN, S. D., Aug. 24.—(Special.)—W. A Hoobler, an old and heretofore respected resident of this county, is a fugitive from justice. Some time ago he negotiated a trade with J. E. Moore of Sheldon, Ia., and agreed to exchange a flock of 775 sheep for Moore's stock of boots and shoes at Sheldon. He gave a bill of sale of the sheep to Moore, and then gave Moore a mortgage on the stock of boots and shoes for $3,000, the balance due after accepting the sheep. When Moore came after his sheep a few days ago he found mortgages and unpaid taxes against the sheep amounting in the aggregate to $1,400, which he paid with the exception of a mortgage held by the Bank of Bijou Hills, which had become outlawed. Hoobler asserted he had been beaten in the deal and refused to give up the sheep, although the flock had been reduced 200 head since the agreement was made. Moore at once closed the store at Sheldon, but not until Hoobler had shipped about $1,000 worth of goods to a relative in White Lake, this state. The shipment, however, was intercepted enroute. Hoobler is accused of selling other mortgaged property, and is also wanted for forgery. He has left the country and has not yet been apprehended.

WEEDS CAUSE LOSS OF SHEEP.

Stockmen Not Agreed as to What the Plant Is.

CHAMBERLAIN, S. D., Aug. 24.—(Special.)—The sheepmen in the ceded Sioux lands west of the Missouri river have lost considerable stock during the past few weeks from the effects of a poisonous weed that has long been a pest in that locality. Charles Courtney, a prominent Nowlin county stockman, lost thirty head of sheep in one day recently from the animals eating this weed and nearly all of the sheep raisers complain of more or less loss from this cause. What complicates the matter is the fact that it is not known exactly which of two species of weed does the mischief. Some stockmen say it is the "loco weed," which often causes insanity among horses, that proves fatal to the sheep. Others are equally positive that it is an altogether different plant.

Funeral of Rev. David Ogden.

SUNDANCE, Wyo., Aug. 24.—(Special.)—The funeral of Rev. David Ogden, who was killed by being thrown from his carriage on Tuesday, was held at the Methodist Episcopal church here yesterday. Mr. Ogden was born in New York in 1831. He was married in Illinois in 1853, and in 1860 moved to Colorado, and later to Montana, where he was one of the first settlers in the city of Helena. Mr. Ogden and family have lived in Crook county for the past fifteen years. He has always been an active worker in the Methodist Episcopal church, and for a number of years occupied the pulpit of the Sundance church. The deceased leaves a wife, three daughters and one son in Wyoming, and a son in Council Bluffs, Ia.

BIG BOUNTY FOR GRAY WOLVES.

Depredations on Stock Have Become Very Numerous.

CHAMBERLAIN, S. D., Aug. 24.—(Special.)—At the last meeting of the Stanley county board of commissioners it was decided to place a bounty of $5 per scalp upon gray wolves. The commissioners were practically forced to this action by the fact that gray wolves, which formerly confined their depredations to the country bordering the bad lands and the Indian reservations, are now crowding down upon the Missouri river range. A pack of wolves west of Pierre has done a vast amount of damage to the stockmen in that vicinity by killing colts and calves, and occasionally larger stock. A few days ago a fine horse belonging to James Phillips was found still alive, but with the flesh nearly all eaten off one hip.

Trainload of Cattle for Omaha.

CASPER, Wyo., Aug. 24.—(Special.)—A trainload of cattle gathered in the Hole-in-the-Wall by the recent roundup was shipped from here to South Omaha yesterday. The Keystone cattle, with the brands cut out and the skin sewed up, were not shipped, but were sent back to the Ogallala ranch. The C Y cows with blotched brands were re-branded and the blotched brands vented. There were (—) cows, an M F cow, an E K cow with calves, branded with rustler brands. A Two Bar cow was in the lot with a yearling steer, following, branded T S. The shipment consisted of twenty-one cars with double that number of brands.

No Provision for Public Schools.

CHAMBERLAIN, S. D., Aug. 24.—(Special.)—The people in Gregory county are suffering from the serious disadvantages of not having school organization. At Bonesteel and Fairfax school houses have been built and teachers employed by private subscription. The settlers adjacent to the town of Starcher have just decided to raise the necessary funds to do likewise. The settlers of the county, who number more than 1,000, have in most cases resided there for over seven years. They applied to the last legislature for relief, but that body, for some unknown reason, refused to take action.

Lawyers Buy the Marriage License.

PIERRE, S. D., Aug. 24.—(Special.)—Clerk of Courts Morse, a few days ago issued a marriage license for Andrew Lee Bear and Martha Whaling Iron. The couple came in from Bad river, accompanied by a large number of their friends, but all of them together could not produce the necessary cash to pay for the license. They were helped out of their predicament by a couple of attorneys, who secured a promise from the happy couple that their first born, regardless of sex, should be named after their benefactors. The promise was given and the license secured.

