

PLEADS FOR THE POPULISTS

Writer in Nebraska Independent Objects to Democratic Absorption.

RAINMAKER WRIGHT HAS A RIVAL

Young Men's Republican Club Gives Mrs. Savage a Jewel Box—Verdict of \$2,000 Against Mrs. Mason.

From a Staff Correspondent. LINDSEY, March 8.—(Special.)—In anticipation of further Democratic efforts toward the absorption of the populist party, the Nebraska Independent this week publishes a communication which contains an almost positive plea in behalf of the populists. The letter is written definitely by a Democrat, but, under his party tentacles, the writer is outspoken in favor of fusion and says the populists should be given more recognition than they have received in the past.

The communication is given a prominent position under the caption, "What the Populist Party Desires." It is a Democrat, but, under his party tentacles, the writer is outspoken in favor of fusion and says the populists should be given more recognition than they have received in the past.

"Now speaking as a Democrat (and I am a Democrat as long as the party is confined to the direction of reform) I want to confess a few party facts the first thing. The first one is that we do not give our populist friends the credit they deserve in this reform matter. First, they deserve nearly all the credit that is due, for they were the originators of most of these reform ideas. We should have given the vice presidential nomination to their candidate, Charles Towne, and we would have done it if we had not been making such strenuous efforts to drag this disorganizing, gold-standard element along with us.

In order to please the traitorous enemy in our ranks we misdirected and displaced the faithful friends that wanted to come into our ranks. "Why," I do not want to be understood as casting any reflections on Mr. Adlai Stevenson, for I think he is a grand old man, but I believe Charles Towne had the best right to that nomination (and another similar case was made by our writers and platform speakers in the way they attacked our friends, the enemy, that were in the republican ranks. A great many of these speakers made the mistake of addressing the opposition as though they were a lot of stupid people, of addressing them as though they were honest men, honestly mistaking. They made another mistake in attacking republicanism, or rather in not making a distinction between republicanism and imperialism. Imperialism is what the reform democracy is fighting. Old-fashioned Lincolnian republicanism is what we are striving to get in line with."

Rainmaker Wright of this city now has a rival in the person of E. G. Whitney of Rocky Ford, Colo. Mr. Whitney has tendered his services to the State Board of Public Lands and Buildings and offers to produce a specified number of acres of the state for E. G. Whitney. His letter follows: "ROCKY FORD, Colo., Feb. 25.—Nebraska State Board: Gentlemen—For about fourteen years I have known how to produce a good soaking rain when needed. Why, then, have I kept so silent till these years and watched the conflicting and lengthy when it is in my power or knowledge to help them? Just because I thought others had the art and it was no use for me to try or do anything and I wanted to be sure that I had the real thing before making it public. I have been working for some time since I discovered the real art. I have seen "rain-making" done, but I have seen or heard of much suffering caused directly by the drought. I think it high time the art was put to use and so much of this suffering stopped.

"I lived in or near the sandhills of Nebraska from the fall of 1884 to the summer of 1902. There in those years I made my discovery and some improvements, but have learned much since. I will cause a rainfall of one inch throughout three-fourths of your state for \$1,000. I want to hear from you soon with the plan for a contract, with a provision that you employ me when needed. I remain, yours truly, "E. G. WHITNEY."

Gives Mrs. Savage a Jewel Box.

The Young Men's Republican club of this city has given Mrs. E. P. Savage an engraved gold jewel box as a token of appreciation of the receipt by the committee members for the guests of the club at its recent banquet. Mrs. Savage has sent the following note of acceptance: "To the Young Men's Republican Club: Gentlemen—I wish to thank you most sincerely for the beautiful gift which you have given me today.

"While I am not conscious of having merited it in any way, having only carried out my duties to the best of my ability, still I appreciate the courtesy and thoughtful gifts that prompted the gift.

"It is always a pleasure to receive a valuable souvenir of my life in your city, and of the Young Men's Republican club, whose high aim I believe is to further the interests of the great party which they represent.

"Wishing for you abundant success in the future and again thanking you for your courtesy to me, I am, yours truly, "JULIA M. E. WAGE."

