

PORTER RUNS THE HEARING

Secretary of State Shows His Animus in the Protest Matter. JUDGE, JURY AND ADVOCATE COMBINED

Ballots Invariably Against the Middle-of-the-Road Men, Who Object Vigorously to the Program of the Fusionists.

LINCOLN, Aug. 15.—(Special Telegram.)—Secretary of State Root today in the plot of the fusionists to prevent the middle-of-the-road party from using the name "populist" on the official ballot. He acted as judge, jury and prosecutor during the hearing of Chairman Edmiston's protest, questioned and cross-examined witnesses, made verbal statements concerning his personal knowledge of the case and, in the words of one of the spectators, was "the star of the whole performance."

The hearing lasted the entire afternoon and will be resumed again tomorrow morning. The protest against the silver Republicans was heard this morning.

In the afternoon the protest against the use of the name "populist" by the middle-of-the-road party was taken up, but very few of the road party were on hand to extend arguments over technical questions and the introduction of certain classes of evidence. Judge A. S. Tibbets conducted the case for the fusion crowd, and the defense was presented by John Blair of Omaha and John Stevens, Jr., of Arapahoe. The major portion of the afternoon was spent discussing the objection to the affidavits and not until the close of the session was any testimony presented.

Business of Public Stops.

When Secretary Porter opened his court there were upwards of a hundred persons present, most of them being state employees and officials, who suspended all official business in honor of the hearing. In progress. Among the "populist" candidates present were Taylor Flick of Custer county, candidate for governor; John Stevens of Arapahoe, candidate for attorney general; James Brooks of Stanton, candidate for judicial officer; and Chairman Boyce and Secretary Gipe of the state central committee.

In opening the case Mr. Tibbets remarked that the protest was based principally upon two grounds, the first being that the name "populist" was used to deceive and misfranchise voters, and the second that the convention at Grand Island was not attended by the requisite number of delegates. He insisted that the burden of the case rested with the defense and that the persons who presented the certificates for filing should be required to demonstrate that the allegations in the protest were untrue before the certificate was made a part of the official records of the office. Judge Blair thought the burden to prove the averments in the protest rested with the persons who filed it.

After an extended argument as to which side should make the first move in the case, J. H. Edmiston, chairman of the people's independent party, was sworn and on examination by Judge Tibbets said that he personally knew that he was an officer was generally known as the populist party. On cross-examination he admitted, after making several evasive replies to direct questions, that so far as he knew the name "populist" had never gone into the hands of the secretary of state's office as the whole or part of any party name.

Testimony for Defense.

The testimony offered by the mid-roads was to the effect that there were more than the required number of delegates at the convention and on cross-examination it was brought out that no party had ever used the name "populist" on an official ballot.

A pile of affidavits was presented by Edmiston purporting to prove that certain counties were not represented in the Grand Island convention. The introduction of this evidence was objected to by the attorney for the defense brought out a storm of protest. The ruling of the secretary of state in admitting the evidence was characterized by Judge Blair for the defense as preposterous and high-handed. A request to have the affidavits read aloud was overruled. The attorneys for the defense appealed in vain to be apprised of their contents, but the secretary of state finally receded from his position by saying that he would consider them only as rebuttal testimony.

Jerome Shamp, J. A. Boyce, D. Clem Deaver and several other witnesses testified that there were more than 200 delegates at the convention. A list prepared while the convention was in session, showing the signatures of 288 delegates, was offered in evidence; also the report of the credentials committee certifying to an attendance of 367 delegates.

Against the Silver Republicans.

The protest against the silver Republicans submitted by E. T. Cochran at the last election the party did not receive 1 per cent of the total vote, that it had adopted a portion of an old party name and that it was not a regular party inasmuch as it had no candidates of its own. H. H. Wilson of this city and Orlando Tefft of Avoca appeared for the protest and George Heiber of the city for the defense.

Sheriff Enroute for Ardell.

PLATTSOUTH, Neb., Aug. 15.—(Special.)—Sheriff W. D. Wheeler received a telegram today from Sheriff J. D. Collins at Fresno, Cal., saying that a deputy sheriff was on his way to Plattsmouth for Charles Ardell, alias Frank Perry. When he arrives here the full particulars of the murder for which Ardell has been arrested will be learned for the first time, as Ardell refuses to "give up" anything concerning the crime or the cause for which he was arrested.

