MID-WEST TENNIS TOURNEY

Committees Hard at Work Planning for Entertainment of Visitors.

GREAT GATHERING OF EXPERTS CERTAIN

Entries Already in Assure Attendance of Real Cracks and an Unusual Number is Expected for Big Classic Week.

Judging from the responses which have been received to date by the tennis committee of the Field club, the Middle West tennis tournament for 1906 will be the best of the series at the Field club since the organization of that classic. The committee has been holding meetings during the last week to complete all arrangements for the comfort of the visitors at the tournament. The committee on prizes, consisting of Young, Kohn, Caldwell and Wood, the committee on courts consisting of Young, the entertainment committee consisting of Martin, Collett, Hughes, Kohn and Caldwell and the press committee consisting of Wood, Young and Kohn have all organized and are ready for business.

More money will be expended for this tournament than for any yet held and an especial effort has been made to prepare for rain, so the tournament may be finished up in a week and not be compelled to drag as has the Kansas City tournament which took nearly two weeks. To provide against rain the committee has bought a tarpaulin 100 by fifty feet which will completely cover the tournament court and shut out the rain. This will keep the courts dry so play may be resumed in the morning or immediately after a rain. The tarpaulin is to be of eight ounce duck and then water proofed. The committee has also bought a surface heater similar to those used by the street pavers. This will dry off the courts after an ordinary shower. These extra precautions should make it possible to play off the tournament during the week in spite of any ordinary rains.

Prizes of Tempting Value.

The prizes are of the highest standard and some are now on exhibition at the Field club. The club will expend $500 in real money and this insure some prizes worth playing for. This sum is sufficient to get prizes which will exceed in value any yet offered in the west. The prizes last season were of such high grade as to elicit the warm encomiums of all the old tournament players in attendance, who said they were the best prizes of the year. These will be surpassed by those which are offered this summer. Of course, the value of the prizes is not the only inducement to a tennis man to play in one of these tournaments, but they go a long ways toward making him decide whether it is worth while to give up work for a week in a effort to have a good time.

There now seems to be no doubt the tournament will be the largest and best ever held in the west. Twenty-three entries have already been received from out-of-town players, and more are coming in every day. The fact of these early entries is taken as a good omen, for heretofore the entries have been held back until the last minute, but the reputation of the Field club has gone abroad in the land and players are anxious to attend. Entries have already been received from Chicago, Galesburg, St. Joseph and Kansas City. From Chicago will come Peters, Gardner and Byford. Byford is the player who has twice this season defeated Hayes, the present middle west champion, and who defeated Waidrier in the single finals at Kenwood; Vernon, Sheldon and Wilder have already sent their entries from Kansas City, and the Sioux City crowd will send down a good delegation.

One of Year's Big Events.

The tournament will be held under the auspices of the United States National Lawn Tennis association, and the rules of that association will govern the play. The committee is especially anxious that the representatives from the tennis clubs of the state will be numerous. The Middle West is recognized all over the county as one of the big events of the year, and the committee would especially like to work up more of an interest from the players of the state in the tournament. Some of these players may think they are not of the caliber that would have a chance to win in the tournament against the cracks of the country, still there will be minor events in which they can compete and their entertainment will be just as good as that of the cracks. Here is a chance for players of the state to take a little vacation and have the time of their lives for no pains will be spared to make their entertainment complete for the entire week.

Several towns from the state have sent players up each year, but the committee would like to hear from many more. The Field club directors have laid aside a large sum of money to see that all visitors have a good time, and the accommodations at the club are ample to care for all who may come. Kreigh Collins has written that he has given up the idea of going to New port and may come to Omaha instead, and Hunt of California has written that he is still considering the proposition of coming. Collins is the present western champion and was a member of the international team which went abroad.

Entries for the Tri-State tournament at Sioux City close Saturday, as the tournament starts Monday, and some of the Omaha players will try to attend, although it seems hard to get away in the face of the preparations for the Middle West.

Entries Close Saturday.

The entries for the Middle West will close Saturday, August 18, at which time the drawings will be made, so all will know just how they play early Monday morning. The present champion, W. T. Hayes of Toledo, Ia., will be on hand to defend his title against the winner of the tournament and he will have a crack to meet, from all indications. Sanderson and the other Galesburg cracks will be here early and stay late and will make them all hustle.

