

SPECIAL RATES AT HOTELS

Accommodations for Candidates Come High at Convention Times.

FIXING CORPORATION ASSESSMENTS

Costs in the Omaha Tax Litigation Amount to a Little Over a Thousand Dollars, of Which Half Goes to the Referee.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, June 26.—(Special.)—A man's hotel bills are high when he is a candidate for office. Frank N. Prout was the proprietor of one room two days at the last convention and \$250 for it. For hotel accommodations and traveling expenses J. H. Mickey paid \$92.50. Mr. Mickey also paid \$13 for badges and \$2.50 for printing, incident to his candidacy for the gubernatorial nomination, making a total of \$108. Peter Mortenson expended \$22.25 for badges, \$2.10 for printing and \$22.50 for hotel accommodations. These expenditures are certified to in affidavits filed in the secretary of state's office.

The Douglas County School Officers' association has asked Superintendent Fowler for a ruling as to whether or not it is lawful for it to insure school property in mutual insurance companies. The attorney general, responding to a request from the superintendent, has given the following opinion, which will be the rule of the department:

School districts have the power to insure school district property. Mutual fire insurance companies are authorized and recognized by law to take such a policy in such a company, however, becomes by that act a member of the company. It is subject to assessments for losses incurred by the company and assumes other duties and responsibilities which are not within the ordinary scope and duties of school districts, and while there is perhaps no objection to their action on the part of the school district until it is shown that the expediency of their becoming a member of such corporation, I would advise, therefore, that if they desire to insure the district property they take a policy in an old line company, pay the premium on it and subject themselves to no other liability.

Fix Corporation Assessments.

At the conclusion of a hearing which has lasted for over a week the Lincoln city council, sitting as a board of equalization, this afternoon raised the assessed valuation of the property of the Nebraska Telephone company in this city from \$100,000 to \$125,000. The city tax commissioner fixed the valuation at the former figure and the Lincoln Commercial club protested, asking for an increase of \$150,000. Councilman Bishop asked for an increase to \$300,000. Yesterday Councilmen Lawler and Framp-ton, two members of a special committee appointed for the purpose, inspected the books and records of the company in Omaha and this morning presented their findings to the board. They reported that they were convinced from the records that they were not over \$60,000, while for the same period the expenditures were \$100,000. A. S. Tibbitts, appearing in a legal capacity for the Commercial club, brought out the fact that the receipts for use of toll lines were not included in the figures. It was asserted by the company's representatives that the receipts for the use of the toll lines are credited to large companies and not to the station in which they are paid. It was argued, however, that the profits in the toll business would not materially increase the figures returned by the committee.

The telephone company was represented by Vance Lane of Omaha, manager, and W. W. Morsman, attorney.

Tomorrow the board will take up the complaints of the Commercial club against the assessment of the Lincoln Gas and Electric company and the Lincoln Traction company.

Judge Frost in the district court this afternoon gave a final decree in the Ferdinand divorce suit, restoring the three children to the custody of the mother and allowing her \$15 per month alimony for their support.

Costs in Omaha Tax Case.

The clerk of the supreme court has figured the costs of the Omaha tax litigation at \$1,000. A. S. Tibbitts, who represents the fee and expenses of Referee Ryan.

The State Board of Public Lands and Buildings went to Nebraska City today to inspect the Institute for the Blind. It is a regular periodical visit and has no unusual significance.

The Nebraska Mining company of Holdrege has been organized and incorporated. The capital stock of the concern is \$100,000 and the head office is at Holdrege. The incorporators are: W. A. Garrett, J. H. Johnson, J. N. Gustus, S. P. Carlson and A. C. Reeves.

KICK BRINGS SPEEDY DEATH

Horse Injures Cass County Farmer Tuesday Evening and Victim Dies Next Morning.

PLATTSBURGH, Neb., June 26.—(Special.)—Charles Rudolph, a wealthy German farmer residing near Eagle, in this county, was kicked in the abdomen by one of his horses Tuesday evening.

He was carried to the house and a physician summoned, but he died Wednesday morning.

Ready for Free Mail Routes.

PLATTSBURGH, Neb., June 26.—(Special.)—C. E. Llewellyn has finished examining the free rural mail delivery routes throughout Cass county, and has examined the carriers and returned to Omaha. He has been in the county about three weeks. The only change from that mapped out by the postmasters of the county will be the doing away with the route from Manley. It is expected that the service for the entire county will commence about the first of August.

Diver's Antic Results Seriously.