Nine Gets Blame Vindicated.

A verdict of \$2,000 was given today by the jury in the district court in the case of Augusta Pruett against her aunt, Mrs. Charles Pruett, of Hawaii. The jury made its verdict last evening, but the documents were sealed and its contents could not be learned until this morning.

The plaintiff in this action sued for \$10,000, claiming that she had been injured by this action by the aunt and inhuman treatment accorded her by her aunt. She insisted that because of this treatment her growth had been stunted.

Augusta Pruett was 6 years old when brought to Germany by her parents in 1844, and was a member of the Lutheran church. Mrs. Charles exercised full guardianship over the child. She admitted having whipped her, but maintained that she never had been unnecessarily harsh in her treatment. The trial was begun last Monday and was not concluded until last evening after noon. Mrs. Pruett will ask for a rehearing.

Treasurer's Report.

The monthly report of Treasurer Shaefer shows that during the month of February the receipts of the state treasury were \$152,825.15, while the disbursements were \$154,715.15. The total balance at the end of the month was \$1,993.65. The permanent school fund balance was \$4,415.65.

Regulation for Pina.

Governor Savage today issued a regulation for the return of H. L. Finn from the penitentiary.

ABBOTT HELD FOR ASSAULT

One of the Tecumseh Prisoners Goes to Jail in Default of \$2,000 Bond.

TECUMSEH, Neb., March 8.—(Special.)—In county court here this afternoon James Abbott and Matt Welton, the two suspects held here in the Tilden case, were given a hearing. There seemed to be no evidence whatever against Welton and Judge Livingston dismissed him. Abbott, the man identified by Miss Goldsby as having committed the assault, was held for trial in the district court, after a hearing examination. Bond was fixed at \$2,000 and he went to jail. Sheriff Cummings bought a ticket to St. Joseph, Mo., and left today.

To Work on Outlet Line.

HEATON, Neb., March 8.—(Special.)—Dr. F. C. Allen has formed a co-partnership with C. N. Atkinson and Edward H. DeWitt of Kansas City and have incorporated the Texas Southern Communication company under the laws of Texas, with a paid-up capital of \$10,000. They have a contract to build 600 miles of railroad for

KELLEY, STIGER & COMPANY

NEW SILKS. NEW SILKS.

First complete offering of the new 1902 silks of the season in Omaha.

Black Moire Velours and Moire Antique.

21-inch Black Moire Velours—\$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.75, \$2.00. 21-inch Black Moire Antique—\$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.75.

Fine Black Taffeta Silk.

20-inch Black Taffeta—50c, 60c, 70c. 22-inch Black Taffeta—40c, 50c, 60c, 70c, 80c. 27-inch Black Taffeta (guaranteed)—50c, 60c, 70c, 80c, 90c. 30-inch Black Taffeta (guaranteed)—\$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.75. 34-inch Black Taffeta (guaranteed, extra quality)—\$2.00.

Black Plain China and Foulard Silks.

27-inch Black Japanese Silks—70c, 80c. 27-inch Black China Silks—80c, 90c, \$1.00, \$1.25. 34-inch Black Foulard Silks—70c, \$1.00.

New Black Crepe de Chine.

24-inch Crepe de Chine, high luster, soft finish—\$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.75. 24-inch Crepe de Chine, extra heavy—\$1.00. 24-inch Crepe Meteor—\$1.25, \$1.50. 24-inch Liberty Crepe de Chine—\$1.50, \$1.75.

Colored Crepe de Chine.

24-inch Crepe de Chine, all colors, extra heavy quality, usually sold at \$1.25 per yard—\$1.00. Pongee Silks, natural color—\$1.00, \$1.25. "Pean de Levant," all the new shades (and white), 24-inch—\$1.50.

White Silks.

White Taffeta—50c, \$1.00. White Lustrine—\$1.00, \$1.25. White Peau de Soie—\$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50. White Foulard—70c, \$1.00. White Moire Antique—\$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.75.

COLORED DRESS GOODS

SILK AND WOOL OLGA CREPE—Light weight, in beautiful new spring shades, 44-inch—\$1.00.

