

EDMISTEN IS ACTING ALONE

Jeta No Support in His Attack on Dietrich's Title.

POPULIST LEADERS ARE NOT WITH HIM

Secretary Jim Edgerton is Flatly Opposed to a Contest and Bryan and Poynter Say They Know Nothing of It.

LINCOLN, Nov. 27.—(Special Telegram.)—J. A. Edgerton, secretary of the populist national committee, conferred with W. J. Bryan this afternoon and it is said that among the things discussed was the advisability of beginning contest proceedings against Governor Charles H. Dietrich.

To a friend Mr. Edgerton was outspoken in condemning the proposed contest, but he would not say whether Mr. Bryan entertained a similar opinion. It is known, however, that Mr. Bryan is opposed to the plan and some of the fusionists look for him to interfere if Edgerton finally decides to begin the contest. Governor Poynter today declared that he had been instrumental in causing the controversy concerning Mr. Dietrich's qualifications.

"I know of no contest or proposition to contest," he said to the reporters, "and consequently I can't discuss the matter." Fred H. Nagel, one of the proprietors of the Freie Presse, is made defendant in a sensational breach of promise case begun in the district court this afternoon by Helena E. Stone, of 222 North Ninth street. At the same time another suit was begun by the same person to recover \$4,000, alleged to be due on promissory notes. The petitions were removed from the files immediately after they were filed and nothing is known of the matter they contained other than that one of them alleged that Nagel promised to marry the plaintiff and the other that he owed the amount named on promissory notes executed within the past four years. Mr. Nagel was out of the city today and his attorneys refused to discuss the case.

Will Boost Indian Territory.

Several of the outgoing officeholders at the state house are planning to organize a promoting syndicate for operation in undeveloped portions of Indian Territory. Deputy Superintendent Beck, who returned recently from a tour over the southern portion of the territory, is endeavoring to interest his constituents in the scheme and already Secretary of State Porter, Henry Blum and David McEntee of the governor's office have signified a willingness to share the responsibility of forming a stock company for the purpose of buying a large tract of land in that country. The plan contemplated is to buy or secure possession of 30,000 acres of land, which can be bought at the rate of \$25 for forty acres, start a boom in that particular section by means of advertising, and then sell the land for three or four times its purchase price.

"Any person who has watched the development of this western country knows that there is a great future in store for Indian Territory," said Blum, the most enthusiastic of the promoters. "They tell us that the Territory is as rich as a gold mining country and that the people there are rapidly growing wealthy. We haven't fully decided whether to locate there, but a number of us will look over the ground and consider the prospects and if we think the outlook encouraging we will organize for business and push the scheme for all it is worth."

The fact that all of the persons interested in the movement are known as politicians would indicate that they had some intention of entering the field of politics in the Territory. The officials and other officeholders who retire January 3 have said that they would have nothing further to do with politics, but since the Indian Territory scheme was proposed they said that they referred only to Nebraska.

Pressure for Pardons.

Governor Poynter has been besieged for several days past by persons requesting the pardon or parole of penitentiary convicts. Today he listened to five appeals for the pardon of as many convicts and several petitions were received by mail. In speaking of the many requests this afternoon, Governor Poynter said they were all due to the republican newspapers. He said they had given him the reputation of being an "easy man," by bringing him with unjustified pardoning or paroling several convicts.

The State Brand and Marks Commission.

The State Brand and Marks commission, which was in session since the day after election, adjourned to meet December 21. The commission has examined 3,020 applications for brands and has granted nearly all of them. A few of the applications were returned because the brands they contained had already been registered.

Files Campaign Accounts.

FREMONT, Neb., Nov. 27.—(Special.)—L. D. Richards, treasurer of the state republican committee, has filed in the office of

RUINS KEARNEY POWER PLANT

Artificial Lake's Waters Inundate Banks and Do \$20,000 Damage.

TOWN BEREFT OF ITS ELECTRIC LIGHTS

Disaster Comes Just After Extensive Improvements Had Been Made on the Plant and New Machinery Installed in Power House.

