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OUTPOSTS ARE TAKEN

Indian Rebels Score Another Victory Over British Troops.

THEY FORCE TWO GARRISONS TO RETIRE

Make a Successful Attack on Shinwari and Khai Police Posts.

BURN THE BUILDINGS TO THE GROUND

Orakzais Loot the Samana Bazaar and Burn the School.

FORCE OF AFRIDIS CLOSES KOHAT PASS

Order is Countermanded for Advance of British Column Through that Pass—Gravity of the Situation Increases.

SIMLA, Aug. 30.—The Shinwari and Khai police posts on the Samana range were attacked, evacuated by their garrisons and burned by the enemy on Sunday night. In addition the Orakzais on Sunday night looted the Naraib, Samana bazaar and burned the school. The Kohat pass Afridis are still loyal, in spite of the Mullah's strenuous efforts to excite their chiefs. They promise not to oppose the Peshawari troops, who are marching on Kohat.

PESHAWUR, Aug. 30.—A strong force of Afridis, it is just announced, has closed the Kohat pass and therefore the proposed advance of a column of British troops through that pass has been countermanded.

With the Khyber and Kohat passes in the hands of the enemy the gravity of the situation has increased.

A detachment of native troops under Colonel Gordon was sent out from Peshawur yesterday with orders to force the Kohat pass if necessary and reach Kohat.

A dispatch from Simla this afternoon announced that according to the information received there the Afridis were still loyal in spite of the Mullah's strenuous efforts to excite their chiefs and that they had promised not to oppose the advance of the column of troops from Peshawur.

The Kohat pass at its entrance is commanded by Fort Makesson. It runs through Afridi territory to the British post at Kohat, about forty miles from Peshawur. The latter is a strong military position.

It transpired that several of the native officers at Lundi-Kotal showed the utmost loyalty when that port was attacked. One of them who received a bullet wound in his shoulder, continued despite his injury to fight, and encouraged his men until the fort was captured. The subadar who conducted the defense of Fort Lundi-Kotal was killed during the fighting. Among the attacking forces were two of his sons, while another son fought by his side. The subadar who commanded the Mullagon company, when they entered the fort, collected his men and gallantly cut his way through the ranks of the attackers. He lost several men, but reached the road to Jamrud without the loss of a single rifle. It appears that only a small section of the Khyber rifles stationed at Jamrud were disarmed. They were on guard the night when the news of Fort Lundi-Kotal was received and the officers, fearing that some of them might desert with their rifles, disarmed them.

The arrests at Quetta on August 24 of three Beluchistan Sardars is considered a most important event, for among them were Mehrulla and Yarmuhamed, instigators of the recent raids in that quarter.

CROKER'S FAREWELL TO ENGLAND.

Tammany Leader Sails for New York Tuesday Forenoon.

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LONDON, Aug. 30.—(New York World cablegram—Special telegram.)—This is the end of Richard Croker's residence in England. Tomorrow morning at 9:40 the man who is apparently the most important person in New York sails from England on the American line's extra boat, New York, accompanied by his son, Robert Croker. He arrived at Paddington station late Saturday afternoon and was driven rapidly to Walsingham house in Piccadilly where Jefferson Levy awaited him. There was no time allowed to discuss the political situation. Croker hastily donned dress clothes and was escorted to the Princess restaurant where he dined with several friends, Levy being master of ceremonies. "It is only a private affair; not at all political," said Levy, "I am sure Croker is anxious to arrive home and will be glad to sail tomorrow.

Croker's cabin is characteristic of the man. He has not secured a particularly good place on the ship. He is contented with a single cabin, No. 15, on the promenade deck, which he occupies with his son. The party consists of Jefferson Levy, who has the adjoining cabin, and Andrew Freedman. The Croker cabin is furnished in the regulation steamer style.

Croker's departure from London was quiet. Judge Truax said this afternoon: "I should be glad to accompany Croker to Southampton to say farewell, but I leave myself for Paris in the morning. I have nothing to add to that which has already been said regarding the situation."

Croker leaves his stable at Wantage in the hands of his trainer, Stanley. His horses will be given regular work. He hopes to win greater success next season.

At the Croker dinner tonight were Judge and Mrs. Truax, Judge Dugro and Mrs. Dugro, a physician who is an intimate friend of Croker, in all eight in the party. He never looked better in his life. He was in good humor and said he was glad to be going home. There was a pretty menu and rare wines. All present wished Croker bon voyage.

TURKEY IS NOT ALONE TO BLAME.

Woods Pasha Says the Powers Are Partly Responsible for the Delay.