STRIFE AND PLAIN ETAMINE—In late colorings, 44-inch—\$1.00.

CREPE MONIE—Light weight and very soft, in all the new spring shades, 44-inch—\$1.00.

DOE SKINS, VENETIANS, BROADCLOTHS, MELTONS, BASKET CLOTH, CHEVIOTS AND CANVAS CLOTH—Especially adapted for tailor suits, in all shades—\$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.75, \$2.00 and \$3.00.

A COMPLETE LINE OF DESIRABLE GOODS FOR WALKING SKIRTS—Seasonable and good, in plain and neutral mixtures—\$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50 and \$1.75.

NEW LINE, FRENCH CHALISE—For ladies' dresses, waists and children's dresses, latest designs and fine combinations of colors, 20-inch—50c, 60c and 70c.

BLACK DRESS GOODS

You will find in our new spring stock fashionable fabrics to suit every taste.

NEW WEAVES IN SUITINGS—22-inch Skirting can be made up, with or without lining—special price \$1.25.

CHEVRON SUITING—22 inches wide—\$1.25.

CHALK LINE STRIPE—Very popular this season, 22 inches wide—\$1.50.

BARKET WEAVES—In all styles, widths and prices.

NEW VENETIAN CLOTH—Especially intended for tailor suits, 22 inches wide—\$1.00 and \$1.25.

ETAMINES, GREYAINNES AND NUN'S VEILING—We have an unusually large stock to select from, in plain iron frame and fancy stripes—from 50c to \$1.50 per yard.

DRESS PATTERNS—This week we show the extreme novelties, in exclusive dress patterns.

Many Beautiful Novelties

In laces, galoons, embroideries, appliques, allovers, veillings, dress nettings will be shown Monday morning.

Full Assortment New Shades Kid Gloves

"Trefouse" brand and others. Make selection soon.

WASH FABRICS

Everything new that is most acceptable to fashion is to be found here. Our assortment and styles are better and prices a shade lower than elsewhere. Fine quality.

NEW SHIRTING PERCALES and new Seetrucker Gingham, 12 1/2 yard.

HOLLY BATISTES and SHIRTS DIMITIES, in all conceivable shades, 10c yard.

EMBROIDERED AND PLAIN CHAMBRIS—in green, lavender, lilac color and blue, 10c yard.

ANDERSON'S IMPORTED SCOTCH MADRAS—for ladies' waists and men's shirts, 10c.

SWISS FLORENCE and EMBROIDERED TISSUES—a most popular fabric for dresses, 10c.

LOBLINE TISSUES—a sheer fabric for waists, absolutely fast color, 10c.

FLAKEY ETAMINE—for waists or dresses, 10c.

PLAIN COLORED LINENS and STRIPED LINEN ETAMINES—Also mercerized and imported oxford cloth, 10c.

SILK AND LINEN BATISTE—45-60 inch wide, very special, 60c.

TRATTEE SILK—in white and colors for waists, 22-in. wide, 70c.

St. Gall Swiss Patterns.

We are doing a splendid business on these fine goods, and each day brings something new. Prices \$1.50, \$2.00, \$2.50, \$3.00, \$3.50, \$4.00, \$4.50, \$5.00, \$5.50, \$6.00, \$6.50 and \$7.00 each.

WHITE GOODS

The popularity of white goods this season is unquestioned and you will find us prepared to meet the demand effectively.

Corset Laces at 10c and 12c yard.

Skirting and smiting plique at 20c, 25c, 30c, 35c, 40c, 45c and 50c.

White Madras for waists, at 50c, 55c, 60c and 65c yard.

White Oxford Cloth with satin stripes, at 40c and 50c.

Plain white Linens at 50c, 55c, 60c, 65c and 70c yard.

White Swiss at 40c, 45c, 50c, 55c, 60c, 65c, 70c and 75c yard.

Opera, Bazaar, Swiss Mille, French Lanes, Persian Lanes, Dimities and Indis Lanes at our usual low prices.

KELLEY, STIGER & COMPANY, Cor. Farnam and Fifteenth Streets.

