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JAMES E. BOYD DEAD

Only Democratic Governor of Nebraska Succumbs After a Long Struggle.

END HAD BEEN EXPECTED FOR TWO DAYS

Death Due to Disease Peculiar to Old Age that Worked Steadily.

FOR OVER YEAR FIGHT FOR LIFE WENT ON

Born in Foreign Land, Became Leader as an American Statesman.

HONORED BY POLITICAL FRIEND AND FOE

Coming to Nebraska in Its Infancy He Helped Build State Which Shows in Sorrow at His Death.

Former Governor James E. Boyd died at his residence, 1908 Davenport street, Monday afternoon. The end came calmly and without pain after a long struggle for life.

At the bedside were the governor's three children—Mrs. Elizabeth Boyd, Mrs. D. M. Boyd and Mrs. Boyd of Sioux City, who was with him up to Sunday, had left for his home in Sioux City.

The death of Governor Boyd follows closely upon the death of former Governor Thayer, whom Boyd succeeded as chief executive of Nebraska and with whom Boyd was embroiled in one of the most bitter political contests in the history of the state, but with whom he became cordially associated in friendship later, a friendship warmer because of the other relations that had existed. It was the source of regret on the part of Governor Boyd that he could not attend the funeral of his dear friend, Governor Thayer, in Lincoln about a month ago.

Governor Boyd had been in poor health peculiar to old age for over a year. For months his life had been despaired of. He took a trip to Florida in the hope of regaining strength, but he visited the southern waters of no help and he returned to Omaha a little while ago worse than when he left. Since that time he had been closely confined to his home and bed. His death was momentarily expected since Sunday evening.

James E. Boyd's life was a long one. He was born in County Tyrone, Ireland, September 5, 1819, and lived there with his parents until he was 9 years old. His father, Joseph Boyd, owned and operated a mill on the Blackwater river, and the family moved to the United States in 1828, crossing from Liverpool being a stowaway one requiring forty-two days. The family was established on a farm in Belmont county, Ohio, where James E. Boyd worked during the summer and attended school in winter.

Financial reverses compelled Boyd to give up farming and take employment as a miller at Zanesville, Ohio. He was 14 years old, he worked in a grocery store, later entering a carpenter shop and learning the trade. With his brother, John M. Boyd, he came west in 1837, stopping first at Des Moines, Iowa, where Boyd was employed as a carpenter. When they completed a house for Hoyt Sherman, a brother to the late Senator Sherman of Ohio, they hired a wagon to convey tools and baggage, there being no railroads west of Des Moines, and pushed forward to Omaha arriving August 11, 1838.

Early Work in Omaha.

The brothers at once found employment with Root & Viascher, a carpenter firm with a shop on the present site of the Millard hotel. They worked for six weeks at \$1.75 a day, and then began business as carpenters and joiners on their own responsibility.

The following winter is reputed the most severe in the history of Omaha, and the boys were called to the city to build the first Douglas county court house at Sixteenth and Farnam streets on land now occupied by the Nixon block. They also built one of the first churches, a meeting house for the Congregational denomination. In November of 1837 James E. Boyd was elected to the first of a long series of political offices, the premier being a county clerkship. He did not know he was to be a candidate until noon of election day, and appointed his opponent, C. P. Burkett, his deputy, allowing the deputy to perform the duties of the office and eventually resigning, as he too busy with other things to devote time to the position.

He married Anna H. Henry of New York August 25, 1838, the ceremony being performed in the Pacific house at Council Bluffs. They went to Buffalo county and took up a farm near the present town of Gibson, breaking 100 acres of virgin soil. He opened a general merchandise store here and also at Kearney. The first house he built was a double log house, and it was the finest habitation for many miles.

Mr. Boyd remained on his farm on Wood river for nine years, learning raising stock and filing contracts with the government for hay and grain at Fort Kearney. The contracts were large and profitable, as many soldiers were required on the frontier and all supplies were moved by beasts of burden. In 1838 he engaged in the business of freighting across the plains and in 1839 when the Union Pacific railroad was built to a point forty miles east of Kearney, secured the first of a number of grading contracts for the line. In four years he graded more than 300 miles of the first railroad across the continent and made his fortune. Mr. Boyd was sent from Buffalo county to the first legislature that convened after Nebraska was made a state, or that of 1856. In the Cherokee Indian raids and massacres of 1838 Mr. Boyd, his family and property had narrow escapes from annihilation. He became a private in a company of the First Nebraska regiment the same year and never was mustered out to his knowledge.