LONDON, Aug. 30.—(New York World Cablegram—Special Telegram.)—The following statement by Woods Pasha, the English admiral in the Turkish service and representative in the confidential capacity of the Ottoman empire in London, was made today: "You wish to know what I think of the evacuation of Thessaly and a war indemnity to be paid to Turkey of £4,000,000? The amount exacted does not, in my opinion, represent the material damage sustained by Turkey. The payment, properly arranged, could be made without any question of foreign contract at all. Rich Greek bankers and merchants residing abroad should combine to support the national patriotic loan at the guaranty of the powers. Of course the money could be realized at once on the prospect of the early retirement of the Turkish army. The situation is greatly improved by the last proposition of Lord Salisbury, which should show both the Greeks and the Turks who their real friends are. Since the impossibility has been shown of obtaining the sanction of Europe for the retention of any part of Thessaly beyond that necessary for the notification of the frontier, the next best thing is for Turkey to obtain as soon as possible the payment of the indemnity. I cannot understand the indignation expressed in England against the Turkish government on account of the delay in the clement of this matter. The delay is not to be wondered at. The war only ended three months ago and the delay is as much due to the powers themselves as to the Turks, and certainly the little disposition the Greeks have shown to make arrangements for payment of the indemnity is an important factor in the stand taken by Turkey."

EDWARD MARSHALL.

CZAR WILL RETURN THE VISIT.

Will Make a Trip to France in the Autumn.

PARIS, Aug. 30.—The Journal says the czar will visit Paris at the end of this autumn.

Mark Lane Crop Review.

LONDON, Aug. 30.—The Mark Lane Express, reviewing the crop situation, says the wet weather has seriously delayed the harvest and that the new wheat is bound to suffer. Continuing, the paper asserts that advices show the Russian crop to be decidedly below the average while the American crop is probably above the average. In this connection the Mark Lane Express says that information regarding the American crop appears to be kept back and adds that the experience of recent years leads to the American government advices being placed upon a much lower level of authority than those of other European countries.

Endorse Hebrew Removal to Palestine

BASLE, Switzerland, Aug. 30.—At today's session of the Zionist congress the delegates present unanimously adopted, with great enthusiasm, the program for re-establishing the Hebrews in Palestine with public recognized rights. A dispatch was sent to the sultan of Turkey thanking his majesty for the privileges enjoyed by the Hebrews in his empire.

Wreck on a German Railroad.

BERLIN, Aug. 30.—A dispatch from Elberfeld, sixteen miles from Dusseldorf, says that a collision between passenger trains took place near Vohwinkel at midnight. Three locomotives and six carriages were wrecked, two persons were killed and fourteen were injured. Of the latter it is thought probable that twelve will succumb to their injuries.

Will Send More Men to Cuba.

MADRID, Aug. 30.—At a cabinet council held today it was decided to summon the next class of 80,000 reserves, 27,000 of whom will be sent to Cuba, and 13,000 to the Phillipine islands. The ministers, when questioned, denied that the council was occupied with the subject of colonial reforms or with political questions.

Constituents Send Him Back.

BREST, Aug. 30.—The result of the Parliamentary election in the Third district of Brest yesterday is that the Abbe Eayraud, Christian socialist and republican, whose previous return was invalidated by the Chamber on the ground of clerical influence, has been re-elected to the Chamber of Deputies by a large majority.

Ships Going to Halifax to Be Docked.

HALIFAX, N. S., Aug. 30.—An officer of H. M. S. Crescent has informed the Associated Press representative here that the United States authorities have decided to send the battleship Maine to Halifax to go in dry dock during the last week in September and that the Maine is likely to be followed by the Iowa.

Lord Beresford to Be Promoted.

LONDON, Aug. 30.—The forthcoming promotions will include the raising of Lord Charles Beresford to the rank of rear admiral. Lord Charles is at present a captain in the royal navy.

WAIT ON THE INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

Interior Department Will Let Indian Cattle Matters Rest Awhile.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 30.—(Special Telegram.)—Indian Inspector McLaughlin will probably be in Washington this week and will present his report on the recent conference at Rosebud Agency between Indians and representatives of the Omaha stock yards relative to opening a cattle trail through the Great Sioux reservation. No report has yet reached the Interior department or Indian office of the proceedings at the conference. Another matter that will be taken up on Inspector McLaughlin's arrival will be the question of whether a recommendation is to be made for the dismissal of the suits now pending against the Cattlemen's association for the recovery of trespass charges for cattle that were found grazing on the Rosebud reservation during the past summer. Secretary Bliss now has the papers, including McLaughlin's report on the matter, on his desk, but wishes to consult with the inspector before he takes any action in the case.

Donald Maccualg, who has been chief clerk of the Department of Agriculture for the past four years, severed his connection with that department today. Mr. Maccualg tendered his resignation to Secretary Wilson some time ago and it was recently accepted to take effect today. There was general handshaking at the department in which a large number of clerks called on the departing chief clerk and bid him luck for the future. Mr. Maccualg has made a good record while he has been in the government's service, and the severance of his connection with the department was greatly regretted by his subordinates generally. He will leave for his home in Nebraska City on Wednesday.

Patrick O. Hawes of Omaha is in the city on a pleasure and business trip.

