

CONTEST ON FOR DELEGATE

Friends of Judge M. B. Reese of Lincoln Organizing in His Behalf.

L. M. RAYMOND IS ALSO IN THE RUNNING

Much Talk, but No Crystallized Sentiment Regarding Places on the Next Republican State Ticket—Compromise State Claim.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

LINCOLN, Jan. 9.—(Special.)—Just now in Lincoln there is a prospect for a nice little fight as to who this town will support as a delegate-at-large to the national republican convention. All day today the Grand Army hall was open and the announcement was sent out that Roosevelt club was organized, and those who were to become members were invited to sign the roll. In reality it is to be a plan on the part of a number of the members of this organization to pledge themselves to work to send Judge M. B. Reese to the national convention. Another faction of the old soldiers is in favor of L. M. Raymond, who also has the support of that element of the republican party which now controls the Lancaster courthouse and incidentally the city of Lincoln. As the Veteran Republican club, which is organized from the members of the Grand Army of the Republic, has already endorsed President Roosevelt for the nomination a number of the members of the old guard did not go to the hall, preferring to allow the friends of Judge Reese to work out their own salvation.

In the meantime there is still much talk as to the next state ticket, with very few people expressing any definite choice for any one officer. It is believed, though, that Gilmore of Nemaha, who some days was thought to be a possibility for secretary of state, will have a hard time to get his county down in the southeast part of the state, because of the faction there promoting the candidacy of Gardner for state superintendent. It was reported here this afternoon that John Wall, clerk of the late house of representatives, would cast himself up for secretary of state from Arcadia, but he one is here who could speak with authority. Mr. Wall has been here several times lately and was considered a strong possibility for secretary of state. It is probable that Gardner is to beat Gilmore out, then Wall may be a candidate. Everything so far as a state ticket is concerned is only talk and has attained no tangible shape.

Big Shave on State Claims.

Treasurer Mortensen and Attorney General Prout, as members of the State Board of Compromise, accepted \$350 in payment of a claim of \$40,612.90 against the First National bank of Alma, which failed at the time the state bank had that much money in deposit. This money was accepted as a compromise from one of the men who signed the bond, and after signed the bond and went through the process of being gone through bankruptcy or there being no way by which the state could recover.

Start Work on Cells.

At last work on the new cells at the state penitentiary is under full way and there is at present five carloads of material on hand with which the men can keep busy. Sanitary closets are being placed in first and second work on the cells proper will begin just as soon as a carload of tools, which is expected daily, gets here. Warden Beemer said this morning that the work was progressing nicely and that no further delays were anticipated.

Rules for Interstate Labor Bureau.

Chief Clerk Despain of the labor bureau is spending some time these days working on bylaws and a constitution for the meeting of the interstate employment bureau, which will meet in a couple of months. One of the rules will be for the secretary to keep a complete record of every farmhand sent out and if he fails to prove a good workman he will be blacklisted and will not be taken through the bureau in the states composing the union. Records will be kept also of how the farmers treat the working men and those who fail to pay or to feed right will be placed along with the blacklisted farmhands.

Large Attendance at Normal.

"Never before in the history of the school has the attendance been as good as it is this year," said President Clark of the Peru Normal school this morning. "The attendance now is above that at the close of the school year in 1903, and the indications are that the increase in attendance will run from 10 to 15 per cent over last year."

"This is true despite the fact that the entrance requirements have been raised considerably during the last year. The fact is that there seems to be a widespread educational awakening in the state. The very large attendance at the Junior normals would indicate this."

Mr. Clark said that the work on the new chapel building was well under way. The excavation has already been completed and work on the building will begin as soon as the weather permits.

Ward Roosevelt Club.

The republicans of the Seventh ward will meet Tuesday night, January 12, at 7:30 p. m. Tuesday, January 12, Dr. LeRoy Crummett of Omaha will read a paper on "Exophthalmic Goitre." The discussion of the paper from a surgical standpoint will be led by Dr. M. H. Everett, Dr. LeRoyhoff will review the paper and the subject in general from a medical standpoint.

Quits Railroad for Court.

W. B. Kirby, chief clerk of the Burlington law department, has been appointed court reporter by Judge Holmes of the district court and has accepted the place. He has tendered his resignation, effective February 1. Mr. Kirby, who is an expert stenographer and office man, was sent to hold court sixteen years ago as private secretary to the late T. M. Marquett and held the position until the death of Mr. Marquett in 1894. Since then he has been under J. W. Dewese.

Grocers' Mutual Insurance.

Retail grocery merchants of Omaha have organized a mutual fire insurance company for the insurance of their own stocks of goods and buildings and have sent their articles of incorporation to Insurance Deputy Pierce for his approval before

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Billings. Harry Fisher is the promoter of the company and the intention is to confine the business done strictly to those who are in the organization.

Judge Recommends Pardon.

Judge Westover of the Fifth district and the county clerk of Sheridan county called upon Governor Mickey this morning to discuss with him the cases of George Coll, now serving a ten years' term in the penitentiary for manslaughter, and J. C. Wright, serving a fifteen years' term for incest. It is the belief of Judge Westover that the men are fit subjects for executive interference, inasmuch as considerable new evidence that was not known at the time of their conviction has been brought to light. This will be placed before the governor and he will look into the matter as soon as possible. The men want pardons. They have served about five years each and were convicted in Judge Westover's court.

