

SCENE AT THE WHITE HOUSE

President Proves the Button Which Formally Opens the Exposition. NEBRASKA DELEGATION ALL PRESENT

Several Other Western Senators and Congressmen in the Party at the Executive Mansion.

WASHINGTON, June 1.—(Special Telegram.)—Conditions were well nigh perfect when, at 1:30 o'clock today, Washington time, corresponding to 12:30 Omaha time, President McKinley pushed the button, formally opening the Transmississippi and International Exposition.

It had been the intention of officials connected with the Transmississippi Exposition to have the president deliver his address through the long distance telephone, but being fearful that some slip might occur the president decided to rely on the telegraph and especially as he was not accustomed to use the telephone since his term as president began. In order to conform to the arrangements the hour of formally recognizing the Transmississippi and International Exposition was deferred until 1:30 o'clock, at which time there was assembled in the president's reception room the following distinguished party: Senators Allen and Thurston, Representatives Mercer, Stark, Sutherland, Maxwell and Greene, Mrs. Sutherland and daughter, Mrs. Greene and daughter, Mrs. Wheeler, Representative Fleming, Georgia Representative John of North Dakota, and Senator W. B. Allison of Iowa.

Considerable delay was experienced by Captain Montgomery in getting a wire out of Chicago and direct to the exposition grounds. The welcome sound "Omaha" came to the alert telegrapher there were flashed these words by Montgomery:

This is White House, Washington. When this key closes, president will close it. "Everything is ready," President said. Captain Montgomery, and the chief executive, gracious in manner, stepped to the key of the instrument and depressing it with his right hand closed the circuit. Those in the room stood during this ceremony, of little interest to anyone, of greater interest to those gathered in the exposition room—and at 1:30 o'clock, Washington time, the president announced that his part of the ceremony was over and the exposition was formally open.

There was clapping of hands and congratulations showered upon the executive for his patience and his ability in taking so much time from the affairs of the nation to give the Transmississippi Exposition the benefit of his benediction and good wishes. Immediately after the president's message was sent, which was followed by congratulatory telegrams of the Nebraska delegation, terminating a most auspicious occasion for Omaha and the west.

After short congratulations informally made between President McKinley and the members of the Nebraska delegation on the successful beginning of the exposition, the chief executive read his congratulatory telegram to President G. W. Watters. Immediately after the congratulatory message of the president had been sent and indications given from Omaha that far as the president was concerned his work had been done, Executive Clerk Montgomery sent the following wire to President Watters:

The members of the Nebraska delegation, assembled in the executive mansion, beg leave to extend their congratulations and the auspicious beginning of so vast an enterprise as the Transmississippi and International Exposition, and that their inability to be present and to personally participate in its accomplishment.

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A contingent followed which attracted the most interest and applause in the whole line. This consisted of representations from the Grand Army of the Republic, the Grand Army of the Republic, and the Grand Army of the Republic. They were in the army blue and a large proportion bearing the marks of battle, marched through the streets, they were everywhere greeted with cheers.

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Concerts for School Children. The school children of the Seventh and Eighth grades and the High school will give a series of concerts at Boyd's theater June 8, 9 and 10, to demonstrate to the public their proficiency in vocal music. The pupils will be divided into divisions, with about 600 voices in each section.

ACADEMY BURNS DOWN

Episcopal Boarding School for Boys Located at Lincoln Is Destroyed by Fire. LINCOLN, June 1.—(Special Telegram.)—The second destructive fire in two months visited Lincoln this afternoon and Worthington academy was destroyed.

The institution, which was opened about five years ago, has been conducted as an Episcopal boarding school for boys. The grounds and building and furniture have cost all told close to \$60,000. There was about \$35,000 insurance on the property. The cause of the fire is unknown, but it started in the upper part of the building about 5 o'clock, and there was no water or appliance for fighting, fire it was a certainty that the building was doomed from the beginning.

The city fire department responded to a call for help, but the lack of water and the progress the fire had made prevented the men from accomplishing anything. The building was situated just north of the city and outside of the limits of the water service. The condition of the walls is such that there will be no salvage of any account. This was the last day of the school term and the students were prepared to leave for their homes tonight and tomorrow.

MORTON PROPOSES CONUNDRUMS. Subjects for Consideration of Those Interested in Money Question. ARBOR LODGE, NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., May 31.—To the Editor of The Bee: In view of the coming monetary discussion at the Transmississippi Auditorium building on Tuesday, September 13, and Thursday, September 13, 14 and 15, 1898, I submit through the columns of your paper the following conundrums for solution:

1. To what extent and how far is the price of wheat or any other cereal regulated by the price of silver? 2. What is the true relation between the value of money and the general price level? In other words, has the recent rise in the prices of agricultural products resulted from any increase in the volume of money? If so, why not? The above is submitted for the consideration of those interested in the discussion of values and prices. Yours truly, J. STERLING MORTON.

Well Known in Columbus. COLUMBUS, Neb., June 1.—(Special.)—Word was received this morning from the Douglas county coroner that the remains of Julius Rasmussen of this city were in his care and awaiting disposition. Rasmussen had lived in this city for more than twenty years. He was a Mason and the lodge here has given instructions to have the remains sent home for burial. He left here last Saturday, accompanied by his wife, going to Lincoln for a day or two, expecting to be in Omaha today to witness the opening of the exposition. No particulars regarding his death have been received. A case involving \$10,000 in the chief attraction in the district court this week, Justice Albert presiding. Ella A. Rogers, widow of the late John C. Rogers of Butler county, was a Mason and the lodge here has given instructions to have the remains sent home for burial. He left here last Saturday, accompanied by his wife, going to Lincoln for a day or two, expecting to be in Omaha today to witness the opening of the exposition. No particulars regarding his death have been received.