BEATRICE, Neb., June 26.—(Special.)—A man named Bero, who did the high diving act for the Kinsbrew show, which

WARRANTS LOOK PECULIAR

Stranger Presents Number of School Obligations to a Norfolk Bank.

FARMERS UP AGAINST TRUST

Confronted by Threshers Combine in Dodge County, Who Advance Price Twenty Per Cent.

FREMONT, Neb., June 26.—(Special.)—When the farmers of this vicinity began to make contracts for threshing their grain recently they were much surprised to find an advance of about 20 per cent in the charges made the threshers, and it now appears that there is a threshing combine or trust in this vicinity which is likely to make the farmer pay more than usual to get his grain ready for the market.

In April last a meeting was held here which was attended by the principal owners of threshing machines in this and adjoining counties, at which it was decided that on account of the general advance in the price of machines, repairs, coal and other things they decided to advance the price. Committees were appointed and an organization perfected, which is likely to be a success. Last Tuesday a meeting was held at Hooper, which was quite well attended.

Farmers are satisfied that a combine exists, including practically all the machine owners in this vicinity and extending throughout this entire portion of the state, and are contriving some means to get their grain ready for market at the usual prices. Some say they will buy machines of their own before they will pay the prices charged.

The increase in price comes the hardest on tenants who rent on shares or pay a certain number of bushels per acre for their land, but these are without means to buy machines, and many are obliged to market their grain very soon after it is cut.

The wheat harvest will commence here next week. Winter wheat is looking well and will make a good crop. The chick bug is reported as working in spring wheat. The indications are that the oat crop will be a big one and that there will be a consequent fall in prices.

It is owing to some extent to these facts that farmers are refusing to contract for their threshing at the present prices.

MORE TROUBLE AT BEATRICE

Superintendent and Steward at Peetie Minded Institute Unable to Agree.

BEATRICE, Neb., June 26.—(Special.)—It is a well known fact that there is trouble brewing at the Institute for the Peetie Minded here and that Superintendent Johnson has asked for Steward M. A. Metzger's resignation to take effect July 1. From what can be learned it is a continuation of the trouble had between the superintendent and steward last year, when Governor Savage visited the institute and read the law to both sides. Shortly after the governor's visit to the city Mr. Metzger removed his family to town and it is understood he did so at the request of Governor Savage.

Although not confirmed, it is reported that if the steward resigns as requested a number of changes will be made at the institute. Mr. Metzger says he has not as yet been notified of his removal by Dr. Johnson.

It is stated on good authority that Mrs. Pickell of Lincoln has already been appointed as Mr. Metzger's successor.

NEBRASKA MAN IS MURDERED

Body With that of a Companion Found on Newly Opened Indian Reservation.

WOOD RIVER, Neb., June 26.—(Special Telegram.)—John Donaldson, living two miles east of this city, but who has been in Idaho the last two months looking after some mining interests, was found murdered on the newly-opened reservation near Fort Hall, Idaho. Charles Fritz of Pocatello, Idaho, was found with him, who having met death by the assassin's bullet. Mr. Donaldson had been shot twice. No motive is known for the commission of the crime, but it is supposed it was either for robbery or in a dispute over a mining claim.

Mr. Donaldson came to Wood River in 1866 and has made this his home ever since. He left here May 7 and expected to return in the middle of July. He leaves a wife and four children. He was 64 years old and a member of the Modern Woodmen of America lodge of this city, in which order he carried \$20,000 insurance. W. W. Mitchell leaves tonight to bring back the remains.

HOLDS KILLING JUSTIFIABLE

Coroner's Jury at Seward Exonerates Alex Lange, Now Dead, for Slaying John Hand.

SEWARD, Neb., June 26.—(Special Telegram.)—The coroner's jury convened to inquire into the death of John Hand rendered a verdict this afternoon to the effect that Hand came to his death by a shot fired by Alex Lange and that the act was justifiable. Alex Lange died this afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Chautauqua Commands Attention.

BEATRICE, Neb., June 26.—(Special.)—Large crowds continue to attend the Beatrice Chautauqua from day to day. The Wesleyan quartet, Fred Emerson Brooks, Rev. Father Kelley, Smith and Gorton and Frank Robertson are among those appearing on the program this week. General Fitzhugh Lee is booked to speak here Sunday afternoon and thousands of visitors from Nebraska and Kansas are expected in Beatrice on that day.