Permanent Home in Omaha.

Mr. Boyd and his family, which had increased by the addition of a daughter, came back to Omaha in 1856, when the residence at 1908 Davenport street, thereafter the permanent home of the Boyds, was purchased. Mr. Boyd bought a controlling interest in the Omaha Gas company and for two years managed the corporation. In the winter of 1859-70 he organized the Omaha & Northwestern Railroad company and was elected its first president. He constructed the road under personal supervision, from Omaha to Tekamah, supplying one-sixth of the funds from his own resources. This railroad is now part of the main line of the Chicago, Minneapolis, St. Paul & Omaha system. He was one of the organizers of the Central National bank of Omaha, and was

KING ASCENDS VESUVIUS

Edward and Alexandra Visit Observatories and Talk With Scientists in Charge.

NAPLES, April 30.—The weather continuing fine, King Edward said he would not leave Naples without visiting the observatories, as he desired to meet Prof. Matteucci and Frank Perret of Brooklyn, N. Y., director of the observatory on Mount Vesuvius. The duke and duchess of Aosta were delighted and offered to guide the king. Five automobiles were ordered to convey the royal party to Mount Vesuvius.

While the visit of the American ambassador, former one of the royal party, who tried to reach the observatory Saturday and it was hoped she would be able to accompany their majesties today, but it was found that she had already returned to Rome.

King Edward, Queen Alexandra and the duke and duchess of Aosta arrived at the observatory this afternoon, where they were met by Prof. Matteucci and Perret. The king congratulated both the scientists for their work and drew a minute account of their experiences in the days they passed in the observatory.

After the royal party ascended the volcano after a period of quiet, the eruption of Vesuvius, which had scarcely died since the eruption of last week, was again seen. It was reported by a view of the smoke column, beneath which spread the red and black plains and valleys.

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DEMOCRATS HAVE MAJORITY

Opposition to Present System Will Control the New Parliament of Russia.

ST. PETERSBURG, April 30.—The constitutional democrats now have a clear working majority of seven, 178 members of Parliament belonging to that party. This, however, by no means represents the strength of the combined opposition to the government, as fifteen members have been elected by the social democrats and thirty-seven are classified as progressives. Besides, the opposition is expected to draw strength from forty-eight members who are classified as independent of that party, seventeen whose political opinions are unknown. The conservatives and reactionists are in a hopeless minority.

KIEFF, Russia, April 30.—A sensation has been caused here by the action of the police in confiscating all copies of the official St. Petersburg Russkoe Gosudarstvo, a paper which has been published since the authorities here resented the paper's political attitude as being too liberal.

BURLINGTON REBATE ARGUED

Attorneys Hold That Acts Complain of Relate to International Commerce.

KANSAS CITY, April 30.—Arguments on a motion to dismiss in the case of the government against the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railway, charged as an interstate rebate, were begun in the federal court here today before Judge McPherson of Iowa. The attorneys for the railroad argued in support of a motion to dismiss the entire proceedings against their clients upon the grounds that while rebates had been made, they were upon shipments for foreign ports. The argument was made by State Commerce commissioner had jurisdiction over "interstate" business, but not over "international business." United States District Attorney Van Valkenburg will argue the other side of the question tomorrow.

Judge McPherson fixed May 2 as the date for trying the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railway, G. H. Crosby and G. H. Thomas, respectively former general freight agent and freight broker for that road; the trial of the indictments against them was set for May 25; the Missouri case of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy was set for May 25; the trial of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railway, G. H. Crosby and G. H. Thomas, respectively former general freight agent and freight broker for that road; the trial of the indictments against them was set for May 25; the Missouri case of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy was set for May 25.

HABERDASHER STORE ROBBED

Stephens & Smith's North Sixteenth Street Place Entered by Burglars Sunday Night.