No pains will be spared by the committee in making the tournament complete. Special chairs have been bought for the umpires and the courts will be in perfect condition, for they have gone through the recent heavy rains without any injury whatever.

Some line of entertainment has been planned for each night in the week, and all will be carried out according to program. For the opening night the visitors will be taken to the Fountain of Youth and given a glimpse of how Samson looks after his subjects. For Tuesday night a gymkhana has been prepared, and all the visitors will be invited to participate. This was one of the most enjoyable affairs of last season. A dance at the club will be given Wednesday night and the young women of the city given a chance to help in the entertainment. An automobile ride will be given Thursday night and a banquet at the club Friday night. For Saturday night the big dance has been planned. The eighteen-hole golf course will be at the constant disposal of the visitors, as well as the bowling alleys and all the other accommodations of the club. Send entries to Will Wood, care of the Field club.

IOWA STATE TENNIS TOURNAMENT

Walter T. Hayes of Toledo Wins State Championship.

DES MOINES, Aug. 11.—Walter T. Hayes of Toledo, Ia., today won the championship of the Iowa State Tennis tournament, defeating W. S. Gilman of Sioux City, winner of the final round, in a hard match by a score of 8-6, 6-1, 6-1. The championship in doubles was taken by Hayes and Blatherwick, who defeated Gilman and McNeil. The state association voted to locate the tournament permanently in Des Moines.

Burlingtons Win Two.

The Burlingtons defeated the D. J. O'Brien's in a whirlwind finish in the last inning at Dietz park Saturday afternoon. Hall, the first batter, lined out a clean single and stole second, Yerkes was passed and Blattner singled and landed on third, as the outfielder threw the ball over the catcher's head. Rothery then jolted Nichols for a two bagger and scored the winning run with no one out on Priest's one base hit. Score:

							R.	H.	E.
Burlingtons	1	0	0	0	4	5	7	1	
D. J. Obrien's	0	1	0	3	0	4	3	3	

Batteries: O'Brien, Nichols and Thayer; Burlington, Jensen and Rothery.

After the above game, the Burlingtons went to Fort Omaha and trounced the Omaha Real Estate Exchange team in a game that was more interesting than the score would indicate. There was only one bad inning, the second, in which the first mentioned team batted and ran the bases at will. Score:

									R.	H.	E.
Burlingtons	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	*	8	13	2
O. R. E. Ex.	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	3	6

Batteries—Omaha R. E. Ex., Stem and Walker, Burlingtons, Jensen, Yerkes and Rothery.

Vernon Defeats Sheldon at Tennis.

KANSAS CITY, Aug. 11.—Orrie V. Vernon for the third time successfully defended his title today as tennis champion of the Missouri valley in singles against Dr. Frank E. Sheldon, winner of the tournament at the Athletic club courts at the Kansas City Driving club. The game was fast throughout, both men playing in a sensational manner. Sheldon took the first and third sets and Vernon won the second, fourth and fifth sets. Scores: 1-6, 6-3, 3-6, 7-5, 6-1.

Fullerton Wins a Home Game.

FULLERTON, Neb., Aug. 11.—(Special.) Fullerton defeated Silver Creek here by the score of 2 to 1. The feature of the game was the pitching of Christenson for Fullerton. Batteries: Fullerton, Christenson and Johnson; Silver Creek, Loeb and Shank. Struck out: By Christenson, 11; by Loeb, 9. Hits: Fullerton, 5; Silver Creek, 2. Earned runs: Fullerton, 2.

San Francisco Teams Win.

NEW YORK, Aug. 11.—A base ball team from the San Francisco fire and police departments played two games at American League park, defeating teams composed of New York firemen and policemen. The visitors defeated the firemen by 7 to 1 and the policemen by 3 to 1.

Newmeyers Have Double-Header.

The Newmeyer club of Council Bluffs will be the feature at Dietz park this afternoon playing the Sterlings and the Dietz team. Roscoe Rice will pitch for the Athletics while Cobourn, the Three-I leaguer, will pitch for the Newmeyers.

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NEBRASKA GOLFERS MEET

State Tournament to Be Played Over Country Club Course.

