

CHAIRMAN LEHR IS OUT

Head of Republican State Central Committee Resigns His Position.

ILL HEALTH OF WIFE IS THE CAUSE

Secretary Allen Calls Meeting of State Committee to Elect Successor Thursday Evening at Lincoln.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, June 25.—(Special.)—After having kept the secret locked in his bosom for several days insofar as the public is concerned Secretary Allen of the republican state committee, this morning announced that he had resigned his position as chairman of the state committee and he then straightway issued a call for a meeting of the committee and the state candidates for next Thursday evening at the Lindell hotel to choose a successor and to select another chairman.

The call for the meeting of the state committee is as follows: LINCOLN, Neb., June 25, 1904.—Dear Sir: I am in receipt of the resignation of Henry J. Lehr as chairman of the republican state committee. I have been compelled to take this step on account of the continued ill health of my wife. In view of the contingency thus presented the state committee and candidates on the state ticket are hereby called to meet at headquarters, Lindell hotel, Lincoln, Thursday evening, June 27, 1904, at 8 o'clock, to consider said resignation and if accepted, to elect a successor; also to transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting. You are expected to be present. Very respectfully, A. H. ALLEN, Secretary.

U. H. SLAAN, Vice Chairman. In his letter of resignation, which Mr. Allen thinks unwise to publish, Mr. Lehr stated that his physician told him the morning the letter was written that he should not leave Mrs. Lehr, owing to her ill-health, for at least six weeks. For that reason Mr. Lehr stated he thought it advisable that he resign. He also told Mr. Allen that he would do whatever was recommended in order to get the committee together to act upon the resignation. As an excuse for not announcing the receipt of the resignation Mr. Allen stated that he thought the committee should be notified first and that time should be taken to discuss the matter before the committee got together and before the people were informed of the facts.

Signable for Place. A lively scramble for the chairmanship is already on, and this afternoon a number of Lancaster politicians called J. C. F. McKesson to town to again get him to buckle on his armor and sail into the fight, while others seem to think that Secretary Allen would make a good man for the place. When Mr. Lehr resigned, Mr. Allen discussed the resignation with only a few favored ones was the result of his ambition to be chairman, of course, is not known.

Vice Chairman Sloan, who was here a short time this afternoon, enroute to St. Louis, has a number of friends who would like to see him take the vacant place, but while refusing to commit himself, Mr. Sloan gave out the impression that he would not accept it even if offered, because of his business affairs. A movement is being started, however, to place the chairman on a salary of \$1,500 or \$2,000 a year, and this matter in all probability will come before the committee. Committeesman Lindsay of this city announced that he favored such a plan and at the same time he was in favor of the candidates selecting the chairman of the state convention having adopted a resolution to allow the candidates to select the man, with the approval of the committee. Mr. Lindsay seemed sure the committee would endorse anyone the candidates selected.

The fight over the chairmanship, however, will be a tame feature of the committee meeting, for there is every indication that a fight will be made to keep the headquarters in Lincoln. Already the Lancaster people are getting busy on this proposition, although Secretary Allen announced that he had heard of no such movement and that "no one had a right to suppose that such a move was contemplated." Steve Hoover and Levi Munson of the Lindell hotel, which would be the greatest loser by the removal of the headquarters, were in conference with Mr. Allen for a long time this afternoon discussing the probability of the headquarters remaining here, and also called upon other politicians and men who might have influence with the committee. Mr. Allen has always favored Lincoln as the headquarters of the committee and it is not doubted but that he would lend all the aid he could to keep the headquarters from Omaha.

Spills a Honeymoon. Mrs. Charles W. Atkins of this city, formerly Mrs. Maud M. Chapman, had a promising honeymoon and future happiness ended sadly today when a telegram was received here that her husband was in jail at Denver for writing a check for \$2,000 on a bank in which he had no money.