Sheriff Wheeler says that Chief of Police Donahue and the sheriff of Omaha, as well as other sheriffs in the state, were furnished with the same information concerning Ardell that he was, and that O'Donoghue had several letters from the officials in California in regard to him, who were of the opinion that he was in Omaha or immediate vicinity.

Department Store at Seward.

SEWARD, Neb., Aug. 15.—(Special.)—Last night about 11 o'clock fire was discovered in the basement of Johnson Bros. department store, and although the fire department was soon at work, they could not get the fire under control until the entire stock was ruined. The loss is as follows: Johnson Bros., \$2,000; Scott's barber shop, \$100; Independent Democrat, \$100; M. A. Butler estate, damaged to building, \$1,500. The insurance on Johnson Bros. was \$1,500—carried by the Greenwich, \$1,000; Scottish Union & National, \$500; Connecticut Fire, \$1,000; Agricultural, \$1,000; and Seward Mutual, \$1,000. The Independent Democrat carried \$1,000 in the Seward Mutual. On the building the insurance was \$2,500 in the Home of New York, and \$2,500 in the German of Freeport.

Changes in Plattsmouth Schools.

PLATTSOUTH, Neb., Aug. 15.—(Special.)—At an adjourned session of the school board Miss Mary M. Ross was appointed as teacher of the second grade in the school building. Miss Jessie B. Lansing was appointed as teacher of the high school. The resignation of Miss Flora Donevan as a

teacher of the primary department in the central building was accepted and Miss Gertrude Foxwell was chosen to fill the vacancy at a salary of \$40 per month.

RAIN IN STATE CONTINUES

General Downpour in Most Cases Accompanied by Vivid Display of Lightning.

NORFOLK, Neb., Aug. 15.—(Special.)—Last night Norfolk received the heaviest rainfall and the most intense electrical storm of the season. For one hour the rain came down. Much damage was done to telephone and telegraph lines. Aside from that the damage has not been heard of.

COLUMBIUS, Neb., Aug. 15.—(Special.)—Another good rain fell last night, the government gauge registering 1.30-1.00 of an inch. This is the third good rain within six days, making a total of 1.34 inches and insures a successful crop. The rain last night was accompanied by some wind and very sharp lightning, though little damage is reported.

At the farm of Henry C. Bean a granary was struck by lightning and, although it was not ignited, it was badly demolished. ALBION, Neb., Aug. 15.—(Special.)—A grand display of the fireworks of heaven kept most of the people awake last night until after midnight. A fine rain fell, lasting two hours. Corn was in a critical condition and this rain was timely. Prairie grass is very dry and will be scarce. Oats will be a light yield, from ten to twenty-five bushels, and wheat eight to fifteen bushels.

NELSON, Neb., Aug. 15.—(Special Telegram.)—The extreme heat of the last four days was broken here tonight by a fine rain. Almost two inches of water fell, which puts our corn in very good shape. LINWOOD, Neb., Aug. 15.—(Special.)—About one inch of water fell here this morning. This puts the ground in fine condition for fall plowing and insures the corn crop, which, according to what the farmers say, will be a very good one.

NEWMAN GROVE, Neb., Aug. 15.—(Special.)—The intense heat and drought, with the thermometer registering from 90 to 100 degrees, was broken after three weeks' duration by a violent wind, rain and thunderstorm. The rain fell in torrents, the precipitation being several inches. The rain in general is not materially hurt aside from a few fields on the lowlands. The yield of small grain will not be as heavy as some years, but of a very good quality. Potatoes will yield a poor crop.

NELSON, Neb., Aug. 15.—(Special.)—Yesterday was the hottest day of the season at this place, the thermometer registering 100 in the shade. This morning is cooler and some rain fell, with prospects for more.

ST. EDWARD, Neb., Aug. 15.—(Special.)—Another heavy rain and windstorm visited this section of the country last night. The rain, which fell in torrents for an hour, the heavens were ablaze with lightning, and the heaviest thunder we have had this season. Rapp Bros.' merry-go-round was blown down by the wind, but little damage done.

FIERCE, Neb., Aug. 15.—(Special Telegram.)—A heavy shower of rain fell early this morning, breaking the spell of very hot weather.

TEKAMAH, Neb., Aug. 15.—(Special.)—Rain fell 1.4 inches here last night, accompanied by a severe electrical storm. The display was the most vivid in years. No damage so far reported.