B. & M. Will Alter New Possession.

YORK, Neb., June 26.—(Special.)—The B. & M. officials, in a special car, inspected this week the entire Kansas City & Omaha railroad system, which the Burlington railroad takes over July 1. There will be several changes. The depot at Fairmont will be discontinued. Agent Welch of the Kansas City & Omaha will leave here. It is understood that the B. & M. will maintain two depots at York.

North Loup Settlers Picnic.

SCOTIA, Neb., June 26.—(Special.)—The Old Settlers' association of the North Loup valley held its annual picnic Wednesday at Stewart's grove, six miles north of Scotia. A large number were present. Most of the old families in the North Loup valley in the early '70s. The association elected officers for the coming year and other business was transacted.

Isaiah Man Hangs Himself.

OGALLALA, Neb., June 26.—(Special Telegram.)—August Tullberg of Edgar, Wis., a passenger on a Union Pacific westbound train, enroute to Payette, Idaho, was found here this morning in a demented condition. He was locked up in jail for safe keeping and was found hanging to the ceiling of the jail an hour afterward. He had hanged himself with his necktie.

McCook Masons Take Outing.

McCOOK, Neb., June 26.—(Special.)—McCook lodge No. 135, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, with invited friends, in all about 125, celebrated St. John's day with a grand picnic. There was music, speech-

DO HOMAGE TO THOMPSON

Citizens of Grand Island, Irrespective of Party, Join in Tribute to Fusion Candidate.

GRAND ISLAND, Neb., June 26.—(Special Telegram.)—At a late hour this afternoon the general entertainment committee organized for the fusion convention gave notice that the citizens, irrespective of party, were invited this evening to join in extending congratulations to Grand Island's esteemed citizen, Hon. W. H. Thompson, candidate for governor, and several thousand people gathered in line in the business center of the city and marched to his home, headed by a band.

Chairman Barnes called upon Mayor Cleary to preside and the latter introduced Messrs. O. A. Abbott, Jr., W. H. Platt and Charles G. Ryan, who extended the congratulations of the city to their honored fellow citizen and assured him that this confidence, respect and good will of his fellow citizens would remain with him not only throughout the campaign, but throughout life.

If successful in the contest he would ever, while the executive of the state, have the trust, confidence, love and esteem of his fellow citizens, his neighbors, his friends. If defeated the speakers hoped their love for him, their sympathy, would sweeten defeat.

Mr. Thompson was then introduced and was heartily cheered. He responded most feelingly. The noblest reward of life was the esteem of those of one's home, his city, his county and his state. No more laudable ambition ever inspired the American heart than to live such a life that when it was over the citizen joined the great love of his fellow men.

In the conflict that was not yet begun no word of disparagement against his opponent would ever come from his lips. That opponent was a man of high character and throughout the campaign, so far as he was concerned, he would treat his opponent as one gentleman should treat another.

In the battle of life there should be but one aim in the heart—to leave the world some little better than one found it. To his young friends he would say, life was far too short for carrying grudges, far too short for harboring revengeful feelings. He most heartily thanked, for himself and on behalf of his family, this tribute of respect from his neighbors.

He was, upon conclusion, given three cheers and the crowd parted in single file, shaking hands with the candidate and extending individual congratulations.

CONFERENCE OF NOMINEES

Fusion Candidates to Select Officers of State Committees with Joint Officers.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

LINCOLN, June 26.—(Special Telegram.)—The nominees on the fusion ticket will be called to meet in Lincoln within the next two weeks to select a chairman and secretary of the populist state central committee. It has been customary for the populist committee to select its own officers, but this year the convention gave the appointing power to the candidates. C. B. Manuel of St. Paul is selected by the convention to act as temporary chairman and H. E. Dawes of Lincoln as temporary secretary. It is likely that both committees will open joint headquarters in Lincoln. Provision was made by the convention for a joint campaign committee to consist of a democrat and a populist from each representative district in most of the work for the fusion ticket will be done through its agency.

Charles Q. DeFrance, having been nominated for a state office, is not likely to be reappointed chairman of the populist convention.

At a conference of the candidates on the republican ticket A. B. Allen of Tecumseh was selected for secretary of the republican state committee. L. D. Richards of Fremont was re-elected treasurer.

ENGINEER OVERLOOKS SIGNAL

Result is That Two Car Repairers Who Were at Work Are Killed.

