

OLD LINERS ARE ELATED

Cleveland Followers Like the Turn Affairs Take at St. Louis.

SOME BIG COUNTIES MAKE RETURNS

All of Them Show a Large Increase in the Assessed Valuation of Property-Wayne County Has Plenty of Corn.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, Neb., July 9.—(Special.)—There is joy in the wigwags of the local democrats who have kept the candle of Cleveland faith burning during the last eight years of Bryan supremacy.

Albert Watkins, who was postmaster of Lincoln during the first administration of Cleveland and has been irascible since...

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WHEAT MAKES EXCELLENT CROP

Oats is Rusting, but Corn is So Far in First-Class Shape.

GOEHNER, Neb., July 9.—(Special.)—Harvest is in full blast, with wheat better than was expected last week.

SUTTON, Neb., July 9.—(Special.)—There has been no rain for three days and the wheat harvest is fully begun.

CAMBRIDGE, Neb., July 9.—(Special.)—The heaviest rain of the season, 2.19 inches or two hours, fell here last night.

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the grounds last night and many chautauqua visitors were either obliged to walk or seek a private conveyance.

LEIGH, July 9.—Forty farmers and business men will leave here Monday for Bonesteel, S. D., where they will register for homesteads in the Rosebud reservation. A Pullman car will be used for their use during the entire time they are on the road and in Bonesteel.

HASTINGS, July 9.—Complaint was filed today by the officers of the First National bank against Page J. Bowman and John Oliver for obtaining money, under a pretense, the amount being \$280.

PLATTSMOUTH, July 9.—The officers of the state lodge, Degree of Honor, met here yesterday. Among those present were: Mrs. Mary Leaky, grand chief of honor; Lexington, Degree from Margaret Bright; Omaha; Mrs. G. E. Chapman, Lincoln; and Mrs. O. C. Williams, Clay Center, Neb.

BEATRICE, July 9.—The sixteenth annual session of the Beatrice chautauqua opened last night with large attendance. The assembly closes on July 22, and some prominent speakers are to appear on the program from day to day.

WEST POINT, July 9.—The coroner's report on the body of Dorothy Brazda, sr., who lost her life Monday evening in a fire in the Elkhorh Hotel, was concluded last night and a verdict returned of accidental poisoning. The inquest was held this morning. Solemn requiem high mass was celebrated by Rev. Joseph Ruessing.

WEST POINT, July 9.—At the first regular meeting of the Commercial club last Friday evening President Keefe announced several of the club committees as follows: On county roads, Henry Schlotzko, Frank Scharrar, A. L. Krause, F. D. Hunker and A. L. Krause; on the fire department, H. G. Lovich, Joseph F. Kaup, Dean Ruessing and E. Bernhardt.

BEATRICE, July 9.—Goodrich Ruppenthal, No. 18, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, installed the following officers Friday night: E. T. McManah, chief patriarch; W. N. Penny, high priest; W. J. Feasted, senior warden; W. H. Feasted, junior warden; Thomas Liddicut, scribe; Leo Munster, treasurer; Thomas Liddicut, clerk.

ASHLAND, July 9.—Miss Leta Hutchison, a resident of this place, who is visiting her mother at Colfax, Mo., had a narrow escape from death. She had been handling a small rifle, the stock of which was just behind her arm near the shoulder.

FREMONT, July 9.—Florence Gibbs was a member of the first grade, in the district court this morning and awarded the custody of the 6-year-old boy. The child is now in session at the Burdeau, eleven miles west of here, with a very large attendance.

ASHLAND, July 9.—At a meeting of the school board, which was held at the school house, the board of the first grade, Prof. R. H. Harold of Valparaiso, Ind., and Miss Laura Whaley of Osceola, Neb., assistant principal of the school, were present.

FREMONT, July 9.—Peterson Bros. store, on South F street, was broken into last night and the contents of the store were taken. The burglars entered by breaking a window in the implement warehouse. They then broke down a door leading to the store. The safe was not tampered with and a missing item can be located except a few small articles.

BEATRICE, July 9.—Jerry L. Morrison, an old resident of this city, has returned from Chicago, where he has been looking over an estate of \$100,000 in which he has an interest. Over a century ago Mr. Morrison's grandfather received a grant of land from the king of England. His name was "Beck" and he held an office in the king's household. The land was located near Wellington, Conn. The Beck family, of which Mr. Morrison's mother was a member, did not settle on the estate, and at present the matter is in a state of confusion as soon as a missing item can be located the estate will be settled up. There are thirteen heirs.

Slipped Upon His Wife. "While Mrs. Zeller was conversing with me her husband emerged from his hiding place in an orchard," said Mrs. Stromberg. "We women did not see him until he was close upon us. He carried a knife in his hand and made directly for his wife. She uttered a cry and turned toward the house. He grasped her by the throat and stabbed her twice in quick succession."

Police Are Notified. Mrs. Burkamp, daughter-in-law of the murdered man, hastened over a rough road to Forest Lawn cemetery, a mile beyond, and the nearest place with telephone communication. The police were notified and Detective Dunn and Officer Good were sent to the scene.

Search for Zeller. Captain Dunn, with a posse, searched for the murderer till late last night, but was unable to catch him. The police think that if the man is alive it is possible that he may return to his home and two officers have been placed there in case he does.

Old Resident of Omaha. William R. Burkamp, the murdered man, was a resident of Omaha for many years. He was a member of the World's Fair at St. Louis within a short time and looked forward to the trip with not a little eagerness. He was to have left for St. Louis within a few days.