K. M. Berry, a prominent democrat of Lincoln, is in the city on business. In an interview in the local papers he praises the republicans for their censure of Governor Holcomb for his alleged neglect in not preventing the numerous defalcations of late by state officers.

I. S. Binford of South Dakota has been reinstated as a teacher at the Rosebud Indian school at $60 per month.

Secretary of Interior Bliss today denied plaintiff's motion for a review of the timber culture contest of Lewis V. Saukey against Edward Oliver from the Lincoln, Neb., land district. The departmental decision awarding the land to Oliver is reaffirmed.

A postoffice has been established at Jordan, Big Horn county, Wyo., with Louis J. Duhig as postmaster.

Iowa postmasters commissioned today: Louis A. Bassett, Charleston; Ephraim S. Berry, Ormanville.

DEFINITION OF VALID MARRIAGE.

Interior Department Gives Out a Decision on the Subject.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 30.—Assistant Secretary of the Interior Webster Davis today rendered an important decision, involving the definition of a valid marriage. The policy laid down affects a great number of cases. The issue is made in the case of the widow of William B. Thomas, who served in Company A, New York volunteers, heavy artillery. Mr. Davis holds:

Where it is shown by the evidence that both parties fully intended and consented to the maintenance of bona fide marital relations at and subsequent to the time when they were competent to sustain such status by removal of a pre-existing impediment, and did consent to the maintenance of such marital relations by constant and continuous co-habitation, acknowledging each other as husband and wife and being universally recognized as such by the community in which they lived, joining the church membership, uniting in deeds and conveyances as husband and wife and deporting themselves generally in accordance with good morals, a valid marriage is essentially established.

News for the Army.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 30.—(Special Telegram.)—Lieutenant Robert L. Bullard, Tenth infantry, has been relieved from detail at the Fort Leavenworth school and ordered to join his company.

Captain William H. Gibson, ordnance department, has been transferred from the Kilby Manufacturing company, Cleveland, to duty at Niles' tool works, Hamilton, O.

Leaves of absence: Lieutenant Floyd W. Harris, fourth cavalry, one month; Lieutenant Robert L. Bullard, Tenth infantry, two months.

BOY ON TRIAL FOR MURDER

Hez Rasco, Aged 16, Is Accused of Killing Mrs. Baumle.

SKILLFUL LEGAL TALENT IN ATTENDANCE

Venire of a Hundred Names Examined to Secure a Jury of Forty—Former Trial Ended in a Disagreement.

MARYVILLE, Mo., Aug. 30.—(Special Telegram.)—Hez Rasco, the 16-year-old boy who is charged with having murdered Mrs. Kate Baumle at Arkoe, five miles south of Maryville, October 2, 1896, was placed on trial for the second time, today. A special venire of 100 men is being examined, of whom forty must qualify. This work will be finished to-morrow, but the first evidence in the case will not be heard until Wednesday morning. Hon. William C. Ellison, Judge S. R. Beech, ex-Congressman Charles Booher of Savanah, and Virgil Montgomery of Bolckow will again appear for Rasco, and Prosecuting Attorney John M. Dawson will be assisted by Gallatin Craig of this city and ex-Senator Mike Moran of St. Joseph.

An attorney for Rasco stated this morning that the defense will be the same as it was at the trial which occurred in April. An attempt will be made to show that Sheriff Pixler induced the boy to confess by telling him that his condition would be bettered if he did so, that he used language which implied threats of vengeance that might be wreaked upon him if he did not, and that after Rasco had confessed, the sheriff permitted no one to see him alone until after Mr. Ellison had been employed as his attorney. It is hinted that new and sensational evidence will be introduced by the prosecution.

REPORTS THE CRIME HIMSELF.

On the afternoon of Friday, October 2, 1896, Hez Rasco, a 16-year-old boy, reported at home that he had discovered the dead body of Mrs. Kate Baumle in her home, a mile east of Arkoe, Nodaway county, Mo. According to the boy's story he had gone to the Baumle home to get a pail of water. His attention was attracted to the house by a smashed window in the kitchen. On examining the premises he found the doors locked. Entering through the window he found blood on the floor and the furniture and every evidence of a desperate struggle. He heard the voice of a baby from upstairs and following the sound came to a room in which he found the body of Mrs. Baumle on the floor, and the baby lying on the bed crying, its garments blood stained, but unhurt, the sole witness of the terrible crime.

Mrs. Baumle was still gasping for breath. Her head was frightfully battered, and on the floor by her lay the leg of a stove and its hearth lid, which had been used by the murderer in his fiendish assault. Rasco spread the alarm and the pursuit of the murderer was soon organized. Sheriff Pixler and Prosecuting Attorney Shinabargar of Nodaway county were active in the search for the criminal and five days later took into custody Hez Rasco. They had followed a trail that led almost conclusively to him. When he was first arrested the boy was closely questioned, but gave shifty and evasive answers. Finally, however, he broke down and made a confession. His story of the crime shows the murder to have been a most cruel and wanton affair, marked by brutality almost beyond credence.

