

STUDENTS IN FREE FIGHT

Many Secure Broken Heads as Outcome of Shirltal Parade.

ATTEMPT TO ENTER CARNIVAL GROUNDS

As Tickets Had Not Been Purchased Management Objected to Their Entering and the Police Were Called In.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

LINCOLN, Neb., May 20.—(Special Telegram.)—A fight tonight between about 200 students of the State university, fourteen policemen, a crowd of showmen and the management of the Eagles' carnival resulted in breaking up a shirt-tail parade, the carnival, a number of heads and several policemen's clubs.

The fight started by an attempt of the students to march through the carnival grounds in shirt-tail costume, as they had done through many of the stores and hotels.

The students injured were: J. W. Earley, Columbus; Claude Flansberg, Lincoln; C. H. Bryan, Fillmore; C. E. Cotton, Syracuse; C. G. Hruvsky, Geneva; B. I. Dill, Franklin; and O. Hansen.

On the other side they were rounded up among the injured: Richard Minor, Jack Waldron, F. A. Shelby, Tom Crawford. A mighty host was knocked down and slightly cut and bruised, but not sufficiently injured to be taken home in hacks. These students were arrested and released on their own recognizance to appear in police court in the morning: G. A. Delacey, L. M. Huntington and Clyde Cooper. Huntington was also slightly injured.

No one was seriously hurt, the principal injuries being cracks on the head and slight scalp wounds.

The students went to the main entrance of the carnival grounds about 9 o'clock and started to enter without the formality of buying tickets. The police pushed them back and the boys then started on both the north and south sides of the grounds and attempted to enter through the canvas. All of the employees and show people were sworn in as deputies and the fight started. Clubs, rocks and everything available was used by both sides and the fighting became general all over the grounds.

One woman was struck in the face by a brick and slightly cut. Baby carriages were overturned and a general scramble was made to get out of the grounds. After several strenuous minutes the students were beaten back and driven down the streets, where they later met the police officers. It was thought a second attempt would be made to carry the carnival grounds, but a heavy rain began to fall and the bout, the carnival and everything was declared off. None of the regular policemen were injured.

HAIL CAUSES LOSS OF AN EYE

Farmer Struck While Trying to Save Some of His Window Glass.

DAVENPORT, Neb., May 20.—(Special.)—One of the worst hailstorms that has visited this section of the state for years passed south of here along the river yesterday. Hail as large as goose eggs fell, breaking all the glass on the south side of residences and damaging gardens. Henry Huntmeyer, a well-to-do German farmer, lost an eye. He was trying to keep the hail from breaking all the glass in his windows by breaking a comfort up, when the hail struck his windowpane, shattering it, and a piece struck him in the eye, cutting the sight entirely out.

COURT OVERSIES COUNCIL

FAIRBURY, Neb., May 20.—(Special.)—In district court yesterday Judge Letton overruled the action of the council in granting a saloon license to L. G. Lublin. Sustaining to remonstrators on the ground that the evidence showed Lublin had, while barkeeper, sold liquor to minors.

In the application of William Higgins and F. J. Walsh the action of the council was reversed as to Higgins on the same ground as in the Lublin case, but Walsh, Higgins' partner, was not implicated in the matter and his case was continued until Friday to give the remonstrators time to file a brief in the matter.

HELD FOR HORSE STEALING

PLATTSBURGH, Neb., May 20.—(Special.)—The man who was arrested in Nebraska City yesterday and brought to this city last night by Sheriff J. D. McBride, charged with stealing a team, was today brought before Justice Archer this afternoon said his name was William Jones. He waived examination and was bound over to the district court, his bond being fixed at \$500, which he was unable to give and was held in the city jail.

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CONCLUDE CHURCH MEETING

Omaha Association of Congregationalists Have an Interesting Session.

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The Omaha Association of Congregational Church concluded their session this evening. The meetings have been well attended and of much interest to both clergymen and laymen of the denomination. Last evening the music was furnished by the visiting boy choir of the Fremont church. Prizing speakers were Rev. J. B. Stocking of Wahoo and Rev. H. G. Crocker of Omaha. This afternoon Rev. F. A. Sharpe of Omaha read a paper on "The Social Element in Church Work" and the "General Relation of Church and Society and the Influence of Society Upon the Church" were discussed by a number of the clergymen.

Mr. S. C. Brewster of Irvington read an interesting and practical paper on "Responsibility of the People for the Pastor's Success," in which he urged a more active participation of laymen in church work. Rev. J. W. Leavitt of West Point spoke on "Self Culture and Self Denial."