NORTH LOUP, Neb., Aug. 15.—(Special.)—A heavy thunderstorm visited here last night with 2.20-1.00 inches rainfall. There were some minor mishaps, but the territory is comparatively small. Wheat has proved disappointing again, yielding only small amounts from three bushels up to fifteen bushels per acre.

ST. PAVL, Neb., Aug. 15.—(Special.)—A fine shower of rain fell here this morning shortly after midnight amounting to .57 of an inch, which will greatly help corn and pastures. This rain will save many thousands of bushels of corn for Howard county.

CHERRY, Neb., Aug. 15.—(Special.)—The drought, which has lasted for a heavy rain that fell for over an hour. There was heavy thunder and lightning and a little hail, but no damage is reported this morning. An inch or more of water fell, getting in had condition, but this rainfall will help out fall work and do lots of good to the corn.

PLATTSOUTH, Neb., Aug. 15.—(Special.)—Another heavy rain, accompanied by terrific thunder and lightning, visited this locality last night. About one and a half inches of water fell.

TILDEN, Neb., Aug. 15.—(Special.)—Much damage was done in this neighborhood last night by a terrific thunderstorm, which lasted for about two hours. B. Whittier lost two grain stacks which were struck by lightning. August Sabbe had five head of cattle belonging to Duane Stewart were killed and a barn in town owned by G. W. Page was struck, but only slightly damaged. The property destroyed lies within a mile and a half of town, but in different directions. Lightning was incessant and the thunder appalling. Rain fell in torrents during the whole period and the corn crop is now made to a certainty.

FARMER IS FOUND DEAD IN ROAD.

Ending of Nebraska Man's Life is Surrounded by Mystery.

BEATRICE, Neb., Aug. 15.—(Special Telegram.)—Fred Schlake, a well-to-do farmer living near Pickrell, was found dead on a road this morning about four miles north of Pickrell. Schlake's body was found in the wagon road and two small holes about the size of a wire nail were discovered behind his left ear. How they came there the coroner or examining physician were unable to determine. The jury returned a verdict of death from unknown causes.

School Case at Fremont.

FREMONT, Neb., Aug. 15.—(Special.)—The bench in the county court room resembled a bar yesterday during the preliminary hearing of Thomas Hruza of North Bend on the charge of selling intoxicating liquor in that town. Bottles of all sizes alleged to contain intoxicants being placed in front of the judge. The Anti-Saloon league of North Bend pushed the case and presented the evidence of two Lincoln detectives, who claim to have bought more than a dozen bottles of all sizes of these beverages being known in North Bend as "hard" and "soft." The defendant denied making any sales and claimed that the various bottles that adorned the judicial bench he had prepared for his own use, medicinal and otherwise. Judge Winston bound him over to the district court in the sum of \$200.

Republicans Organize at Minden.

MINDEN, Neb., Aug. 15.—(Special.)—A McKinley and Roosevelt club was organized at Minden last evening and 175 members enrolled. Ed Anderson was elected president, Eugene Chapin secretary and Noel Melbourn treasurer. The officers are all young men. The meeting was addressed by Hon. B. M. Parmelee of Hastings. It was the opening speech of the campaign for Minden. Republicans of this county are wide-awake and the state may expect good returns from Kearney county. The republican county convention meets next Saturday.

Cathoon Prepares for Reunion.

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CAMPAIN ISSUES LAID BEFORE AUDIENCE

Ex-Governor Recites the History of the Republican Party and Discusses the Stand Taken on Present Day Issues.

HASTINGS, Neb., Aug. 15.—(Special Telegram.)—The Catholic fair held here today was a success in point of numbers and financially. The weather was not so good as to give the girls at the ice cream and the lemonade stands a good patronage and the other booths did a good business. The attraction for the afternoon crowd were the speeches by ex-Governor Crouse and Hon. W. D. Oldham. Governor Crouse spoke a full hour. He recited the history of the republican party and its many noble achievements. He told how in 1861, when Buchanan took the presidency, 12 per cent government bonds were sold at a discount and how 2 per cent bonds were selling at a premium. He referred to the war of the rebellion and said it was prolonged by the Adlai Stevenson brand of democrats. He discussed imperialism and denied that the republican party favored it. He said that and militarism were bogaboos with which to scare voters. He showed up the false prophecies of Mr. Bryan and said people could not afford to put faith in a false prophet. He spoke of trusts and said the first anti-trust law was enacted ten years ago by a republican congress and signed by a republican president. He told how anxious Bryan was for war with Spain, how he marched toward the front at the head of a column, of the dozens of pictures of different poses he had taken, how he resigned and went to Washington to urge the ratification of the peace treaty, and how he commenced to kick as soon as the treaty was signed. He referred to Bryan's statement that if he was president he would give the Philippines to the stable government and protect them in world politics. He asked if the restoration of the war in the Philippines upon the republican party because neither in congress nor in their national convention had they made any declaration of what was or the intention of the party toward the people of those islands. He asked if imperialism as being an empire with diversified forms of governments, as the British empire with one form of government for England and another form for Ireland. He said that Bryan would furl the flag on the island of Hawaii and establish it as Alaska. Mr. Oldham did not attempt to follow the discourse of Governor Crouse because there was no point of debate. He was also heartily cheered at the close.