SHE ANGERED HIM.

Rosco said that on that Friday afternoon he was working in the hayfield near Baumle's home. During the afternoon he became thirsty and went over to the house to get a drink. Mrs. Baumle was ironing and had the door open when he entered the yard. He went up to the house and went in. She was preparing to churn and he noticed they had a new churn. He said to her:

"Where did you get that churn."

According to him, she replied, "What is it to you?"

"Well, I'll show you what it is to me," he replied. She threw a smoothing iron at him, and this smoothing iron was afterwards found lying on the kitchen floor.

Rasco's story is that he then went out of the door. He was angry, and after he left she slammed the door and locked it. He at once picked up a rock and went back to the house. He fired it through the screen and window. This time he did not hit her. Then he picked up another one and threw it through the window, this time hitting her in the mouth. After he had struck Mrs. Baumle with the rock Rasco tore the screen from the window, kicked the lower lights out with his foot and started to enter. Mrs. Baumle attacked him with a chair and attempted to keep him out, but he got in, took it from her and struck her with it. Then she picked up her babe and started up the stairway. As she went Rasco threw a stool at her. Mrs. Baumle was by this time upstairs and barricaded in the south room. He followed her and attempted to enter, but could not. Then he tried to kick the door down, but was as unsuccessful as before. He then braced his back against the door, pushed with all his might, and it yielded. He entered, and as he did so picked up a piece of stove hearth that lay on the floor, and threw it at her. It struck her and she fell to the floor. Here his story became mixed. He denies having struck the woman after she was down, but this is not true. There were over a dozen wounds on her face and head that were not accounted for in his statement. The fact seems to be that he stood over her dead body and beat her until there was not left any possibility of her living to make known who her assailant was. Rasco says that after he knocked Mrs. Baumle down he fled from the house and ran home to give the alarm that somebody had murdered Mrs. Baumle.

Rasco was tried last April on a charge of murder and after one of the most sensational trials on record the jury disagreed. It was the general sentiment at that time that Rasco had been saved from hanging solely by the skill of the attorneys who defended him.

MAKES FRIENDS AND THEN SHOOTS.

Freeman Cochran in Jail for the Murder of George Stanbrough.

BETHANY, Mo., Aug. 30.—(Special Telegram.)—Freeman Cochran was given a preliminary hearing here today for the murder of George Stanbrough and sent to jail to await the action of the grand jury. Cochran and Stanbrough met last week at a neighbor's, named Bryant. They quarrelled and engaged in a fist encounter, Cochran getting the worst of it. The two men made up, shook hands and went into the neighbor's house to wash. While Bryant went upstairs to get some clothes, Cochran grabbed a gun, stepped to the door, and shot Stanbrough, killing him instantly. He then got some weapons and laid them beside the dead man and intimidated Bryant and his wife until they promised to swear he killed the victim in self defense. Bryant's evidence alone will send Cochran to the gallows.

CARS OF MEAT ARE DERAILED.

Bad Smashup on the Great Western Road Near Ravenswood, Mo.

MARYVILLE, Mo., Aug. 30.—(Special.)—Seven refrigerator cars loaded with dressed meat and one car containing 8,000 pounds of live chickens, belonging to Smith, Wilcox & Co. of Ravenswood were wrecked near Ravenswood yesterday morning on the Chicago Great Western. O. E. Smith was sleeping in a hammock in the chicken car at the time and although the car was thrown from the track and badly smashed up, he escaped unhurt.

Silver for Export.

NEW YORK, Aug. 30.—The Havel will take out 100,000 ounces of silver to Europe tomorrow. The St. Louis, sailing on Wednesday, will take 250,000 ounces.

BULL MOVEMENT IS WEAK.

Prices of Wheat Fall to Bulge on New York Market.

NEW YORK, Aug. 30.—Total transactions in wheat today were only 4,165,000 bushels. During the height of the bull boom they ran up to 16,000,000. Thus speculation is fast getting back into its normal condition, with sentiment not so favorably disposed toward the long side of the account, except in a scalping way. News on the whole today was bullish, but the market did not respond. There was heavy selling of the nearby deliveries in an effort to switch transactions over into December. As a result the difference between September and December, which a few days ago was something like 4 cents, narrowed down to 2 cents at the close today. The domestic visible supply lost 1,265,000 bushels last week and the English visible decreased 1,185,000 bushels.

Private cables to a prominent exporting house here reported the actual crop statement of the Hungarian minister of agriculture as showing European necessities of 144,000,000 quintals this year. To supply the deficiency exporting countries can only furnish 93,000,000 quintals, leaving a shortage of 50,000,000 bushels. The report did not have the effect on our market which many traders thought its importance justified, the Hungarian minister's figures being generally regarded as official for calculating purposes. After the opening, which was at 94¼ cents for December, it fell to 93½ cents, rallied to 95½ cents and closed at 94⅛ cents. Clearances of wheat from New York last week reached 1,000,000 bushels, the heaviest total in many weeks. Local stocks in store and afloat lost 138,000,000 bushels.