NEBRASKA WIRELESS WAVES

W. B. Thurber of Tecumseh Rigs Up Successful Space Telegraphy.

THROWS FLASHES THROUGH BRICK WALLS

Apparatus Differs from Marconi's and is Built of Old Scrap Wire and Instruments that Telegraphers Had Discarded.

BEATRICE, Neb., March 8.—(Special.)—An exhibition of wireless telegraphy was exhibited in this city today at the home of Dr. F. L. Lewis by W. B. Thurber of Tecumseh, who is a sephar of the doctor.

His night electricity for the Tecumseh Electric Light company, Mr. Thurber began to experiment and perfected an X-ray-like electric light which will be in actual use by Dr. Lewis in his practice. Three months ago he started experiments upon wireless telegraphy, and made a transmitter and receiver and batteries from old pieces of scrap wire. He secured two old instruments which had been discarded by operators and attached them to old boxes, which were thrown away by merchants, and after utilizing over six miles of old wire which the electric company could not use, he equipped his outfit and was ready for a test.

The first test proved conclusively to him that his experiment in time would prove a success, although his first work was only a weak battery, and simply built for experimenting purposes. Yet he has been successful in transmitting messages nearly two blocks through a 6-inch heavy brick wall. He uses practically the same kind of a transmitter as Marconi, with the exception of the vertical wires. In place of vertical wires Mr. Thurber uses metal plates about half inches in size in transmitting and receiving the electric vibrations.

Mr. Thurber told a Bee reporter this morning that he was now working upon a plan whereby he expected to multiply the effect of the waves without multiplying the size of the metal plates.

The young man has been approached by capitalists who express a willingness to aid him in a financial way, and to assist him in securing American and European patents upon his system.

G. M. Jacobs Pays Costs.

YORK, Neb., March 8.—(Special.)—The injunction case of the York colony against the York Business college took three days for trial. The York college alleged that G. M. Jacobs, manager of the York Business college, used advertising literature that belonged to the York college, and sought to restrain him from using this literature. It also alleged that he was using a name so similar that it was an injury. Every attorney in York was employed except one.

The court decided this morning that the damages were nominal and assessed the costs to G. M. Jacobs.

New Telephone Company at Shelton.

KEARNY, Neb., March 8.—(Special Telegram.)—Last night, at Shelton, Neb., a new telephone company was organized with a capital of \$10,000, to be known as the Farmers' Home Telephone company. It is composed of the farmers in Shelton and Gibson townships and will begin operations at once. The incorporators are William Smith Albert Allen, Jacob Stearns, W. H. Hanner and Joseph Hark.

Indoor Base Ball at Hastings.

HASTINGS, Neb., March 8.—(Special.)—The business men's class defeated the evening class of the Young Men's Christian association in a game of indoor base ball last night, 26 to 14. Hensell and Shurtz led the battery work for the evening class, while Finnes and Brodsie were the battery for the business team.

Culpepper Not From Hastings.

HASTINGS, Neb., March 8.—(Special Telegram.)—The man who was arrested at

GEORGE GOULD IN CUSTODY

Brother of Railroad Bank Wrecker Held for Trial at York.

YORK, Neb., March 8.—(Special.)—Sheriff West of Butler county brought George Gould, a brother of Anne Gould, the railroad bank wrecker, who is now serving a term in the penitentiary, to this place on last evening's train. His case was argued and submitted last evening on a writ of habeas corpus before District Judge Gould.

While in his holding session here, Gould was brought into court and was defended by Attorney T. E. Hastings and A. J. Evans of Davenport. Prosecuting County Attorney Walling of Davis City and Attorney W. M. Kain assisted. The court did not adjourn until a late hour.

The court decided to hold Gould until the next term of court in Butler county, but put him under \$2,000 bonds. Gould thinks that he will be able to make the bond.

School Teacher Acquitted.

BEATRICE, Neb., March 8.—(Special Telegram.)—Miss Katherine Heppner, who was arrested last month upon a warrant sworn out in county court by Chester H. Collins, charging her with assault and battery upon his 12-year-old son while in her capacity as a district school teacher, was tried in county court here today. She was acquitted and discharged.

