

BANQUET IS RULING TOPIC

Bryan Intimate He Will Say Something of Interest to Democrats.

GIVES NO INKING OF WHAT IT IS TO BE

Lincoln Complains of Alleged Discrimination in Freight Rates in Favor of Omaha and Proposes to Remedy It.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

LINCOLN, Jan. 16.—(Special.)—William J. Bryan returned to Lincoln last night and spent the day at Fairview with his family. He was met at the train by Mrs. Bryan and together they drove to his home at Fairview. Mr. Bryan expressed his pleasure at being at home and other than repeating what he had already said of his trip abroad he had little to say.

His friends take it, means that he will say something that will attract the attention of democrats all over the country though it is not believed that any candidate will be endorsed by him in that speech. The discussion of the banquet since Mr. Bryan's return has become the paramount question here and that it will be a success from the standpoint of attendance and interest there is no question.

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with those attached to the state organizations are to be called on for assistance.

The inspection must be completed by May 1 and the reports are to be filed by June 1 with the War department.

The military efficiency of the troops, discipline and the preparedness of the troops are the subjects to be covered in the reports. The inspectors are required to determine whether the troops are all properly armed and equipped for the field.

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At the hearing before County Judge Taylor Blair was bound over to the district court that was to convene in December, and just a few days before the time of district court in which he was to be tried, Miss Thomas, the prosecuting witness, disappeared, and for three weeks the parents were unable to find any trace of her.

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It is not expected that Omaha will send a large delegation, though the reports that come from South Omaha are to the effect that the packing house city will likely send the largest single delegation of any town in the state.

Chairman Worrall of the entertainment committee is stated at the indications of success as well as are the other members of that committee.

In the meantime, those democrats who have been saying that Mr. Bryan had better look a little over his shoulder will not get to see things as he desires at the democratic state convention.

From 7:30 until 8:00 o'clock State Chairman Hall of the state committee and Mr. Bryan will receive in the Lindell hotel lobby.

A vigorous campaign is at once to be inaugurated by the freight bureau of the Commercial club against the alleged discrimination in the matter of freight rates in favor of Omaha and against Lincoln.

The discussion brought out that a discrimination in favor of Omaha against Lincoln of 1 cent is made on lumber and 15 cents on coal.

At the close of the meeting the board of control met and elected officers as follows: President, J. E. Miller; vice president, George H. Clarke; secretary, E. C. Rewick; treasurer, John T. Dorgan.

The Union Pacific Railway company this morning filed in the supreme court a brief disclaiming any liability for the death of Michael Smith, a Woodland farmer, who was killed in October, 1899, while driving home from Lincoln.

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JOHN BLAIR CASE ON TRIAL

First Day is Taken Up with Efforts to Secure a Jury.

ALL NEIGHBORS ARE PREJUDICED

Court Room is Crowded and Speculation in Rife as to Which Way Beulah Thomas Will Testify.

YORK, Neb., Jan. 16.—(Special.)—Ever since yesterday afternoon Judge Evans has been trying to secure a jury in the celebrated case in which John Blair is charged with criminal assault and the abduction of Miss Beulah Thomas.

The large courtroom has been crowded since early morning, a large number of friends and neighbors of the Blairs and Thomases having come in from Arboville and Bradshaw to hear the evidence.

John Blair is a prosperous farmer living near Arboville. He is married and has a family of his own and much surprise was occasioned last spring when he was arrested on the charge of criminal assault.

At the hearing before County Judge Taylor Blair was bound over to the district court that was to convene in December, and just a few days before the time of district court in which he was to be tried, Miss Thomas, the prosecuting witness, disappeared.

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possible to see or breathe. Her first work was to get the children out of the room and then by prompt, quick work, unaided, she succeeded in putting out the fire.

BREAK IN LEASING SYSTEM

Change on Reservation Causes Confusion and Litigation for the Time Being.

PENDER, Neb., Jan. 16.—(Special.)—Since the installation of the bonded superintendents at the Winnebago and Omaha Indian reserves the Indians are canceling the terms of their leases.

The corn crop is about all these reservation farmers have to pay their debts with this season and knowing that it was no longer tenured the land, they refused to pay.

PLATTSMOUTH, Neb., Jan. 16.—(Special.)—The Independent Order of Odd Fellows in this city has installed the following officers for the ensuing year: Noble grand, John P. Satter; vice grand, Hans Selvers; secretary, L. G. Larson; treasurer, A. H. Harger.

The Rebekahs installed the following officers: Noble grand, Mrs. C. C. Christensen; vice grand, Mrs. Mary E. Lindstrom; secretary, Mrs. Louise Gibson; treasurer, Mrs. Barbara Steinkamp; wardens, Miss Lena Gibson; conductor, Inez Thompson; lodge guard, Miss Garnet Cory; outside guard, Mrs. I. Pearlman.

PAPILLION, Neb., Jan. 16.—(Special.)—The Knights of Pythias will organize a local group on Wednesday, Jan. 25. Twenty-five members will start the order.

TABLE ROCK, Neb., Jan. 16.—(Special.)—Past Chief Patriarch E. L. McCrea, M. D., of this place last night installed the following officers of Phoenix encampment No. 51, including Musing Union Suits.

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BEATRICE, Neb., Jan. 16.—(Special.)—Beatrice lodge No. 29, Knights of Pythias, installed officers here last night.

SITTON, Neb., Jan. 16.—(Special.)—At a joint meeting, held for the purpose of the Grand Army of the Republic and the Woman's Relief corps.

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Linen Sale

The thousands who took advantage and bought so generously at our Great Linen Sale, early foretold a clearance of every yard of damask—Every Table Cloth and Napkin.

Many sets have been broken, others have become mused in handling. Orders have gone forth to cut the price deeper—make the bargains greater.

Towels

Bed Spreads

Pat. Table Cloths

Napkins

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Ayer's Pills

It means an active liver, for one thing. And that means no constipation, no biliousness, no sick-headache, no dyspepsia.

AYER'S PILLS FOR THE BOWEL

CALIFORNIA VIOLETS—THREE CAKES FOR 9c. On Saturday, January 16, and Monday, January 18, we will sell three cakes (put up in a box) of "California Violets" Soap for 9c a box.