PROGRAM PROMISES MUCH GOOD SPORT

Many Entries Already In and More Expected Before Closing Hour on Next Wednesday Evening

Nebraska golfers are all ready for the big tournament of the Nebraska Golf association which will be held this week, beginning Thursday, at the Omaha Country club. This is the second annual tournament of the association, the first being held last year at the Omaha Field club. The officers of the association are C. W. McConaughy, president; H. T. Lemist, vice president, and Frank J. Hoel secretary and treasurer. The other directors are E. H. Sprague, C. F. Morey, W. S. Cornutt and I. N. Raymond, jr.

Entries should be sent to F. J. Hoel Thirteenth and Leavenworth streets, Omaha before Wednesday night as the drawings will be made at that time. Post entries, however, will be received at the first tee. Towns already heard from are Nebraska City, Lincoln, Holdrege and Hastings. And of these probably will send representatives, although the only team entry receives so far has been from Nebraska City and the Field club and Country club of Omaha.

The association has hung up prizes for everybody. A prize is offered for the low medal score, the Nebraska amateur championship, the consolation prize, the directors' prize, for the finals of the first round of the Swatfest, for the finals of the second round of the Swatfest, for play at medal handicap, for the Nebraska Club team championship and for the runner up of the second round of the final of the Nebraska amateur championship. Should the entry list be large, additional prizes will be given to the runners up in the several events. The prizes are on exhibition in Edholm's window at Sixteenth and Harney streets.

Prettiest Course in Country.

When the players assemable for the matches they will see one of the prettiest golf courses in the whole country. There may be some to tie it for perfection of finish but none to excell. The course is pronounced by all who play it as a daisy, and no golf course in the United States is kept in better shape. The greens are perfect and the distance on the whole course is fine. Several changes have been wrought in the course, necessitating the preparing of new score cards. The circus ring on No. 7 is the talk of the town. From the top of Pike's Peak the drive is 128 yards to the circus ring. Bogey on this hole is three, and it is attracting as much attention as the famous nine hole of the Glen Echo club at St. Louis.

Beginning Sunday the links of the Country club will be open to all who expect to play in the tournament and several foursome matches have already been arranged by the Field club members for Sunday.

The complete program as published by Secretary Hoel follows:

Thursday, August 16.

8:30 a. m.—Qualifying round; 18 holes, medal play; 48 to qualify in flights of 16 each. Prize for low score.

2 p. m.—Nebraska amateur championship, first round; 18 holes, match play.

3:30 p. m.—Consolation prize, first round; 18 holes, match play.

3 p. m.—Directors' prize, first round; 18 holes, match play.

3:30 p. m.—Swatfest qualifying round, for those who failed in first qualifying round; 16 to qualify in flights of 8 each.

Friday, August 17.

9:30 a. m.—Second round for Nebraska amateur championship; 18 holes, match play.

10 a. m.—Second round for consolation prize; 18 holes, match play.

10:30 a. m.—Second round for directors' prize; 18 holes, match play.

11 a. m.—Finals first flight of swatfest; octagon match play. At each hole the high score drops out.

11:30 a. m.—Finals second flight of swatfest; octagon match play.

2 p. m.—Semi-final round for Nebraska amateur championship; 18 holes, match play.

2:10 p. m.—Semi-final round consolation prize; 18 holes, match play.

2:20 p. m.—Semi-final round directors' prize; 18 holes, match play.

2:30 p. m.—Medal handicap; 18 holes, medal play, with handicap allowance. Semi-final scores may be used in this game, all balls to be holed out.

Saturday, August 18.

9:30 a. m.—First half final round Nebraska amateur championship; 18 holes, match play.

9:45 a. m.—Final round for consolation prize; 18 holes, match play.

10 a. m.—Final round for directors' prize; 18 holes, match play.

10:30 a. m.—Nebraska club team championship; 18 holes, match play against bogey; teams of four. Cup to become property of winning club. No limit to number of team entries. Scores of finalists may be used in team match.

2:30 p. m.—Second half final round Nebraska amateur championship; 18 holes, match play. Cup to become property of winner. Runner-up to receive prize.

Entries.

Any member of a Nebraska association club in good standing is eligible to enter this tournament on payment of a fee of $2.