Platteau Municipal Candidates.

PLATTSMOUTH, Neb., March 8.—(Special.)—Among those most prominently mentioned for mayor by the republicans are Hon. E. B. Windham, Judge W. H. Newell and Attorney C. A. Barwick. The names mentioned for that office by the democrats are Tom E. Farnelle, the present incumbent; Ed Letz, president of the council; B. E. Kramer, ex-judge of the district court, and Frank J. McLaughlin. There will be a councilman elected from each ward.

Grand Island Cannage Library.

GRAND ISLAND, Neb., March 8.—(Special.)—The city council has passed a resolution pledging the appropriation and the making of the necessary levy of \$2,000 annually for the maintenance of a public library in the event that Mr. Carnegie donates \$25,000 for the building. As soon as word is received from Mr. Carnegie approving the pledge the question of securing a site will be undertaken.

Drops Dead Unloading Goods.

YORK, Neb., March 8.—(Special.)—William Sprague, a farmer, who for a number of years resided four miles from Hastings, in Hamilton county, purchased a residence property here and yesterday afternoon arrived here with his household goods, and about 5 o'clock, while unloading of goods in the house, he dropped dead of heart failure. He was 48 years old and leaves a family.

Large Bulbs of Reed Station.

COLUMBIUS, Neb., March 8.—(Special.)—Last week was a record-breaker in this county in the matter of real estate transfers. 135 deeds, aggregating \$206,000, being filed. Land values here show rapidly the last few months.

Suspect Next Decomes.

SILVER CREEK, Neb., March 8.—(Special Telegram.)—Jesse Lavin, charged with breaking into E. Leno's saloon, was discharged on condition that he leave the county.

DENIES MOVE FOR NEW TRIAL

Judge Westover Orders Sentence of Twenty Years in Russell Murder Case.

CHADRON, Neb., March 8.—(Special Telegram.)—The motion for a new trial in the Russell murder case was argued today in the district court before Judge Westover. The defendant tried to prove by the juror who sat in the former trial that the verdict was illegal, but the testimony was overruled and the judge passed the following sentence: "It is the sentence of this court that you be taken, after a period of thirty days, by the sheriff of this county to the state penitentiary and there confined for the full term of twenty years."

Big Lead Sales Near Albia.

ALBIA, Neb., March 8.—(Special.)—The most phenomenal string of leads and other instruments in the history of the county has taken place in the last few weeks. Commencing with March 1, steadily-also leads to farm property alone have been tied, aggregating \$260,000, while in the same number of days lead estate mortgages aggregating only \$77,000 have been tied, and of thirty days, by the sheriff of this county to the state penitentiary and there confined for the full term of twenty years."

Held for Theft of Horse.

PLATTSMOUTH, Neb., March 8.—(Special.)—Walter King, who was arrested and confined in the county jail on the charge of having stolen a horse, saddle and bridle from in front of a store in Union belonging to Cornelius Franz, was arraigned before Justice Fred Krowher today and, waiting examination, was by the court bound over to the district court.

Charged with Stealing Hogs.

FREMONT, Neb., March 8.—(Special.)—In police court this morning Otto Hinchcock waived examination on the charge of the larceny of five hogs from Lewis Spahr, a farmer living northwest of the city, and in default of \$200 bonds was committed to the county jail, along with his alleged partner, Henning, who formerly had pleaded guilty.

More Water for West Point.

WEST POINT, Neb., March 8.—(Special.)—The city council resolved to submit to the voters at the coming municipal election the question of levying \$7,500 bonds for the extension of the water system of the city. Public sentiment is in favor of the extension, as large areas of the town are without water for fire protection.

New Station for Albia.

ALBIA, Neb., March 8.—(Special.)—Albia is rejoicing at having been presented a new depot by the Union Pacific railroad. The company asked the city to vacate a short line of street for the purpose of a station, which the city quickly did. The new station will be placed close to the Kihers depot.

Yearner to Meet at York.