French markets opened higher, but lost it all and closed weak. Continental houses were sellers in the early market.

Corn showed plenty of strength all day, considering the drawbacks of weak cables, enormous receipts and a huge visible supply increase. It was freely bought by the trade. December opened at 36⅝ cents, sold up to 37½ cents and closed at 37⅜ cents.

NATIONAL CONGRESS OF FARMERS.

Delegates Arriving for the Coming Meeting at St. Paul.

ST. PAUL, Aug. 30.—The advance guard of the delegates and officers of the National Farmers' congress arrived in numbers today. Most of the officers registered at the Ryan hotel, which will be the official headquarters.

One of the first to arrive was H. F. Clayton of Indianola, Ia., president of the congress. Other arrivals are: Secretary John L. Stahl, Henry Hayden of Indianola, treasurer of the congress; L. M. Haworth of Indianola, Miss Emma Sickels, president of the Domestic Science association of Chicago and secretary of the National Pure Food association; Mrs. J. H. Kreis of Chicago, secretary of the Democratic Science association; A. F. Kiemmel and Mrs. J. Kersherner of Orwigsburg, Pa.; S. F. Barber of Harrisburg, Pa.; Thomas J. Ege of Pennsylvania, and A. P. Moore, president of the Illinois State Farmers' institute.

At the present session an important theme will be discussed, viz: strikes and their relations to the farmer. It is believed the congress will pass resolutions asking the federal congress to enact measures which will result in a better system for the control of strikes and the protection of commerce during their reign.

CHINESE DOCTOR WANTS LICENSE.

Indiana State Board Refuses to Recognize the Celestial Medic.

INDIANAPOLIS, Aug. 30.—Federal Judge Jenkins has issued an order granting a temporary injunction as prayed for in the complaint of Don Sang, a Chinese doctor of Crown Point, against the State Medical Registration and Examination board, which refused to issue a license to Don Sang. The complaint sets forth that the law passed by the last legislature so far as it pertains to practicing physicians holding licenses under the prior law, is contrary to the constitution of the United States and beyond the power of the legislature. It also says that Don Sang is a descendant of one of a family that represents nine generations of practitioners, who were graduated from the Sang hospital, established in 1407, within six miles of the emperor's palace. The plaintiff asks that the case be tried early in November.

FOREST FIRES CAUSING ALARM.

Much Property Destroyed and Fears There Will Be Loss of Life.

ST. PAUL, Aug. 30.—An Anaconda, Mont., special to the Dispatch says: A fierce forest fire is raging a few miles west of here and spreading with alarming rapidity toward this city. The fire has already burned over 10,000 acres of timber. A messenger from the burned district says that Georgetown and Silver Lake are both in the track of the fire and unless something is done to check the flames great loss of property and life may result. Near Georgetown a terrible fire has been generated and flames 100 feet high can be seen from the village. Much anxiety is felt here over the outcome, but no action to stay the fire has yet been taken.

WHOLESALE RAID ON SALOONS.

Police Charge on Dram Shops at Kansas City, Kan.

KANSAS CITY, Aug. 30.—Ten saloons in Kansas City, Kan., were raided by the police this evening and $3,000 worth of liquors seized and poured into the gutters. Saloon furniture and fixtures filling ten big drays was seized and carted to police headquarters, where it will be burned tomorrow. The confiscations are under old injunctions against the places and the proprietors made permanent many months ago, and the property is to be destroyed without further process of law. Similar action will be taken against some seventy other places.

DETERMINED TO STAND BY LOW.

Citizens' Union of Greater New York Has a Mayoralty Candidate.

NEW YORK, Aug. 30.—The executive committee of the Citizens' union at a meeting held tonight decided to stand alone with Seth Low and no other as its candidate for mayor of Greater New York. Home rule is what is desired and state and national issues are to be shunned. All this was publicly set forth in a reply sent by Chairman James B. Reynolds of the union to Lemuel E. Quigg of the republican county committee.

Election in South Carolina.

COLUMBIA, S. C., Aug. 30.—Tomorrow the primary election for the purpose of selecting a democratic nominee for election by the legislature for the full unexpired term of the late Senator Earle is to be held in this state. There are three candidates, United States Senator McLaurin, Senator Irby and ex-Governor Evans. McLaurin is expected to lead but it is doubtful if he will go in on the first ballot.

Western Currency Shipments.

NEW YORK, Aug. 30.—The subtreasury here today transferred for local banks, through the treasury at Washington, $100,000 in currency to Kansas City and $25,000 in silver dollars to Texas through the subtreasury at New Orleans. Shipments of currency to the south and west today by banks direct were very large, all banks reporting the receipt of orders for remittances.