At a meeting tonight of the executive committee appointed at a mass meeting Monday night, to arrange for the organization of a Roosevelt club, a permanent organization was perfected by the adoption of a constitution and the election of these officers: H. H. Wilson, president; C. H. Gere, vice president; J. H. McClay, secretary; W. L. Dawson, assistant secretary; and L. M. Raymond, treasurer. The object of the club as outlined by the constitution, is to see that the delegates sent to the national convention from Nebraska are for Roosevelt. The executive committee will send out a letter to the republicans of the state advocating the formation of Roosevelt clubs in every town in the state.

PROSPERITY BRINGS TROUBLE

Farmers at Brenna's Have Difficulty in Dividing Profits of Co-Operative Concern.

HASTINGS, Neb., Jan. 9.—(Special.)—At a joint meeting of the Farmers' Elevator association and the Farmers' Grain and Supply company, held at Brenna's, a grain station six miles southeast of this city, this afternoon, a matter which has aroused considerable interest among those familiar with the working of farmers' elevators was brought to a head. Five years ago a number of farmers got together and built an elevator at cost of \$200 and began buying grain and naming themselves the Farmers' Elevator association. Seeing that the venture was successful others wanted to come in, consequently the Farmers' Elevator association offered to sell shares at \$2 each, the purchasers getting an interest in the grain bought and sold, but getting no interest in the elevator building. So many farmers went into the deal that they installed a general provisions store and became known collectively as the Farmers' Grain and Supply company, as distinguished from the Farmers' Elevator company. For the use of the elevator the latter company charged the former a rental of \$200 per year. The business prospered and the double company made money, but on the division of the profits considerable variance appeared, the Farmers' Elevator company claiming the greater part of the profits because of the money they had originally invested in the building, the other company maintaining that matters were adjusted when the original company received the annual rental of \$200. At the present time there has accumulated undivided profits amounting to \$4,000. This afternoon a large number of interested farmers gathered, bringing their wives and children with them, for the final settlement. The agreement reached provides that the Farmers' Elevator association shall receive back from the accumulated profits the money at first invested in the elevator, the remainder to be divided among all the stockholders according to their individual holdings, the business to be carried on in future under the name of the Farmers' Grain and Supply company. This proposition was supported by 112 votes, 87 being for some other settlement. Many of the old Farmers' Elevator association felt worried, claiming that when they received back the amount invested five years ago there should have been added to it the interest for the intervening time, and some talk of entering upon litigation. Other than the disagreement on division of profits the enterprise was eminently a success.

Good Business at Schuyler.

SCHUYLER, Neb., Jan. 9.—(Special.)—Schuyler is doing a good business. This morning J. W. Birgham had ground broken for a new one-story brick implement building, 35x50 feet, to be occupied as soon as completed by William Sumption, who felt crowded by his present quarters and sought a new place. Thomas Wachua has purchased a building site, 4x60 feet, and will erect a one-story brick general store building the full size of the lot as soon as building can be undertaken in the spring.

At the meeting of the Board of County Commissioners yesterday the three long banks, Schuyler National, First National and the banking house of F. Folda, were named as depositories of the county funds during the term of the new treasurer, M. J. Higgins. The rate of interest bid was 3 per cent.

New Agricultural Society.

YORK, Neb., Jan. 9.—(Special.)—At a meeting of the business men there was organized last evening the York County Agricultural society, which was really a reorganization of the old agricultural society that had attempted in past years to conduct a county fair.

The officers elected were: M. B. Atkins, president; T. W. Smith, vice president; T. E. Bennet, secretary; S. A. Myers, treasurer. The following were elected a board of directors: Hon. G. W. Post, Hon. S. H. Seligwick, R. B. Price, T. W. Smith, F. A. Butterfield and N. P. Lundeen.

Twenty-one signed the articles of incorporation which have been filed with the county clerk and in the secretary of state's office.

Forms Roosevelt League.

BEATRICE, Neb., Jan. 9.—(Special.)—An organization to be known as the Beatrice Roosevelt league was perfected here last night by the election of the following officers: Alex Graham, president; Hunter Miller, vice president; C. M. Riggs, secretary; W. D. Moore, treasurer. A resolution favoring Roosevelt's candidacy for president and insisting that delegates to the national convention be instructed for him was adopted. The league will start out with a large membership and much good will to be accomplished for the republican party in this county as a result of the organization.

Examine Hastings Theater.

HASTINGS, Neb., Jan. 9.—(Special.)—Growing apprehensive because of the Chicago theater catastrophe, Mayor Miles of this city and several members of the city council inspected the Kerr opera house to see if proper exits exist in case of emergency. They suggested that an additional exit be made and that all electrical appliances be overhauled by the city electrician, and further that a member of the fire department shall be present at all amusement numbers presented in the house. Mr. Kerr said that all these suggestions will be acted upon.

Forensic Club Elects.