The store of Stephens & Smith, haberdashers, North Sixteenth street, was entered Sunday night by burglars, who gained entrance by unlocking the front door. The estimated value of the plunder taken was placed at \$400. The articles taken consisted of twenty-five dozen kid gloves, twenty-five dozen neck ties, three dozen handkerchiefs and a quantity of collar buttons and underwear. The plunder was all new stock and the job was that of professionals, the police believe. The case was reported to the police as soon as the block watchman tried the door of the store on his rounds. The authorities of various towns are notified and Detectives Donohue and Hightfield placed on the case.

SALOONS ARE TO CLOSE TODAY

Chief of Police Donohue Issues Strict Orders that Law Be Rigidly Enforced.

"The saloons of Omaha will not be allowed to remain open between the hours of 9 a. m. and 9 p. m. on election day," said Chief of Police J. J. Donohue last night. "The law, relative to such places to be closed during the time the polls are open, and I have given strict instructions that the law be enforced. The police will see that there are no violations and no excuses will go."

Sorrow is Held.

NEW YORK, April 30.—Gustav E. Sorrow, vice president of the defunct Bank of America, was blown today and a minor accident, which was in this region except at the Commercial City Entertainment house, which has been in operation since

SENATE WILL VOTE FRIDAY

Agreement to End General Debate on Rate Bill that Day.

AMENDMENTS WILL BE TAKEN UP

Each Will Be Discussed Under Fifteen Minute Rule Until Debate is Exhausted.

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NOTICE

Persons wishing to vote for Erastus A. Benson, who for lack of time or disability of any kind are unable to go to the polls by themselves, will be taken to the polls in carriage or automobile if they will call up Fred D. Wood's real estate office, Tel. No. Douglas 1523, and ask that conveyance be sent to them.

CHARLES C. GEORGE, Chairman Real Estate Committee.

HARRIMAN VISITS SEATTLE

Union Pacific President Says Extension Will Be Postponed Until He Gets Satisfactory Franchise.

SEATTLE, Wash., April 30.—E. H. Harriman today declared that his road in entering Seattle would demand the same concessions that have been granted other lines and that unless he got them he would defer building. With an expenditure here of between \$2,000,000 and \$10,000,000 Mr. Harriman said his plans in Seattle represented a total expenditure that would mean an annual interest charge of \$600,000. But unless he gets a franchise satisfactory to the road he will hold his real estate and refuse to extend. Incidentally Mr. Harriman mentioned the real estate speculators on the Sound who had held up his road and declared that rather than do any more business which gave the speculators a chance to hold up the line he would wait ten years for legitimate property valuations.

Mr. Harriman was in entrance to his passenger depot over Fourth avenue, which would involve a slight curve to reach the property.

City officials have been trying to keep railroads off the street and suggested two other thoroughfares. Double and sharp curves involving difficult operating problems would ensue. Mr. Harriman declared positively that he would not consider these alternatives. The Harriman system will not commence building until all the franchise matters are settled in Tacoma and Seattle. Within a year after these grants are made Mr. Harriman says he will have his line completed.

QUIT THE COAL BUSINESS

Officials of B. & O. Sell Stock and Resign Directorships in Mining Company.

BALTIMORE, April 30.—What is looked upon here as the first highly important result of the investigation by the Interstate Commerce commission into the relations of the Baltimore & Ohio, here resigning and mining companies on their lines is the announcement today that the Baltimore & Ohio has disposed of its holdings of the stock of the Consolidation Coal company and High L. Bond, Jr., the first being the president and the other two vice presidents of the Baltimore & Ohio, have resigned from the directorates of the Consolidation Coal company, and their places thereon have been filled by the election of Van Lear Black of this city and Walton Miller and S. L. Watson of Fairmont, W. Va. The stock heretofore held by the Baltimore & Ohio is said to have amounted to over 25,000 shares, being 33 per cent of the entire capital stock of the Consolidation company. The money consideration involved in the transaction is said to be about \$5,000,000. Control of the Consolidation Coal company carries with it control of eight other coal companies.

DEATH RECORD.

Funeral of Taylor Flick.

BROKEN BOW, Neb., April 30.—(Special.)—Hon. Taylor Flick was buried yesterday under the auspices of the Masonic lodge. The funeral was one of the largest in the history of the city and was attended by many hundred friends. Services were conducted by Rev. W. H. Sanders, rector of St