Fee for team, $4 each team.

Entries must be made through the secretary of the player's club, and forwarded with fees to the secretary of the association.

Entries close at 7 p. m., August 15.

Address all inquiries and entries to Frank J. Hoel, secretary Nebraska Golf association, Thirteenth and Leavenworth streets, Omaha, Neb.

List of Fine Prizes.

A magnificent set of gold, solid silver, cut glass and other valuable prizes to be awarded the successful contestants is on exhibition at Albert Edholm's jewelry store, Harney and Sixteenth streets.

The prize for the amateur championship consists of a large, heavy, solid silver loving cup. Amateur championship runner up prize, cut glass cigar jar. Team championship, solid silver loving cup, large. Consolation prize, "Black Jack" leather stein mounted with solid silver. Consolation runner up prize, alligator traveling case. Directors prize, set of seven razors in morocco case. Director's prize, runner up, meerschaum pipe and case. No. 1 Swatfest prize, leather and silver mounted loving cup; No. 2, Swatfest prize, meerschaum pipe in case. Handicap prize, liquor set, sterling silver deposit ware. Handicap, runner up prize, fine cut glass decanter. Ladies' putting prize, lady's sterling silver dressing mirror. Men's putting prize, sterling silver flask. Best score for 1906, solid gold medal. The total value of the prizes is $450.

EGAN WINS MAYFLOWER CUP

Match Ends at Thirty-Second Hole, 5 Up 4 to Play.

CHICAGO, Aug. 11.—H. Chandler Egan of Exmoor defeated Robert E. Hunter of Midlothian in the thirty-six hole final match for the Mayflower cup, chief trophy in the open amateur tournament at Onwentsia. The match ended at the thirty-second hole which was halved, Egan winning 5 up, 4 to play.

The Solance cup went to George F. Flingman, jr., of Homewood, who defeated Donald Edwards of Midlothian 2 up and 3 to play.

Clement E. Smoot of Exmoor took the Tyro cup from Raymond Wells of Homewood by 2 up, 1 to play.

Golf at Country Club.

Golf at the Omaha Country club Saturday was for the Colpetzer prize, match play against bogey, with eight to qualify. Some splendid golf was played, as the links are in perfect condition, all ready for the tournament of the Nebraska Golf association, which starts Thursday. Many members of the Country club have entered in this tournament with the expectation of not playing, because they think they have no chance for the cups which are hung up. This is a wrong idea, for no tournament ever had more prizes and flights for which the players might compete. The directors hope all will start in the qualifying round. Those qualifying yesterday for the Colpetzer cup and the players with which they are to play down are:

Westbrooke	W. T. Doane
A. L. Reed	Blaine Young
C. W. Hull	George Prinz
Ray Low	A. V. Kinsler

GRAND CIRCUIT RACES IN BUFFALO

Wilson Addington Wins the 2:13 Pace in Straight Heats.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Aug. 11.—Two favorites were defeated at the closing day races of the Grand Circuit. In the opening event The Phantom, which sold for $50 against $10 for the field won the race after losing the first heat to O H W. In the 2:10 pace Alfalfa sold a popular choice, but after winning the first heat lost the race, Rudy Kip winning the next two heats.

Wilson Addington upset calculations of the favorite players in the 2:13 pace, winning the event in straight heats. Summaries:

Trotting, 2:17 class, purse $1,000:

The Phantom, bl. h., by Boreal, dam Eain Shadow (Walker)	4	1	1
O H W, b. g., by Wilster (McCarthy)	1	5	3
Welsey Baron, ch. s. (Geers)	2	2	5
Grace Cameron, b. m (Higbee)	3	3	2
Joe S. b. g. (Haggard)	5	4	4

Time: 2:14½, 2:11, 2:14¼.

Pacing, 2:10 class, purse $1,000:

Rudy Kip, br. h., by McEwen (Murphy)	4	1	1
Alfalfa, ch. m., by Argot Wilkes (Fender)	1	6	8
Argot Boy, b. g. (Cox)	2	2	3
Mercy Mc, b. m. (Thomas)	8	9	2
Jude X, b. g. (Smith)	3	5	5
Lapointe, b. m. (Bombough)	7	3	4
Leslie Waterman, ch. g (Higbee)	9	4	6
Missouri Chief, br. s. (McEwen)	5	7	7
Daphne Direct, bl. b. (Walker)	6	8	dr
Bonnie Wilkes, ch. m. (Howard)	ds		

Time: 2:07¼, 2:06¾, 2:07¼.