Bankers Will Contest the Tax.

SIOUX FALLS, S. D., Aug. 24.—(Special Telegram.)—Last week the State Board of Equalization raised the assessment on bank stock of state and national banks from 50 to 80 per cent above the county assessment and 40 per cent above the valuation of all other kinds of property. Now the State Bankers' association will take up the matter and contest the collection of such taxes in the courts. The State Bankers' association will meet at Sioux Falls and the subject will be considered on that occasion.

Will Sink a Deep Gas Well.

PIERRE, S. D., Aug. 24.—(Special Telegram.)—W. E. Swan is in this city and this evening signed a contract with the board of directors of the Gas Well company to sink a well in this city to a depth of 2,000 feet, as it is supposed the gas flow can be reached at that depth. The work will be commenced as soon as material and machinery can be got upon the ground.

Newspaper Changes Owners.

CENTERVILLE, S. D., Aug. 24.—(Special.)—The Centerville Chronicle has again passed into the possession of F. F. Hanford, and J. F. Bullis has been engaged to conduct it for a time. The Chronicle has heretofore supported the republican party, but the new owner is not of that political faith.

New South Dakota Corporation.

PIERRE, S. D., Aug. 24.—(Special.)—Articles of incorporation have been filed for the Farmers' Supply company at Arlington, with a capital stock of $2,500. It proposes to deal in drugs and general merchandise. Incorporators, William T. Bishop, Myra Bishop and A. A. Henry.

Capture a Burglar at Laramie.

CHEYENNE, Wyo., Aug. 24.—(Special.)—Frank Ford, who is charged with the burglary of Whitaker's barber shop in this city, was arrested at Laramie and will be brought here by Sheriff Shaver. Considerable of the property stolen from the shop was found in Ford's possession.

Five Thousand Hear Bryan Talk.

RAPID CITY, S. D., Aug. 24.—(Special Telegram.)—Five thousand people from the southern hills listened to Bryan speak on bimetallism today. Business in the city was closed in honor of the visitor. The same respect was shown throughout the Black Hills.

BUTTONS FOR AN AUDITORIUM.

Lincoln Business Men Follow the Example of Kansas City.

LINCOLN, Aug. 24.—(Special Telegram.)—An enthusiastic meeting of business men was held at the Lindell hotel tonight to talk up the building of the new auditorium. It was decided to adopt the scheme of selling button certificates of stock at $1 apiece to raise money. C. J. Greene, L. H. Austin and J. C. Seacrest were appointed a special committee to advertise the new scheme.

Thrown Against a Pitchfork.

WINSIDE, Neb., Aug. 24.—(Special.)—Frank Lemmon, a farmer living a little north from Winside, was riding on a load of sheaf oats with a pitchfork sticking in the sheaf beside him, when the wagon was overturned and in falling to the ground Mr. Lemmon had one of his legs badly punctured by the pitchfork. He is now suffering greatly from the wound.

Adventists Hold a Campmeeting.

BEATRICE, Neb., Aug. 24.—(Special.)—The Seventh Day Adventists began a campmeeting at the Chautauqua grounds today, to be continued for one week. Large numbers are coming in over the different railroads today, and the meeting promises to be one of considerable importance.

Arnold's Bromo Celery cures headaches. 10, 25 and 50 cents. All druggists.

CRANE MATURES HIS IDEAS

Designer of the Government Building for the Transmississippi Exposition.

PLANS FOR MAGNIFICENT STRUCTURE

Modern Renaissance in Style, with Noble Proportions and Artistic Exterior Decorations to Complete its Beauty.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 24.—(Special Telegram.)—The government building at the Omaha Exposition will be modern renaissance in style, with a magnificent dome overlooking the lagoon, 150 feet high, surmounted by an heroic allegorical figure of Liberty Enlightening the World. This is the present intention, according to Architect E. A. Crane of the supervising architect's office, who returned today after his vacation.

"Instead of three buildings, united by a central court, as originally planned," said Mr. Crane, "the government building will be one large structure 500 feet long and 100 feet wide. The grounds selected for the exposition are ideal in character, and the position accorded the government building could not be improved upon. I believe the Omaha Exposition will be easily the greatest exposition since the World's fair, for the people of Omaha are being aroused to the importance of the exposition and everybody seems to talk and think of nothing but next year's fair. Walker & Kimball have done a great work in planning the grounds and the general outlining of the designs of the several structures, which will be rich in coloring and artistic conception. I hope to have the working drawings of the government building finished in