The two were married eight days ago and yesterday Mrs. Atkins came to Lincoln from Denver alone to get her belongings in shape to remove to Boston to the magnificent home the husband said he owned there. This evening Mrs. Atkins was heartbroken over the affair and could give no explanation of her husband's conduct unless, she said, he had suddenly gone insane. He had been injured during the Spanish-American war and as a result wore a silver plate instead of a piece of skull in the back of his head. The man's uncle, she said, had told her he was liable to become insane most any time. The two had been acquainted only a short time before their marriage.

Atkins claimed to be a doctor and he gave the check, so the telegrams received here said, in payment for a house he was trying to buy. He told the Denver police that he was drunk when he signed the check.

E. L. Simon, who escaped from the penitentiary a year ago and made a trip to Texas because he had the hay fever, has been paroled to P. C. Hahn, a local con-

tractor. He was sentenced for an assault upon a neighbor. Debits Cannot Be Deducted. It is probable that another suit over the revenue law will be instituted before all the taxes for this year are collected. County Attorney Caldwell has handed down an opinion to the county board of equalization that debts cannot under the law be deducted from credits. The State Board of Equalization decided that debts could be deducted and specified what they were. The question was passed upon only in a general way by the supreme court when the revenue law was upheld, but the intention of the legislature in this particular matter was not gone into. During the session an amendment to deduct the debts from credits was voted down. "I am pretty thoroughly convinced," said Mr. Caldwell, "that the legislature did not intend that debts should be deducted from credits. It says all property shall be taxed and does not exclude anything of the kind contended for. If we permit the merchants to deduct what the stocks worth, then every farmer in the county would have the right to come in and demand a deduction from their list of what they owe on their cattle and personal property. I am just now briefing the law points."

Lancaster county is the only county so far known that is not permitting deductions to be made, and the thing that is worrying the taxing authorities is whether there is any good reason why it should select itself to be bumped on this proposition and pay more than its share of the state taxes. Gordon Takes Appeal. W. As Gordon, who was sentenced to two days in jail and to pay a \$100 fine by Judge Bartlett for striking Attorney Horton during a session of court in Omaha, was granted a stay of execution by Chief Justice Holcomb, and the case will be heard in the supreme court before Gordon receives his punishment, if he ever receives it.

JOBBERS END TRIP IN STATE

Special Train Bearing Omaha Trade Makers Returns Home.

BAGPIPES AND BAND IN EVIDENCE

Visit Several Live Towns of Nebraska Distribute Literature Telling of Advantages Offered by Omaha.

SIDNEY, Neb., June 25.—(Special Telegram.)—Today ends the three days' trip over the Union Pacific railway of the Commercial club of Omaha and Live Stock exchange of South Omaha. The officials of the Union Pacific in charge of the train have done everything in their power to make the trip a successful one, and they have succeeded in their efforts. At Kearney the excursionists ran into rain and preparations made for their entertainment were declared off, much to the regret of all. Leaving Kearney on time, the party started west on the main line, making Omaha, Elm Creek and Overton in the order named. At Overton alfalfa bouquets were given the party, with the compliments of Rosa E. Thornton, county clerk of DeSoto county. At Lexington a stop of thirty minutes was made, and when they left the visitors knew every man and woman in this neat city. Cozad, the town of drug stores, was next on the list; then Goldenburg, where Mayor Warner of North Platte marched in the train and took possession of everything on board and refused to let go until after the party had left his town. Brady Island and Maxwell followed Goldenburg at easy stages; then into noisy, whistling, bell-ringing North Platte, where a reception was held in the Commercial club rooms and friendly greetings were exchanged. No commercial club or exchange man escaped with a button or badge on his clothes. The citizens of North Platte are in possession of all visible decorations. Big Spring furnished a broncho race, with a bucking broncho thrown in for entertainment. At Julesburg young girls held a reception in the pretty park opposite the depot. The excursion reached Sidney promptly on schedule time and was accorded a rousing reception. The business blocks and residences had been becomingly decorated in honor of the visitors and a reception committee composed of the principal professional and business men of the city met and escorted them to the opera house, where a short program had been arranged. The quartet rendered a couple of selections and Mayor Sanders introduced J. L. McIntosh, who delivered an earnest and appropriate address of welcome, which was eloquently responded to by Arthur Smith.