Pacing, 2:13 class, purse $1,000:

Wilson Addington, b. s., by Coastman (Cox)	1	1	1
Darkey Hal, b. m., by Star Hal (James)	3	2	2
Crystal G, b. m. (Valentine)	9	3	3
Little Buck, ro. g. (Eason)	11	7	4
Spill, b. g. (Gerity)	5	5	5
Queen of Clubs, b. m. (McEwen)	6	6	7
Tom B, b. g. (McCarthy)	7	8	6
Who Knows, b. g. (McCargo)	3	ds	
Sir Dair, b. g. (Nuckols)	4	dr	
Festo Boy, ch. g. (Murphy)	8	4	dr
Dr. Francis, bl. h. (Geers)	10	ds	

Time: 2:11¼, 2:07¼, 2:08¼.

EVENTS ON THE RUNNING TRACKS

Salvidere Wins the $14,000 Saratoga Special for Two-Year-Olds.

SARATOGA, N. Y., Aug. 11.—In a remarkably run race Salvidere, the 3 to 2 favorite, won the $14,000 Saratoga Special for 2-year-olds, six furlongs, at Saratoga today. The favorite was off badly and was repeatedly interfered with. At the far turn he was third from last and many lengths behind the leader. He closed gamely and many horsemen pronounced his race a grand one. Demund broke in front and set a fast pace. At the end of half a mile he was leading by three lengths from Peter Pan. In the stretch he began to stop and McCarter, who was close up, took the lead, but Salvidere came on the outside and, catching McCarter at the furlong pole, won by a length and a half. In a terrific rainstorm Gallavant easily defeated Mohawk II in the Travers stakes. Results:

First race, seven furlongs: Ginette won, Memories second, Rebo third. Time: 1:26.

Second race, steeplechase, about two and a half miles: Alfar won, Delcanta second, Hylas third. Time: 5:22.

Third race, six furlongs: Salvidere won, McCarter second, Peter Pan third. Time: 1:12⅘.

Fourth race, mile and a quarter: Gallavant won, Mohawk II second, Reidmoore third. Time: 2:08⅘.

Fifth race, five and a half furlongs: J. C. Core won, Lording second, Blondy third. Time: 1:08.

Sixth race, mile and three-sixteenths: Geranium won, The Picket, second, Corrigan third. Time: 2:02.

CINCINNATI, O., Aug. 11—Results at Latonia:

First race, five and a half furlongs: Demo won, Bonart second, Campbell third. Time: 1:08⅘.

Second race, mile and a quarter: Leo Bright won, Swiftwing second, Huzzah third. Time: 2:08⅘.

Third race, six furlongs: Airship won, The Thrall second, Black Cat third. Time: 1:15.

Fourth race, handicap, one mile: The Minks won, Wee Lass second, Miss Doyle third. Time: 1:40⅘.

Fifth race, five and a half furlongs: Lens won, Lexoine second, Lady Arion third. Time: 1:08⅘.

Sixth race, seven furlongs: Search Me won, Carthage second, Queen Caroline third. Time: 1:28⅘.

Seventh race, seven furlongs: Freebooter won, Tern's Rod second, Lafayette third. Time: 1:26⅘.

GREAT WESTERN CIRCUIT RACES

The Broncho Paces a Mile in 2:02 at Decatur, Ill.

DECATUR, Ill., Aug. 11.—The Broncho today paced a mile in 2:02, breaking the track record and her own. Results of other events:

Pacing, 2:18 class, purse $1,500: Lancelot won in three straight heats. Time: 2:13¼, 2:11¼, 2:09¾. Blue Ribbon, Baby, Mary D, Mark Onward, Choinneta Curtis, Sir Cahunvey, Mayville O, O F, Fred L, Bob Burns, Aleybelle and Fourth of July also started.