KEARNEY, Neb., Nov. 27.—(Special Telegram.)—The large brick power house of the City Electric Company is the scene of a grave disaster. Its site has been devastated by water from Lake Kearney, an artificial waterway north of the city. Twenty thousand dollars is considered the extent of the damage.

An alarm was given this morning at 9 o'clock from the power house. Many citizens hurried to the scene and have been working all day in the hope of saving part of the building and machinery. When workmen went to work this morning they discovered an inflow of water at the mouth of the iron flume that supplies a small water wheel in a building west of the main part of the power house. The flow increased rapidly, though repeated attempts were made to check it. The alarm was then sounded. When the citizens arrived at the power house they cut the canal in several places west of the waste weir to lessen the inflow, but afforded small relief. As the volume of water increased a wide chasm opened up from the canal to the power house, through which there was a fearful outpour of water. It flooded the valley and tore up the first and second floors of the power house, making short work of the annex, which contained a small turbine and an arc light dynamo. The west wall of the basement story of the power house and a portion of its north wall were swept away, leaving that corner of the building with two stories' weight above it depending apparently on nothing for support.

The cause of the disaster is attributed to laying a pipe from the lake to connect with the steam plant which was used when water could not be obtained for power. The pipe started from the lake between the main flume and the waste weir and gradually worked into the soft dirt surrounding the pipe. When the recent rise occurred it was short work to undermine the pipe its entire length and cause the damage.

The new and costly electrical machinery is probably wrecked beyond repair. The water has not been checked, although great care has been taken to bridge over the fearful chasm. Extensive improvements had just been made on the plant and the latest patented machinery had been placed in the power house. All the business places in the city reverted to oil this evening and the principal street of the city is dark and will remain so for some time to come.

NE'R SKA'S GREAT SURPLUS

Value of the Shipments from the State During the Last Calendar Year.

LINCOLN, Nov. 27.—(Special.)—Figures compiled by the Bureau of Statistics and made public today show that the surplus products exported from Nebraska during the last calendar year, amounted in value to \$173,849,207. These statistics were gathered primarily by the various railroads, and transportation companies and are supposed to be very accurate. They are taken from a record of every shipment to points outside of the state. A comparison with previous statements shows that the exports were about 2 per cent lower in point of value than the exports of the year before, which was a large one, largely because of increased home consumption of cereals and other products, which is indicated by other figures compiled by the board. The exports of corn were nearly \$3,000,000 more in value than during the previous year. The following shows the amount and value of the shipments:

Table with columns: Kind, Amount, Value. Includes items like Horses and mules, Wheat, Corn, Cattle, etc.

Graham Wants Damages.

ASHLAND, Neb., Nov. 27.—(Special.)—Leonard Graham, a horse trader of this city has begun an action against Henry W. Mayer, a farmer living near Lincoln, for false arrest, claiming \$10,155 damages. A few days ago Graham traded a horse for a mule with Axel Johnson, Mayer's hired man. Johnson did not own the mule and Graham was arrested on Mayer's complaint, charging him with stealing the animal. A hearing was held in Lincoln and Graham dismissed on evidence furnished by the prosecution.

The Carpenters are Putting the Finishing Touches to the New Engine and Pump House.

The carpenters are putting the finishing touches to the new engine and pump house this week. The building is of brick, one story high and 40x43 feet on the ground. Rooms are partitioned off for the engine, the water works, with coal and pump rooms adjoining. The other room will be used as a meeting place for the city council.

Clatus He Was Held Up.

ASHLAND, Neb., Nov. 27.—(Special.)—A man giving his name as W. S. Witters and claiming Weeping Water, Neb., as his home, says that while crossing the Main street bridge over Salt creek last night, November 24, he was accosted by three men who threatened him with the command to throw up his hands. Two of the men

covered him with revolvers while the third went through his pockets, securing about \$5.

He stated that two of the men were masked and also that the third, who was unmasked, wore a blue necktie. Marshal Corwin asked him how he could distinguish the color of the necktie in the dark, which he explained by saying that one of his alleged robbers struck a match. The local officers are inclined to doubt the stranger's story.

State Normal Notes.

PERU, Neb., Nov. 27.—(Special.)—Many improvements are being made about the buildings and grounds. A new lecture hall is being built for the dormitory, while the drives have been much improved.

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