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HEAVY RAINS AND CORN LATE

Farmers Throughout State Are Ready for a Wet Wave Now. GRAND ISLAND, Neb., June 25.—(Special.)—Another great rainfall in this county last night. With the exception of corn, which is a little late, the crop condition is said by farmers generally to be all that could be wished for. Charles Haux is preparing to cut his second crop of alfalfa. GENEVA, Neb., June 25.—(Special.)—Yesterday afternoon a heavy wind blew and was followed by a hard rain and some hail. Seven-tenths of an inch of water fell. This retards cultivating corn very seriously.

INDIANOLA, Neb., June 25.—Seventy-one hundredths of an inch of rain fell last night, accompanied by much lightning and thunder, making for the week 2.17 inches of water. This morning is cool, with further indications of rain.

INDIANOLA, Neb., June 25.—Reports from the farming districts between here and McCook and in fact all over the county show that last night's storm was the worst for twenty years. Crops were destroyed, barns and sheds leveled and hardy a windmill left standing. At Indianola the storm assumed the proportions of a typhoon. Large trees were twisted off and buildings partly demolished. Telephone wires are down, but so far as known there have been no casualties.

WEST POINT, Neb., June 25.—(Special.)—The extremely wet weather of the past month has caused a phenomenal growth of grass. The hay crop will be one of the heaviest ever known in the county. The wet weather has also helped the potato crop materially. Prospects for a bountiful yield being very flattering.

Supreme Court Refuses Relief on Ground of Irregularity. PAVILLION, Neb., June 25.—(Special.)—As a result of the findings of the supreme court Sarry county must pay her proportion of the cost of repairs made to the Platte river bridge between this and Cass county at Louisville. The case had been decided against Sarry county and the supreme court was asked to grant a rehearing which was refused. The following is the syllabus as handed down by that body:

When a county has refused, upon request, to participate with an adjoining county in repairing a bridge over a stream forming part of the boundary line between them, and the latter has partitioned the work at its separate expense, it is not a defense to an action for contribution under the statute in that county in procuring the repairs to be made proceeded in an irregular and illegal manner with respect to obliging itself to pay therefor, provided it did in fact become so obligated.

Lightning Not Only Cooks Cherries on Tree, but Sweetens Them. GRAND ISLAND, Neb., June 25.—(Special.)—A very unusual incident is reported at the farm of Mr. Bates in Merrick county. Lightning struck a cherry tree upon which the fruit was just about ripe. The cherries are said to have been cooked, and to have had a fine, sweet taste, though the cherry was of the sour variety.

Teachers Institute Closes. PLATTSBOUTH, Neb., June 25.—(Special.)—The Cass county teachers' institute closed at noon today. County Superintendent Wortman and each of the instructors gave a closing talk. Mr. Wortman recited a poem entitled "Press On," and requested the teachers not to lose the inspiration they had gained during the institute. Superintendent Rouse urged the teachers to put their whole heart into their work and advised them to visit the homes of their scholars and become acquainted with their parents and their surroundings. Superintendent Sherman recited Eugene Field's "Little Boy Blue." Miss Martin said she had enjoyed the institute and hoped she had been of benefit to the teachers.

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SESSION HERE FOR SEVERAL DAYS

The total figures of the county will be obtainable in a few days and it is thought there will be shown a strong 25 per cent advance.

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Summary of Report Filed for the Year Ending December 31st, 1903. Table showing INCOME (Premiums, All other resources, Total) and DISBURSEMENTS (Paid policy holders, All other payments, Total) and ADMITTED ASSETS and LIABILITIES.

Witness my hand and seal of the Auditor of Public Accounts the day and year first above written.

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