This evening C. V. Manney's Easter cantata, "The Resurrection," was rendered by the chorus choir of the Fremont church and the closing address was given by Rev. Robert Yost of Omaha.

The general work of the denomination in the district of the Omaha association was reported very successful and the financial condition of the churches much better than formerly. All of the clergymen and delegates present were entertained by the members of the Fremont church.

STUBBORN FIRE AT LINCOLN

Several Firemen Overcome by Smoke in Basement of Building.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

LINCOLN, Neb., May 20.—(Special Telegram.)—Fire which started in the basement of the four-story brick building at Eleventh and N streets at 11 o'clock this morning and which was not extinguished until 4 o'clock this afternoon did \$25,000 damage to the crockery stock of Carl Funke and probably \$4,000 to the building. The basement was used as a wholesale department and was full of crockery and packed china. By good work of the department the flames were confined to the basement.

The smoke was dense during the entire time and these firemen were overcome and had to be taken to the hospital: Captain DeJair Hoover, William J. Thompson, Thomas M. Draper, Robert M. Whitlock, Edgar M. Lindsey, Charles R. Lee, James D. Hill, Charles E. Patterson, John Nelson, James Nellis. None of the men were seriously injured.

The upper stories of the building were used as offices and the occupants were driven out and some damage resulted from the smoke. The fire was started by the overturning of a lamp in the hands of an office boy. The latter was going down the steps in the basement and fell. The building is owned by Edgar E. Smith and O. S. Jackson of Omaha. The loss is covered by insurance.

GIRL DROWNED WHILE WADING

BEATRICE, Neb., May 20.—(Special Telegram.)—Miss Earle Murdock, the 15-year-old daughter of Captain Murdock of Wymora, was drowned in Finks Lake, three miles southwest of that place this afternoon. A party of girls were holding a school picnic near the lake and the drowning occurred while they were wading in the water. The body was in the water about two hours before it was recovered.

DAVENPORT GRADUATION

DAVENPORT, Neb., May 20.—(Special.)—The graduating exercises of the Davenport High school will be held in the opera house Friday evening, May 22. Prof. Bloomer has been retained another year. He has kept the schools up to the high standard which they gained under the management of H. M. Eaton, now deputy land commissioner.

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BRYAN DISCOVERS A MOSES

Picks Out Judge Clark of North Carolina to Head National Ticket.

MORE POPULISTIC THAN BRYAN HIMSELF

Sulzer of New York is for Judge Parker and No Two Other Democrats Appear to Be Looking at the Same Man.

WASHINGTON, May 20.—An interesting summary of the opinions of public men now in Washington as to the outlook for different presidential aspirants makes it appear that Republicans who are in Washington now or have been with the past few weeks are united for the nomination of President Roosevelt. It further shows that the democrats could not be more widely apart on the same interesting question.

There is former Secretary of the Treasury John G. Carlisle, who has come to Washington on legal business, and who will not commit himself further than to say he is for any one "who can consolidate the party," but he does not know who that some one is nor will he venture a guess.

"Fitchfork" Tillman raves and tears his hair over the mention of the name of Grover Cleveland, and says in so many words that the mere mention of the possibility of Mr. Cleveland being again nominated by the democrats is an insult to the intelligence of the party. Then Mr. Tillman discusses the failure of the Bryan men to do anything but get the democratic party into a chaotic state. He refuses to name his choice, and it is difficult to decide who he really stands for unless it is for Tillman.

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BRYAN BOOMS JUDGE CLARK

Chief Justice Walter Clark of the North Carolina supreme court is the choice of William J. Bryan for the democratic presidential nomination in 1904, according to authority that has reached Washington. While in Washington last it seems that Mr. Bryan experienced a desire to discuss politics, and accordingly arranged for an interview with Bryan. It is related that at the conference Mr. Bryan sounded Blackburn as to his choice of a presidential nominee. The Kentuckian offered the names of all the well-known democrats who have been discussed, but Mr. Bryan objected to each of them. Then Mr. Bryan said he had in mind a man who filled every requirement for the party leadership in the next presidential contest, and suggested Judge Walter Clark, chief justice of the North Carolina supreme court. Mr. Bryan said: "I am a Kentuckian and courageous man, standing squarely on the party platform."

Some months ago Judge Clark was the guest of Mr. Bryan at his home in Lincoln, where he spent several days. It is said of Judge Clark that he is more popular than Mr. Bryan. He is an honest, energetic man, and an increased volume of movement. But at the opening the bulls carried all before them, and the first prices were at an advance of 24, and the late months showing the greatest strength. Trading was tremendously active and warehouses were overladen with buying orders mostly for covering new crop shorts.