Good Outlook for Crops. BANCROFT, Neb., June 1.—(Special.)—This section of Nebraska has never had a better outlook for a big crop at this season of the year than at present. Corn is all up and a part of it has been cultivated once over and is growing finely. The exceedingly good stand is one of the principal factors in the guarantee that the growing crop is to be of the best in Nebraska's history. The soil was perhaps never in a finer condition as to moisture and a few days of the season will make corn fairly jump. Wheat, barley, generally speaking, are in splendid condition. Vegetables and all kinds of garden stuff are making a wonderful growth, while the cherry crop and the different varieties of berries grown here are practically a sure crop.

SAVED FROM THE BELVIDERE

Passengers and Crew of the Ill-Fated Fruit Steamer Brought to Philadelphia. PHILADELPHIA, June 1.—The Norwegian fruit steamer Kong Frode, Captain Anderson, arrived at its dock in this city today, having on board the crew and passengers of the steamer Belvidere, which was wrecked on the night of May 25 on the coast of Cuba, near Cape Maysi. All on board the Belvidere were saved, but the passengers and most of the crew lost nearly all their personal baggage.

Prominent among those on board the Belvidere was Domingo Capote, vice president of the Cuban republic; M. Despaigne, his private secretary; and A. Herrera, his chief of staff. These men bear important dispatches to the Cuban junta in this country and it was by mere chance that Capote and his companions are not now prisoners of Spanish soldiers in Cuba. After coming ashore from the Belvidere on Cape Maysi, they came across a small body of Spaniards with whom they conversed, but managed to remain unrecognized.

The Belvidere struck at 11:30 p. m., May 25, on the cliffs two miles southwest of Quensado. It was soon noticed that the steamer was hard and fast on the rocks. A line of planks was run to the shore and the passengers were taken to the top of the cliff. The next morning it was decided to reach Cape Maysi lighthouse. A number of the party, accompanied by the women, started out and after walking about seven miles reached the lighthouse.

Lieutenants Hernandez and Estebano and about eighteen Spanish soldiers were on the scene of the wreck. Vice President Capote and Senor Herrera were inside a tent and were unobserved by the soldiers. Secretary Despaigne, however, was in conversation with the Spanish officers, but as he spoke English well they did not suspect him. They left soon after supplying the wrecked persons with liquors and dry clothing.

Chief Officer Cromwell of the wrecked steamer speaks highly of the Spanish officers' conduct and stated that one of them had said: "We would do this even if we knew you were Americans." The night the weather cleared and Friday the Kong Frode, took to sea and sent in small boats.

SCHOONER JANE GRAY SINKS Goes Down in Gale off Washington, Taking Thirty-Four of Its Passengers with It. SEATTLE, Wash., June 1.—The schooner Jane Gray, which sailed from Seattle for Ketchikan on May 19, with sixty-one people on board, was wrecked today about ninety miles west of Cape Flattery, at 2 o'clock in the morning, while lying to in a moderate gale under foresail. Ten minutes after the alarm was given it lay at the bottom of the ocean with thirty-four of its passengers. The schooner was carrying on board a launch, and reached this city this afternoon.

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Attend Engineer's Funeral. NORFOLK, Neb., June 1.—(Special.)—A special train of three coaches left Norfolk yesterday for Missouri Valley to attend the funeral of Lucian S. Cook, the engineer who was killed in the Elkhorn railroad wreck near Arlington. Mr. Cook was well known here, having made this his headquarters for many years. He was past commander of Damascus commandery, Knights of Pythias, of this city and the Sir Knights went down in a body to attend the funeral, accompanied by the many Masonic and other personal friends of the deceased.

Attend the Opening. BLAIR, Neb., June 1.—(Special.)—A large delegation from Blair went to Omaha today to attend the exposition. The Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha ran an extra from Wayne of seven coaches and the regular Emerson passenger had eleven coaches when it left Blair. Both trains were crowded and people were standing on the steps.

Visit the Exposition. NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., June 1.—(Special.)—The crowds of visitors on the Omaha excursion trains on the Burlington and Missouri Pacific roads were largely augmented by people from this city and vicinity. Nearly 300 tickets were sold. The Burlington ran a special train from Cheney's via Nebraska City, which was well loaded with Otse county people.

Rebeksahs Choose Officers. BLAIR, Neb., June 1.—(Special.)—At the last meeting of Welcome lodge, No. 27, Rebekahs of Blair, Miss Francis was elected noble grand, Miss Julia Meservey, vice grand, Miss Maude Carter, secretary, Mrs. E. J. Parr, treasurer, Miss Maude Carter, delegate to the assembly at Omaha in October.

Declamatory Contest. EXETER, Neb., June 1.—(Special.)—At the Methodist church last night occurred the declamatory contest by students of the ninth grade. There were three prizes offered. Miss Laura Christie secured the first, Miss Ella Stirling the second and Miss Louisa Fowell the third.

Annual Reception. BATTLE CREEK, Neb., June 1.—(Special.)—The alumni society of the Battle Creek High school held a reception last night at which they entertained the class of '98.

Off to Entail. STOCKVILLE, Neb., June 1.—(Special.)—This morning nine young men from this village started for Indiana to enlist with Company L, now recruiting at that point.

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A. HOSPE, Music and Art, 1513 Douglas. Everybody is going to the exposition today—tomorrow cooking will again be taken up. There is nothing in the wide world that can cook a meal better and so little heat to the cook than the Insurance Gasoline stove—Last year we sold hundreds of these—every purchaser was satisfied—this summer you can be—This is a high class stove that has no equal—We have gasoline stoves for \$2—they're good stoves, but they're not the Insurance—You had better come in and let us show you these wonderful cookers.

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