Leaves Empty Store for Creditors.

TERKAMAH, Neb., Aug. 15.—(Special.)—Sam Wolput, who claimed to have come from Lincoln, Neb., and wanted to buy here a few weeks ago and put in a stock of general merchandise. On Sunday, August 5, he left here on the pretense of attending a wedding and said that he would be back in a few days. Today Attorney Corbin was reported to have seen Wolput who had a claim against Wolput for \$275 to look and see if the claim could be collected. When Corbin opened the building he found nothing but empty shoe boxes, no cigars or tobacco, no call shirts and two pairs of suspenders and an empty show case. No one here knows anything regarding the whereabouts of Wolput or when he took his goods away.

Royal Highlanders Hold Conclave.

LINCOLN, Neb., Aug. 15.—(Special Telegram.)—The Royal Highlanders of Nebraska held their third annual conclave in this city today. The program consisted of a social gathering, a musical concert and athletic contests in the afternoon and dancing in the evening. Sixty-five of the 200 castles in the state were represented. At the afternoon meeting an address of welcome was delivered by Judge Holcomb. The feature of the evening was the grand parade. All of the castles appeared in Scottish Highland costumes. One division was led by Charles W. Bryan, riding his brother's horse, Governor Stone.

Banquet at Fremont Normal.

FREMONT, Neb., Aug. 15.—(Special.)—The annual alumni banquet of the Fremont Normal school was given last evening at the hotel in the east dormitory. The room and tables were tastefully decorated with flowers and ferns. Covers were laid for 250. The alumni address was delivered by H. C. Good of Wahoo. Prof. C. M. Bliss presided as toastmaster and a long list of the names of the graduates were read. Preston, W. H. Myers, Miss Ada Halner, Hon. J. H. Grosvenor of Aurora and others. It was after midnight when the program was completed.

Wind Storm Attacks Veterans.

LINCOLN, Neb., Aug. 15.—(Special Telegram.)—A terrific windstorm caused considerable damage on Monday morning. Many of the tents were overturned and the concessions on the Midway were scattered promiscuously about the camp. All meetings today were held in a large frame building, the tent having been blown lower by the smaller canvas houses. The afternoon meeting was conducted by the Woman's Relief corps. General Manderson will address the veterans tomorrow afternoon.

Camp Lee Forby.

LINCOLN, Neb., Aug. 15.—(Special.)—Adjutant General Barry will go to Hastings Friday to complete the arrangements for the camp of Forby on the afternoon of August 20. The militia will begin to arrive in Hastings early Monday morning and at noon the first meal in camp will be served. With the exception of Company B of the 10th Cavalry, which is being sent to the Philippines, the companies have been supplied with camp equipment and the equipment of these two companies will be completed before the camp opens.

Farmers Struck by Train.

O'NEILL, Neb., Aug. 15.—(Special Telegram.)—John and James Rodenhalm, brothers, were struck by the first section of the Great Northern passenger train crossing four miles west of O'Neill last night and badly injured. They are farmers and were returning to their home west of Emmet from O'Neill. Definite information is difficult, but report is that the team was killed, the wagon destroyed and the men seriously hurt. They were picked up by the train crew and taken to Atkinson for medical treatment.

Republicans Make Nominations.

LOUP CITY, Neb., Aug. 15.—(Special Telegram.)—The republican county convention of Sherman county, Nebraska, convened today at Loup City and placed in nomination W. H. Williams of Loup City for county attorney and Theodore Olenick of Ashton for state representative. There was a very large and enthusiastic attendance.

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