Yacht Capsizes in a Storm.

PUT-IN-BAY, O., Aug. 30.—The sloop yacht Cora V capsized in last night's squall, the worst that has struck here in sometime. A pleasure party consisting of Mr. and Mrs. Revera and son of Cincinnati; Elmer Bennig and Ben Clark and the crew of the yacht were aboard. They were rescued by a life crew after struggling about in the water for a little while.

No Lynching in Minnesota.

ST. CLOUD, Minn., Aug. 30.—The story sent out from Belgrade, Minn., of a lynching is without foundation. County Attorney Sullivan was so notified by wire tonight.

FUSION FAR FROM CERTAIN

Trouble Expected Before the Three-in-One Ticket Is Named.

LEADERS AT LINCOLN ARE ANXIOUS

Populists Bent on Naming a Candidate for Judge Without the Aid or Consent of Any Other Party.

LINCOLN, Aug. 30.—(Special.)—Preparations are going forward for the big popocratic convention which is to be held here Wednesday, and the fusion leaders are out with the assertion that the crowd will be the largest that ever attended a convention in the state. The hotels are receiving a large number of advance orders for rooms and are getting ready for the rush. At the fusion headquarters and at the state capitol there is a little hum of excitement and many secret conferences. As the time for the convention draws near the leaders are wearing a more anxious air, and it is freely admitted that the sailing for fusion will not be entirely smooth when convention day arrives. It is apparent that the breach between the democratic and populist forces is widening every day and the leaders of the two factions are no longer on the close and confidential terms that characterized them some time ago. One of the prominent populists, who has in the years past held a high office and is now occupying a position of trust, is giving it out that Chairman Edmisten of the populist committee is playing into the hands of the democrats and can no longer be trusted by the rank and file of the populist party. It is said that many others share in the same belief. Another populist of equally high position, in discussing the situation today, said that on Wednesday the greatest interest would center on the meeting of the populists, and it was certain that if a good majority of that body was in favor of nominating a populist for supreme judge the democrats would be compelled to agree, and Judge Neville would be nominated. In his opinion the wishes of the populist convention would rule the other two. State officers who were interviewed today were less confident of an easy agreement and frankly stated that the reports of quarrels and the bolting of delegations at Omaha, Pawnee, Bloomfield, Benkelman and other places indicated that there might be a long wrangle between the forces on convention day, followed by a good deal of bitterness between the factions.

Some of the delegates have already arrived in the city and there are reports that the trains from every direction will bring in immense throngs. Yet to show that the leaders are themselves in doubt about the attendance it is only necessary to mention that the railroad company offered to run a special train from Falls City by way of Tecumseh, in order to bring the delegates and visitors from Richardson, Pawnee, Johnson and Lancaster counties, and the guarantee asked was only $175. Delegates from Tecumseh and Pawnee were seen last night who said they did not think it safe to make the guarantee. They either look for a small attendance from that direction or else fear that a large proportion will come on passes, which latter would be no help to the guarantee required by the railroad company.

Of the notables who are to speak on convention day, Mr. Bryan is resting quietly at home and "Cyclone" J. H. Davis of Texas is quartered at the Lindell, having arrived in the city this morning. The other speakers have not yet put in an appearance.

SILVER DEMOCRATS THRIVE ON IT.

Enjoy Fat Offices They Would Never Get Save Through Fusion.

LINCOLN, Aug. 30.—(Special.)—As the time for the fusion conventions approaches there is more and more discussion of the problem of fusion and the division of the spoils, especially among the populists, many of whom assert that the democrats are claiming and receiving more than their share of the offices. The democrats, on the other hand, take the opposite position and hold that the fusion candidate for supreme judge this year should be a democrat as a right belonging to that party for its share of the reward resulting from past fusion successes.

While there is apparently a great deal of fusion talk among members of the three silver organizations, the general feeling is anything but good. Today two prominent populists were heard to say that the democrats had no real sympathy in the reform movement except so far as they could reap substantial benefit from it. To support this contention in a degree, the fat positions held under the state administration by the democrats were noted and it was suggested that the party had been fairly well rewarded considering the fact that the continued bolt of the sound money faction made the strength of the silver element at best but problematical.

While this dispute is going on a list of the soft positions secured by the democrats in the state house with the size of salary is of general interest. The following does not include the janitors and other minor officials:

Attorney General's Office—C. J. Smyth, attorney general, $2,000; Ed. P. Smith, deputy, $1,800; G. F. Corcoran, stenographer, $1,000.

Governor's Office—Henry Blum, stenographer, $1,200.

Secretary of State's Office—S. E. Starrett, recorder, $1,200.

Auditor's Office—C. C. Pool, deputy, $1,600; J. A. Abbott, bookkeeper, $1,200; Mame Muldoon, stenographer, $800.

Treasurer's Office—Sam U. Patterson, deputy, $1,700.