FORECAST OF THE WEATHER

Showers Promised for Today and Tomorrow Both in Nebraska and Iowa.

WASHINGTON, May 20.—Forecast: Kansas—Showers Thursday and Friday. Nebraska, Iowa, and South Dakota—Showers Thursday and Friday. Colorado and Wyoming—Fair Thursday and Friday.

Missouri—Showers Thursday with rising temperature in west portion; Friday, fair. Montana—Fair Thursday and Friday. Illinois—Fair Thursday, except showers in south portion; Friday showers; fresh south winds.

CONDITION OF THE WEATHER

OFFICE OF THE WEATHER BUREAU, OMAHA, May 20.—Official record of temperature and precipitation compared with the corresponding day of the last three years:

Table with 4 columns: Year, Maximum temperature, Minimum temperature, Mean temperature, Precipitation.

Record of temperature and precipitation at Omaha for this day and since March 1, 1903:

Table with 2 columns: Item, Value.

Normal temperature ..... 63  
Excess for the day ..... 5  
Total excess ..... 5  
Normal precipitation ..... 14 inch  
Deficiency for the day ..... 9 inch  
Total rainfall since March 1 ..... 35.75 inches  
Deficiency since March 1 ..... 21.25 inches  
Deficiency for cor. period, 1903, 3.15 inches  
Reports from Stations at 7 P. M.

CONDITION OF THE WEATHER.

Table with 2 columns: Location, Weather.

Omaha, raining ..... 60 84 10  
Valentine, clear ..... 54 78 10  
North Platte, clear ..... 54 78 10  
Cheyenne, part cloudy ..... 54 78 10  
Salt Lake, raining ..... 54 78 10  
Rapid City, cloudy ..... 54 78 10  
Huron, clear ..... 54 78 10  
Williston, clear ..... 54 78 10  
Chicago, part cloudy ..... 54 78 10  
St. Paul, part cloudy ..... 54 78 10  
Davenport, cloudy ..... 54 78 10  
Kansas City, part cloudy ..... 54 78 10  
St. Louis, clear ..... 54 78 10  
Havana, clear ..... 54 78 10  
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Galveston, part cloudy ..... 54 78 10

T Indicates trace of precipitation.  
L. A. WELSH,  
Local Forecast Official.

BIG FRUIT COMPANY FAILS

Concern that Handles Great Part of the California Crop in Hands of Receiver.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 20.—The Commercial community here was startled today by the information received from Chicago that the Porter Brothers company, which handles a great part of the fruit crop of the state, had been placed in the hands of a receiver.

This unexpected act was taken by the United States district court of the northern district of Illinois and, according to the news given out in this city, was forced by the demands of the bankers on the firm at a time when good part of its funds are in the hands of fruit growers. The receiver appointed is Henry L. Wilson of Chicago, and in a telegraphic communication to Thomas Lynch and Charles B. Bills, local agents, he has designated them as temporary receivers in this city to act as his representatives until the affairs of the corporation are straightened out.

The Porter Brothers company is one of the largest houses in the United States, dealing directly with the growers of fresh fruits. It has branches in New York, Boston, Chicago, Minneapolis, St. Paul, San Francisco and agencies in all fruit producing sections of the country.

All of the managers have been telegraphed to by Receiver Wilson to conduct the business in his name for the present as he has assumed full management. The amount of the company's liabilities are not known, but it is assumed by those in a position to make an estimate that they may run into the millions.

In his message to the San Francisco managers, Receiver Wilson stated that the assets would exceed the liabilities and the embarrassment of the firm would be only temporary.

Messrs. Lynch and Bills, San Francisco representatives of the receiver, are now following directions, making accounts of the agencies and endeavoring to ascertain the exact condition of the company's affairs. The receiver is a prominent financial man of Chicago and is looked upon to protect the interests of the creditors.

At the local offices of Porter Brothers it was announced the failure was due to the demands of banks for the payment of several heavy notes.

"It is probable," said Mr. Bills, the local manager, "that the banks pressed their claims without giving the Chicago office notice. In other words the Chicago office was caught short. No doubt the receiver has sufficient money to pay all its creditors, but lacked the money with which to get together."

One estimate places the possible liabilities at \$5,000,000.

CHICAGO, May 20.—John R. Adams, one of the Chicago members of Porter Bros., "The receivership proceedings occurred on May 19. Every effort was made to keep the matter quiet, and up to today were successful."