YORK, Neb., March 8.—(Special.)—A conference of the Central Nebraska Teachers' association will be held in York April 2, 3 and 4. In connection with this meeting the declamatory contest of the district will be held on the evening of the last day.

Tecumseh Municipal Ticket.

TECUMSEH, Neb., March 8.—(Special.)—The license issue of Tecumseh held a census

Deadwood Must Pay Eastwood.

DEADWOOD, S. D., March 8.—(Special.)—Edward J. Eastwood has been given a verdict for \$2,000 against the city of Deadwood for damages sustained by falling from an open artery in one of the alleys of the city last fall, resulting in a broken leg. Eastwood sued for \$1,000.

ENGINEER SERIOUSLY INJURED

Sidewalk Striker James Stanton, Remembering Him Unconscious, but Train Stops Itself.

HOT SPRINGS, S. D., March 8.—(Special.)—Five miles north of Buffalo Gap the engine of the northbound passenger train on the Fremont, Dakota & Missouri Valley railroad had a serious mishap that came near killing Engineer James Stanton of Chadron. While descending a grade the sider of the drive wheels on the right side broke and in flying around struck the side of the engine cab, tearing it loose and throwing Mr. Stanton against the top of the cab with terrible force. He was rendered unconscious and it was at first thought he was fatally hurt.

Division Superintendent Harman sent a special train from here, carrying Dr. C. W. Hargens, the company physician, to Buffalo Gap. The injured man was brought to the hospital at this place. Dr. Hargens reports that Mr. Stanton's spine is badly injured and that he may be injured internally, besides being painfully lacerated about the body, though the doctor thinks he will recover. Mr. Stanton is one of the most popular engineers on the road.

The whole train had a narrow escape from running away, for the engineer was unconscious and the freeman had jumped from the train. By chance, however, the flying rod struck the lever that controls the airbrake and turned it so that it put on the brakes, thus fortunately stopping the train.

Dakota Strikers' Contest.

MITCHELL, S. D., March 8.—(Special Telegram.)—The fourteenth annual convocation of Dakota university was held last evening to select an orator to represent the institution at the inter-collegiate contest to be held at Huron May 11 and 12.

Cloudy, Then Fair and Cold

Nebraska Has Precipitation of Overcast Sunday, and Crisis but Clear Tomorrow.

WASHINGTON, March 8.—Forecast: For Nebraska—Cloudy Sunday; Monday, generally fair, with colder in west portion; Tuesday, fair; Wednesday, gradually fair; south winds.

For Wyoming—Cloudy Sunday, probably rain or snow; Monday, fair and colder; west winds.

For Missouri—Partly cloudy Sunday and Monday; variable winds.

For Kansas—Partly cloudy Sunday; Monday, fair, with colder in west portion; south to west winds.

For South Dakota—Cloudy Sunday; Monday, rain or snow and colder; south to west winds.

Local Record.

OFFICE OF THE WEATHER BUREAU, OMAHA, March 8.—Official record of temperature and precipitation compared with the corresponding day of the last three years:

Normal temperature 32

Actual temperature 29

Total snow depth March 1 35

Deficiency for the day 44 inch

Precipitation since March 1 29 inch

Deficiency since March 1 34 inch

Deficiency for one period, 1892 27 inch

Excess for cor. period, 1893 28 inch

W. A. WELLS, Local Forecast Official.

Stylish Spring Suits

Designed by the best artists in the country. Workmanship unsurpassed. They come in every fashionable weave and shade, many of which no duplicates are shown. "Prices to Suit All."

\$40.00 BLACK ETAMINE SUIT—Jacket the new Gibson effect beautifully trimmed, silk lined, skirt with cluster of tucks down the center front, full flared flounce and silk drop skirt, at \$40.00. Others at \$25.00, \$28.50, \$30.00.

\$20.00 FINE ETON SUITS—Of etamine or chevot, in black blue and tan. Skirt made with full graduated flounce, mercerized lining.

\$16.00, an exceptional bargain, made of the French Bascot weave—in tans, light grays and oxford. The new dip front double-breasted jacket, satin lined, skirt with graduated flounce, mercerized lining.