SHERMAN, Wyo., June 26.—(Special Telegram.)—Miles Ryan of Columbus, Neb., and John Stewart, car repairers, were killed by cars at the Buford gravel pits this afternoon. The men were repairing a string of gravel cars when a train ran into the string. Ryan was instantly killed, his right arm being cut off and his body mangled. Stewart's arms and legs were severed from his body and his body ground to pieces. He was taken to Cheyenne on a special train, but died enroute. No inquest will be held. Failure upon the part of the engineer to observe the blue flag, the car repairers' signal, caused the accident.

HAVOC WROUGHT BY TORNADO

Death and Devastation in Wake of Storm Which Strikes Kentucky and Ohio.

LANCASTER, Ky., June 26.—A tornado near this place last night did great damage. On the road to Crab Orchard a dozen farm houses were destroyed. Fences and wheat and trees were carried away and the iron bridge across Gilbert creek was damaged. The \$50,000 residence of Mrs. Joshua Daniels was wrecked. Five persons were injured, one fatally.

IRONTON, O., June 26.—A cloudburst at Polkdale last night washed away two bridges, a warehouse and the postoffice. Much damage is reported in the Symmes creek valley.

CINCINNATI, June 26.—Reports from the upper Ohio river show an unusual rain during the night, the greatest—3.5 inches—being at Point Pleasant, W. Va. At Galena, O., railroad and other bridges were swept away together with much roadwork.

At Ripley, O., the Methodist church lost its steeple and was badly damaged. At Stringtown, O., there was a waterpout.

The Milwaukee Railway.

has on its line at Yorkshire, Ia., 31 miles east of Omaha, a beautiful grove and picnic ground. Committees on location will do well to see this location. Call at City Ticket Office, 1504 Farum St., for particulars. GEO. B. HAYNES, City Passenger Agent.

FORECAST OF THE WEATHER

Showers Friday and in the South Portion Saturday is Predicted for Nebraska.

WASHINGTON, June 26.—Forecast: For Nebraska and Iowa—Showers Friday and in south portion Saturday. For North and South Dakota—Showers Friday; Saturday fair and warmer. For Illinois, Missouri and Kansas—Showers Friday; cooler in south portions; variable winds.

Local Record.

Table with 2 columns: Maximum temperature, Minimum temperature, Mean temperature, Precipitation, etc. for Omaha, Neb., June 26.

CONDITION OF THE WEATHER

Table with 2 columns: Location, Temperature, Precipitation, etc. for various locations including Omaha, Lincoln, etc.

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New Madras Shirtings in a swell line of new patterns, all colors that will wash, per yard 12c

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DEWEY MAKES STATEMENT

Brings Out a Number of Matters Relative to the Surrender of the City of Manila.

TELLS OF RELATIONS WITH AGUINALDO

Put Him Ashore and Told Him to Organize His People, but Philippine Leader Made Failure at the Beginning.

WASHINGTON, June 26.—Admiral Dewey made a statement before the senate committee on the Philippines this morning concerning the early operations at Manila, when he was in command of the American naval force in Philippine waters. The admiral's statement contributed an important addition to the history of the surrender of the city of Manila. This consisted of a positive statement by the admiral to the effect that the city had been surrendered to him at the time that the Spanish fleet was sunk and that when the city did surrender it was in pursuance of a definite understanding between himself and the Spanish governor general.

The admiral was questioned by Senator Lodge. He said he had first heard from Aguinaldo and his friends about April 1, 1898, a month before the battle in Manila bay, when it became certain that there was to be war.

"I then heard that there were a number of Filipinos who desired to accompany the fleet to Manila," he continued. "All of them were young and earnest. I did not attach much importance to them or to what they said. The day before we left Hong Kong I received a telegram from Consul General Pratt, located at Singapore, saying that Aguinaldo was at Singapore and would join me at Hong Kong. I replied 'all right; tell him to come aboard,' but I attached so little importance to the message that I sailed without Aguinaldo and before he arrived. There were then many promises as to what the Filipinos would do, but I did not depend upon them. Consul Williams assured me that upon our arrival and the firing of the first gun 30,000 Filipinos would rise. None did arise, and I frequently joked him on this point."

Admiral Dewey said emphatically that he never had recognized Aguinaldo's government, nor did he salute Aguinaldo's flag. He never called Aguinaldo "general," but addressed him as "Don Emilio."

The admiral said he had never given the Philippines the slightest recognition, that he had no authority to do so, and did not consider it an organized government. He said the Spanish were fearful of the Filipinos entering Manila, and therefore surrendered to him in advance. He said there was no need for the loss of a man in the capture of the city. No gun would have been fired, but for the desire of the governor, who said his honor de-

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