BEATRICE, Neb., Jan. 9.—(Special.)—The Beatrice Forensic club met last night and elected officers as follows: Chester Hill, president; Lawrence Weaver, vice president; Richard Abiquist, secretary; James Ayers, treasurer.

Gets Increase in His Pension.

TECUMSEH, Neb., Jan. 9.—(Special.)—Capt. A. P. Flanagan of this city has received notice from Washington of an increase of pension from \$20 to \$40 per month. The increase was made possible under the new pension act, and Congressman E. J. Burkett rendered Captain Flanagan good service in the furtherance of his claims at Washington.

Cass County Has Health Board.

PLATTSMOUTH, Neb., Jan. 9.—(Special.)—The first business transacted by the Board of County Commissioners after duly organizing for the coming year was to organize as a county board of health, as follows: Turner Zink, chairman; W. C. Barnard, vice chairman; L. A. Tyson, clerk, and Dr. J. M. Neeley of Elmwood, physician. The county physician will examine only such persons as he is requested to by the board and will receive a salary of \$5 per day while actually engaged in the performance of such services. Hereafter those furnishing supplies to the poor in this county must have an order from one of the commissioners or their bills will not be paid.

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50 Per Ct. Discount Half Regular Price on all Silk, Flannel and Mercerized Tailor-Made Waists.

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On all our Men's Suits, On all our Women's Jackets and Long Coats, On all our Children's and Children's Jackets and Long Coats, On all our Walking Skirts, On all our Separate Dress Skirts, On all our Ladies' Long Capes—some have handsome maroon skirts, On all our Ladies' Sweaters, On all our Fur Collars and Muffs, Isabelle Fox, Marten, Squirrel and other desirable furs.

20 Per Ct. Discount On all our Colored Dress Goods.

On all our Black Dress Goods, On all our Fancy Waistings, On all our Ladies' Winter Underwear, On all our Children's Winter Underwear, On all our Men's Winter Underwear, Including Maudslayi Union Suits for Women, Children and Men. Natural colors and blue.

An Important Offering 20 Per Ct. Discount Clearance Sale of Muslin Underwear

Our entire stock comprising night gowns, chemise, corset covers, drawers and slippers, at a discount of 20 per cent from prices that have already been greatly reduced. Silk and cotton petticoats.

On all our Crochet Bed Spreads, On all our Crochet Bed Spreads at 95c each, On all our \$1.75 Crochet Bed Spreads at \$1.25 each, On all our \$3.00 Satin Marseilles Bed Spreads at \$2.25 each, On all our \$4.00 Satin and French Bed Spreads at \$2.75 each, On all our \$2.25 cut corner fringed Bed Spreads at \$1.69 each, On all our \$4.00 cut corner fringed 1/2 Bed Spreads at \$2.75 each, On all our \$4.00 cut corner fringed Bed Spreads, full size, \$3 each, On all our \$8.50 imported hemmed Satin Marseilles Bed Spreads, largest sizes for beds with box springs, at \$5.50 each.

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MORALS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Boys and Girls Should Be Given Instruction in Right and Wrong.

KEARNEY, Neb., Jan. 9.—To the Editor of The Bee: It is only very recently, or just a few weeks ago, that one of the bright and intelligent young men of Kearney, Fred J. Harrison, was arrested and taken before the United States court at Omaha for a violation of the United States laws. Like many of the "get rich quick" kind in this republic, he had conceived an idea of an easy way of getting a little money, which he was needing badly, but was ignorant and thoughtless as to the law and the consequences of its violation. The case took up much space in many of our state and national newspapers, being widely and adversely commented on the more so because the young man was the son of a minister of the gospel.

It might have gone hard with him, and he might have gone to the penitentiary for some years, had not kind Kearney friends, with wise counsel and friendly sympathy for him, come to his aid in this his time of trouble. Having confessed his error and mistake, a petition to Hon. Judge Munger in his behalf secured him a comparatively light punishment without the disgrace of having to go to a penitentiary.

Is it not a shame that so many of the best young people of our cities, our state and nation should be placed in the position of criminals through false and mistaken ideas of instruction and education in our public schools? Society is entirely to blame for such a shameful condition of scholastic affairs. In the public schools of the United States there are over 10,000 pupils in attendance, and the idea and habit has grown upon the American people that the teaching of Christian morality must be kept out of the schools, and no instruction allowed but the secular kind, to make them simply worldly "smart." With the great lack of moral instruction that there has been in it any wonder that so many of our school-boys have grown up to be "hoodlums" and "gruffers," or become corrupt in legislative and executive positions of public trust and confidence? Very recently we have had two conflicting reports from leading and prominent government officials at Washington. General Bristow's report speaks of the large amount of stealings by so many corrupt officials in the Postoffice department, while Dr. Harris, the United States commissioner of education, denounces religious and moral instruction in the public schools, and says it must only be "secular," with all that that Godless, Christless instruction means against the making of good citizens. With that glorious motto, "In God We Trust," on the commercial dollars of our republic, let us make it our business to teach our public school children and youth to study to do our great Jehovah's will, by remembering and obeying His commandments.