Land Commissioner's Office—D. D. Lynch, bookkeeper, $1,300.

Banking Department—P. J. Hall, secretary, $1,500; Henry Mathieson, clerk, $1,000; two bank examiners, each $1,800.

Board of Transportation—J. C. Dahlman, secretary, $2,000.

Board of Irrigation—J. J. Adams, under secretary, $800.

State Exposition Commission—Two members, position being worth to each of them for the time they will serve, about $1,000; W. H. Dearing, secretary, $800.

The warden of the Nebraska penitentiary at Lincoln is a democrat, with a salary of $1,500, and he disburses salaries to employes to the amount of $13,000 a year.

The superintendent of the Hospital for the Insane at Norfolk is a democrat with a salary of $2,000 and disburses salaries to employes to the amount of $15,000.

The superintendent of the Institute for the Feeble Minded at Beatrice is a democrat with a salary of $2,000 and disburses salaries to employes to the amount of $6,000.

The superintendent of the Nebraska Industrial home at Milford is a democrat with a salary of $1,000 and disburses salaries to employes amounting to $1,500.

The commandant of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Home at Milford is a democrat with a salary of $800 and disburses salaries to employes amounting to $750.

The newly appointed superintendent of the Institute for the Deaf and Dumb at Omaha is a democrat, with a salary of $2,000.

The State Fish commissioner is a democrat, with a salary of $1,200.

This list is necessarily incomplete, as it does not show the politics and salaries of the under officials of the state institutions in all parts of the state, all of whom received their appointment because of political services performed for the cause of fusion.

Fusion in Hall County.

GRAND ISLAND, Aug. 30.—(Special.)—The democrats and populists of Hall county met in convention Saturday and after dickering for four hours finally fused, the democrats taking the sheriff and clerk nominations and giving the populists the rest. The only contention there was between the parties was over the nomination for sheriff. Each party wanted it. The democratic convention was made up of ninety-two delegates and the populist of 192. The populists who had met in the morning extended an invitation to the democrats to have a joint conference of the two conventions, proposing that in this conference an informal ballot be taken as the choice of the delegates on the nominees for all the offices and that each party then adjourn to its own hall and put up the ticket so decided upon. In the populist convention it was proposed by H. A. Edwards that the democrats be given a like numerical strength as was enjoyed by the populists, but this motion was reconsidered after having once carried. The democrats were suspicious, but finally came into the populist convention, after which the populist advocates of a populist sheriff very quietly laid down and the plan of fusion, as proposed by the democrats, carried the day almost unanimously. The following ticket was put up: For treasurer, William Thomassen; for clerk, C. H. Mencke; for sheriff, Henry Schlotfeldt; for judge, Fred. Neihardt; for superintendent, E. E. Shuman; for coroner, Joe Sonderman; for supervisor, H. A. Gallup. In the democratic supervisor convention, C. D. Woodward was placed in nomination for the district of Grand Island.

FUSION COUNTY TICKETS NAMED.

Howard County Populists Fight the Alliance but It Goes Through.

ST. PAUL, Neb., Aug. 30.—(Special.)—The independent and democratic county conventions both met here Saturday. The democratic convention met in Enevoldsen's hall about 11 o'clock and organized by electing John O'Holloren president and Frank Hirst secretary. The independents met about the same hour in Court House hall and organized by choosing J. A. Ziegler for president and E. H. Sirensen and C. J. Trundsen as secretaries. A recess for dinner was then taken after which the work of effecting fusion between the two bodies was taken up and committees were appointed from each convention to arrange a plan for that purpose. The conference committees finally agreed to allow the democrats to fill the offices of county clerk, county judge and coroner. The independents to have the rest of the ticket. The report of the conference committee met with considerable opposition in the independent convention, which contained quite a number of middle-of-the-road delegates opposed to fusion, but was finally adopted after a long and close contest. The following fusion ticket was then agreed upon and nominated: County clerk, Mark Holm, democrat; treasurer, Christ Appel, populist; sheriff, S. C. Kelm, populist; county judge, M. D. Smith, democrat; superintendent, C. B. Manuel, populist; coroner, Frank Hirst, democrat; commissioner third district, Michael Gappa, populist. The office of county surveyor was left for the republicans to fill. The independents also selected the following twelve delegates to the state convention: Frank J. Taylor, C. V. Svoboda, Christ Berg, Christ Appel, J. M. Dunkle, A. J. Ogden, H. N. Lamitzen, H. R. Vandecar, Niels Nielsen C. Grummar, J. P. Chistensen, R. M. Salling.

OSCEOLA, Neb., Aug. 30.—(Special.)—The people's independent party has just held its primaries. There were seven candidates for sheriff, two for clerk and two for county commissioner. The names of the successful candidates are: For treasurer, Keene Ludden; clerk, W. O. Johnson; county judge, C. W. Gette; sheriff, A. F. Nuquist; superintendent of schools, George Horst; coroner, V. C. Carlson; county commissioner, G. M. Kreis. Stromeburg gets four of the candidates. Anyone was allowed to vote that would declare that he was in favor of free silver.