Pacing, 2:08 class, purse $1,000: Alpha won first heat and Colonel Loomis second, third and fourth heats and the race. Time: 2:08¾, 2:07¼, 2:11½, 2:11¼. Red Ging, Limelight, Red Tell, Eleanor and Baron Rogers also started.

Trotting, 2:25 class, purse $800: The Maiden won the first heat, By Flora won second, third and fourth heats and the race. Time: 2:18¼, 2:14¾, 2:14¾, 2:14¼. Agnes Holford, Jay K, Confidential, Chassubara, Graeco, Jimmie J, Little Kent, Doris Martin and St. Wood also started.

Business Men Play Ball.

HARTINGTON, Neb., Aug. 11.—(Special.)—The largest crowd that ever attended a ball game here witnessed a game yesterday between business men of the West Side and business men of the East Side, the latter winning, 13 to 8. At the end of the seventh inning the game was called as all the players were tired out. Each side had fantastic uniforms and their playing furnished amusement for the spectators. Hundreds were present from the country and the business men furnished free lemonade for all. The farmers near town are talking of challenging the winners.

Webster City Races.

WEBSTER CITY, Ia., Aug. 11.—(Special Telegram.)—The Greater Cedar Valley racing circuit closed in this city today. From here the horses go to Anamosa and then close the circuit at Marion. Today's results:

Trot—2:17 class: Patchenwood, first; Brownboyer, second; Horace W., third; Dakota Bell, fourth. Best time 2:20½.

Pace—2:24 class: Bodock, first; Dutch A., second; Ruby M., third; Queen Helen, fourth; Teddy, fifth. Best time 2:18½.

Shelden Tennis Champion.

KANSAS CITY, Aug. 11.—Dr. Frank Shelden had very little trouble defeating W. E. Higgins of Lawrence, Kan., in the final round of the Missouri valley tennis tournament in singles. The scores were, 6-4, 4-6, 6-3. Shelden and Vernon, the Missouri valley champions, played in singles today in the challenge round.

EXPLOSION ON TORPEDO BOAT

Six Men Badly Injured by an Accident on the Worden at Norfolk.

NORFOLK, Va., Aug. 10.—Six men were burned by an explosion in the paint locker on the torpedo boat destroyer Worden late this afternoon at the Norfolk navy yard.

While driving rivets in the paint locker on the Worden, one of the hot pieces of steel fell into a quantity of varnish, causing it to explode. The force of the explosion was so great that Robert White and William H. Wilson, who were driving the rivets were blown through the opening leading to the paint locker and landed on deck.

Immediately after the explosion the little boat caught fire but the flames were extinguished without material damage. Wilson was probably fatally injured.

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SHONTS BACK FROM ZONE

Chairman of Commission Discusses Labor Problems and Weather Conditions.

GOMPERS DENOUNCES USE OF CHINESE

Labor Leader Says Proposition to Import Celestials is a Plain Violation of Federal Law.

NEW YORK, Aug. 11.—T. P. Shonts, chairman, and Joseph B. Bishop, secretary of the Panama Canal commission, arrived here today from Colon on the steamer Panama. Mr. Shonts said that general conditions in the canal zone were favorable and constantly improving.

"All we want," he declared, "is more labor and less rain. The labor problem has been partly solved by the employment of Spanish workmen. We have also advertised for Chinese laborers. Yellow fever has not appeared in a long time and for the nine days previous to my departure no smallpox was prevalent."

Mr. Shonts said that the engineering work on the canal was now well under way.

Mr. Shonts said the West Indian negro labor had been very unsatisfactory, adding:

"We can only get a 60 per cent efficiency out of the negro workmen.

"A man has already been sent to Spain to secure Spanish labor. We want to get from Spain about 500 men a month to make up the loss in the working force and to bring the force up. We want the sturdy laborers from the north of Spain and we expect to get them.

Will Advertise for Chinese.

"Within a very few weeks advertisements will be published calling for 2,500 Chinese laborers. The commission is in favor of this class of labor and the present lot will be in the nature of an experiment. But it is possible that a large force of Chinese will be at work on the isthmus. The work of preparing the contract will be slow, for we must comply with the laws. In the contracts there must be no appearance of involuntary servitude, the local laws must all be complied with and the treaty regulations must be obeyed.