Leonard B. Weed, Benjamin F. Smith and Thomas F. Beaven, all of Chicago, are named as the petitioners and alleged indebtedness for money loaned on several notes, aggregating \$5,000, and declared the belief of the petitioners that preferential treatment is being accorded other creditors.

No details as to the assets or liabilities were obtainable today. Receiver Wilson asserted that he had no knowledge concerning the condition of the company's affairs and would not before Friday. On that day a meeting of the members of the firm would be held and his belief was that the difficulties would be overcome.

COTTON MARKET STILL WILD

Opens Amid Great Excitement with New Orleans Bull in Control.

NEW YORK, May 20.—The cotton market opened amidst a rush of excitement with the New Orleans bull again possibly directing operations. The situation now, according to current gossip, has resolved itself into a struggle for supremacy between the New Orleans leader on the one hand and a combination of large interests on the other, led by the leader of the New England bull clique, and prominent exporting people of Philadelphia.

The former stands for still further advances, while the latter are fighting to check the advance with the smaller operators either falling behind their chosen leaders or attempting to split fractional advantages, as first one side, then the other, shall be in a temporary ascendancy.

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HIGH SCHOOL FIELD DAY

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CANCELS POSTOFFICE RISES

Fayne Withdraws Three Thousand Authorized Promotions Throughout Country.

LEGAL MAXIMUM OF CLERKS IS REACHED

Postal Probe Continues, Health Being Notified of Tulooh Charges on Which Reports Were Expected Today.

WASHINGTON, May 20.—The promotions of over 3,000 postoffice clerks throughout the country, recently authorized, were cancelled today by Mr. Payne.

First Assistant Postmaster General Payne late this afternoon reported to Mr. Payne that the tabulation of clerks in each grade in postoffices of the first class had been completed. This work was undertaken in accordance with the order to rearrange the salaries of clerks already classified, so that the number in the several grades should not exceed the number specifically prescribed by congress.

The former classification was made by George W. Beavers, just prior to his sudden resignation as chief of the division of salaries and allowances.

CLERKS TOO NUMEROUS

The new schedule approved by the postmaster general, after transferring 5 per cent from grades where there are vacancies, as authorized by a recent decision of the comptroller of the currency, makes it necessary to cancel 3,046 promotions in the several grades in which there is an excess above the legal number and in which 7,465 promotions have been authorized. The report says:

It will not be necessary in any case to reduce any clerk, but simply to cancel 3,046 out of 7,465 promotions heretofore authorized to take effect on July 1, 1903. We will proceed at once to ascertain exactly the number of promotions in each grade that it will be necessary to cancel in each postoffice and will then inform the postmasters and allow them to secure the increases which must be cancelled.

Most of the excesses in the number in the respective grades of clerks scattered throughout the United States at first class presidential offices are in the \$300 and \$400 per annum classes. The excesses in grades are divided among those grades as follows: Two hundred and fifty-eight excess in the \$700 grade, 852 in the \$600 grade, 508 in the \$500 grade, 461 in the \$400 grade, 243 in the \$300 grade, 230 in the \$200 grade, 82 in the \$100 grade and 18 in the \$50 grade.

HEALTH NOTIFIED OF CHARGES

The postmaster general today sent to Mr. Health a copy of the charges filed by Mr. Tulooh, together with a letter requesting any suggestion he may submit on the subject. It is the first official communication with Mr. Health during the investigation. None of the supplemental answers to the postmaster general giving Mr. Tulooh's definite charges have been received.

Auditor Castle of the Postoffice department was busy today revising the records of his office in connection with the Tulooh charges, and will submit his reply to the postmaster general probably tomorrow afternoon with a request that they be given publicity.

Captain Castle will confer tomorrow with Comptroller of the Treasury Tracewell, who also is preparing a reply to the Tulooh allegations.

It is probable that Mr. Bristow's report will not be submitted before the close of June or the early part of July.

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Advertisement for The Strong Man MALT-TOO FLAKES. Includes an illustration of a muscular man and text describing the benefits of the product.

Advertisement for a few vacant rooms and only a few. Includes text describing the rooms and their features.

Advertisement for THE BEE BUILDING. Includes details about room rentals and office space.

Advertisement for R. C. Peters & Co., Rental Agents. Includes contact information and services offered.

Advertisement for BUSINESS STIMULATORS. Includes text about the product and its benefits.

Large advertisement for Irregularity and Nervousness. Features a testimonial from Mrs. Emilie Danforth and an illustration of a woman. Includes text about the benefits of Wine of Cardui.