NELSON, Neb., Aug. 30.—(Special.)—The populists of Nuckolls county met in convention Saturday and placed in nomination county officers the following ticket: County clerk, N. A. Clark; county treasurer, S. A. Lapp; county judge, Peebler; sheriff, James Boyd; county superintendent, D. S. Duseenberg. All the nominees are present incumbents except Mr. Peebles. The silver democrats also held their convention on the same date and nominated the entire populist ticket.

FULLERTON, Neb., Aug. 30.—(Special.)—The populists of Nance county held their convention yesterday. Delegates to the state convention were elected and instructed to use all honorable means to secure the nomination of Hon. J. J. Sullivan for supreme judge.

Bryan Speaks for Fusion.

GRAND ISLAND, Neb., Aug. 30.—(Special.)—Hon. William J. Bryan was in the city yesterday, stopping over long enough to tell the populists of the county that they ought to fuse. He stated that the only fear he had this fall was the multitude of candidates, and he admonished them that they ought to be willing to sacrifice their personal ambitions for the good of the party and its cause. About 500 people were out to hear the speech.

TIDAL WAVE AND GREAT FLOODS.

Two Hundred Killed and Injured on the Coast of Japan.

TACOMA, Wash., Aug. 30.—The Japan steamer brings news of severe earthquakes in Japan on August 5, followed by a tidal wave and great floods. A thousand houses were inundated and 200 persons were killed and injured. Sixty-five Chinese villages were inundated.

Cotton Mills on Full Time.

SOMERSWORTH, N. H., Aug. 30.—The Great Falls Cotton Manufacturing company's mills here resumed operations on full time today, after having been run forty hours a week since May.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Aug. 30.—The Harris mills started today after a shutdown of two weeks. The mills employ about 300 hands.

LAWRENCE, Mass., Aug. 30.—Operations were resumed at the Atlantic mills today after a shutdown of four weeks. This will give employment to about 1,200 hands. Work was also resumed in the weaving department of the Methuen company's mills at Methuen. Nearly all of the 450 operatives employed in these mills are now at work.

LOWELL, Mass., Aug. 30.—The Lawrence cotton mills in this city started this morning after a shutdown of four weeks. This is the last mill in the city to resume operations and in all of them it is said sufficient orders have been received to insure a prosperous season.

Gold at Denver Mint.

DENVER, Aug. 30.—The receipts of gold at the United States branch mint in this city for the fiscal month of August, which closed Saturday, amounted to $1,125,277.78. The receipts for August, 1896, were $328,459.81, an increase for this year of $796,771.74, or 200 per cent. The total receipts this year since January 1 amount to $7,239,722.91. It is estimated that the amount of gold received at the mint during 1897 will be in the neighborhood of $11,000,000, and with that shipped east from smelters and chlorination works, it is believed Colorado's output for 1897 will be in the neighborhood of $20,000,000.

UNSETTLED WEATHER FOR TODAY.

Continued Cool Temperature Retards Ripening of Corn.

Hour.	Deg.	Hour.	Deg.
5 a. m.	56	1 p. m.	75
6 a. m.	55	2 p. m.	74
7 a. m.	57	3 p. m.	76
8 a. m.	60	4 p. m.	79
9 a. m.	63	5 p. m.	79
10 a. m.	66	6 p. m.	78
11 a. m.	70	7 p. m.	75
12 m.	73	8 p. m.	72
		9 p. m.	71

The exceptional cool weather for August continues and complaints are being made from the farming communities. They are to the effect that corn is not maturing. Yesterday was a bright, clear day, but the figures above indicate the character of the temperature. The outlook for today offers little encouragement for an improvement.

INTO A DEATH TRAP

Revenue Officers Follow a Trail That Leads to Eternity.

POSSE FIRED ON FROM MEN IN AMBUSH

Two Are Killed, Two Are Wounded and Two Are Missing.

WORK OF MURDEROUS MOONSHINERS

Arkansas Illicit Distillers Protect Their Plant with Rifles.

POPE COUNTY THE SCENE OF THE CRIME

Vicinity a Favorite Resort of the Makers of Whisky and Bad Money and Peopled with Desperadoes.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Aug. 30.—Six men were probably massacred in the wilds of the mountains of Pope county yesterday afternoon. Two were killed outright, two were fatally wounded and left for dead and two have mysteriously disappeared and are either dead or are being held captive by the bloodthirsty bandits who committed the awful crime. The killed:

CAPTAIN B. F. TAYLOR of Searcy county, a deputy United States marshal.

JOE DODSON, of Stonie, a deputy marshal.

The fatally wounded are two brothers named Renfro of Searcy county.

The names of the missing men are not known, but they are supposed to be deputy sheriffs from an adjoining county.

The victims were all officers, deputy marsh