Behind his wife and surviving daughter, Mrs. Naugle, three sons, William, aged 22, an employee of the Great Western Ice Cream company; Henry, aged 4, and Charles J., collector for the People's store, survive.

Burkamp was a member of lodge No. 128, Ancient Order of United Workmen, and Modern Woodmen of America No. 130, in each of which he carried insurance of \$2,000.

The dead daughter and sister was a frail little woman of kindly disposition. Her relatives say she always wished to avoid trouble and often saved her brutal husband from rough treatment at the hands of his son and her brothers, for abusing her. Beside the relatives named she leaves four children: William, aged 22; Elizabeth, aged 12; John, aged 11, and Michael, aged 9.

The funeral will be held from the family residence at Forty-second and Redick avenue Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Zeller has always borne the reputation of being a very dangerous man, and his killing. His neighbors declare that he has caused considerable trouble outside of his family. He has no living relatives of whom anything is known.

Drs. Sawyer and Ellis held a post-mortem examination of the bodies at the morgue last night. They both agreed that there were no evidences of a blow having been struck on the head of William Burkamp as was at first supposed. Death from stabbing in both cases was their conclusion.

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Mrs. Stromberg says Zeller then turned toward her, but she had whipped up her horse and drove screaming down the road. Mr. Burkamp heard his daughter scream and hastened to her aid. He was met at the door by Zeller, knife in hand. Mrs. Burkamp came toward the door from the kitchen.

"What are you doing?" papa asked him," Mrs. Burkamp sobbed. "Michael never said one word, but struck papa over the head with a big iron bar getting to his feet and Michael was walking away."

"I'm gone," papa said, and he held his hand to his side, so (here she described it.) I helped him to a chair at the side of the house and hastened for wet cloth. He didn't say a word and when I came back he had laid his head on my shoulder, and that was all."

Beside her sat her son Charles and his sister, Mrs. Naugle. With eyes swollen and red with weeping the little 12-year-old girl and Michael Zeller sat on the floor. Her brother John, aged 17, stood with bowed head, grief-stricken as the rest. Two hours before they had lost father, mother or sister.

"A week ago he chased Michael, my brother, from home," said John. "Michael has only one arm, but Grandpa Burkamp took care of him and he helped about the place for his board."

"Father had threatened to kill us all many times. Yesterday he shot twice at Willie. He shot once at me a year ago. He aimed the gun at me yesterday, too, but I dodged into a cornfield and ran down the hill."

Charles Burkamp, aged 29 years, son of the murdered man, made this statement: "Always Dangerous Man. My sister Elizabeth married Zeller twenty-five years ago. They had four children, all of whom survive their mother. Lizzie was 46 years old and her eldest son William was 12."

Zeller has been the cause of his family's unhappiness for eighteen years. Often he has made threats of killing and I urged Lizzie to leave him and have him placed under bonds to keep the peace. She was terrifiedly afraid of him and his mother was so too. I think he was under the influence of liquor today. But he is a sly fellow and a bad one."

Zeller is about 5 feet 7 inches in height and weighs 180 pounds. He has a dark moustache and dark complexion. There is a scar over one of his eyes and his nose is inclined toward the Roman. He is a German by descent. The Burkmeps are Germans.

When Mrs. Stromberg left the scene of the killing she hastened along toward Forest Lawn cemetery, shouting as she went: "Henry Burkamp is the murderer. I saw him working in a nearby field, heard the alarm and hastened to the house. His father was dead when he arrived and Zeller had disappeared. His mother was so stricken that it was with difficulty that she could tell me what happened, although he surmised who had done the killing. None knew at that time that Mrs. Zeller lay dying in a field not 100 feet from the house."

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A squad of other officers, including Detectives Donahue, Metfield and Officer Morrison, followed about two hours later. Coroner Bralley arrived at the scene about 1 p. m. and removed the two bodies to the morgue.

All afternoon the officers searched the woods and fields for six miles about, but secured only meager traces of the murderer. His son, William, said he had met his father about noon, but that he did not go home, but that the older man had turned away when he saw his son. The latter's suspicions were immediately aroused and a few minutes later he met a neighbor who told him the news of the murder.

Mrs. Burritt of 344 Curtis street says she was working in her kitchen shortly after 1 o'clock when a neighbor's child ran in and inquired why Zeller was running so fast. She says she replied that he was probably trying to catch his horse.

"I thought nothing more of the incident until I heard of the murder," she said. Upon this clue the officers worked all through the hot sun and beating down high weeds in a nearby grove. Zeller was not seen again. Some have advanced the theory that he may have committed suicide.

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MILLER, STEWART & BEATON, 1315-17-18 Farnam Street.

After - Inventory Sale.

For the last week we have been busy with our semi-annual inventory. In many instances we find we have GREATLY OVER-ESTIMATED this season's outlet, which we must unload AT ONCE to make room for our fall purchases. Realizing that the first loss is the cheapest, we will make the month of July the bargain offering month of the year.

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MATTINGS. We have 700 many high grade Jap mattings, the kind that sell from 35c to 75c a yard. You will have to hurry as we will place the entire line on sale at 25c PER YARD.

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Table with columns for ASSETS and LIABILITIES. Assets include First Mortgage and Stock Loans (\$730,967.42), Real Estate (7,623.06), Foreclosures (6,240.31), Furniture (254.50), Sundry Persons (1,825.95), Interest due & unpaid (2,388.77), Cash (31,733.55). Total: \$781,033.56.

Increase \$95,124.39 first six months 1904. Earnings, \$27,586.29, first six months 1904, from which six per cent per annum dividend was credited stockholders and \$3,933.04 credited to contingent fund.

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