"Chief Engineer Stevens and myself have handled Chinese labor and we found the men all right. They do the work and that is the principal object. We aim to get the strong, husky laborers from the rice fields of southern China. The importation of Chinese labor does not come under the contract law."

Mr. Shonts said that he may see the president at Oyster Bay.

Gompers Objects to Coolie Labor.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 11.—Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, today issued a statement concerning the action of the Isthmian Canal commission in deciding to introduce Chinese coolie labor to the work of constructing the canal across the isthmus of Panama. The statement is as follows:

It seems that those in charge of the Panama canal construction have regard for neither law nor principle. First, in the most extraordinary manner, the eight-hour law is annulled in the greatest public work ever undertaken by the government under the pretense that conditions there are different than in the United States. It must appeal to the veriest tyro that if eight hours work is regarded as sufficient in the comparatively temperate zone of the United States certainly ten, eleven and even more hours of labor a day in the pestilential and miasmatic atmosphere of the Panama zone are not only improper but outrageous and brutal.

The existing law excludes Chinese laborers and coolies from the United States or any of its possessions. The Panama canal zone is an American possession and it is as much a violation of the law to bring Chinese coolies there as it is in other portions of our country.

Some time ago in an interview I had with Chairman Shonts I protested against the employment of Chinese coolies in the Panama canal construction as had been published in the newspapers it was the intention of Mr. Shonts to do. He there and then emphatically stated that it was not the intention then to employ Chinese coolies and they would not be employed under his administration.

Shonts Replies to Gompers.

Mr. Shonts tonight gave out the following statement with regard to a statement issued in Washington today by President Gompers of the American Federation of Labor:

The eight-hour law does not apply to unskilled labor on the isthmus of Panama. The entire present unskilled labor force is alien. We cannot secure this class of unskilled labor from the United States, it is therefore not seen why a law passed in the interest of American labor at home should be made applicable to alien laborers who probably never heard of its existence. Its application would have increased the labor cost of the canal several million dollars. The American laborer in this country would have to pay his share of the consequent increased taxation without any compensating benefit to himself.

At the time of my interview with Mr. Gompers, in discussing the eight-hour law, aside from what I have already said, I stated that my understanding of the reason for the enactment of the eight-hour law in this country was primarily to give to the highest type of labor in the world longer hours for mental recreation and improvement, but that with the lowest class of labor as at Panama it was more helpful and improving, more in their interests and more an act of kindness than otherwise, to permit them to work ten hours a day and pay them for it—because they are paid by the hour.

As to the statement of Mr. Gompers that the existing law excludes Chinese laborers and coolies from the United States or any of its possessions, The Panama canal zone is an American possession and it is as much a violation of the law to bring Chinese coolies there as in other portions of our country. I can only say the commission has secured the opinion of the highest legal authorities of the government. It has been held that such law does not apply to the canal zone. The law excluding Chinese from the United States and its possessions was passed in March, 1903, and specifically set forth that such laws should only be applicable to territory at that time, subject to the authorities of the United States. The canal zone was acquired subsequent to that date and congress has not extended its provision so as to embrace the canal zone.

The canal must be dug and the first requisite is to have labor to dig it. We do not believe it wise or economical to depend only on the West Indian negroes. We cannot secure the unskilled labor in sufficient volume from the United States. It is not therefore not in competition to our own labor and any agreement entered into will provide for the return of Chinese direct to China upon the completion of service on the canal work.

In conversation with Mr. Gompers, the well known views of Mr. Shonts as to labor on the isthmus, both with respect to the possibility of the future employment of Chinese and otherwise, were practically set forth as above and any contrary understanding must have been due to a misapprehension of his position.

Very Low Rates Tuesday.

Every Tuesday, balance of the year, the Chicago Great Western railroad will sell homeseekers' tickets to Minnesota, North Dakota and Canadian northwest at about half rate; to other territory first and third Tuesdays. Write W. H. Churchill, G. A., 1512 Farnam street. State number in party and when going.

St. Louis Merchant Dies.

NEW YORK, Aug. 11.—Michael Delaney, a retired merchant of St. Louis, died of heart disease on board the steamer Campania when it arrrived in this harbor today. Mr. Delaney crossed the ocean to visit Ireland, but was unable to leave the ship.

Former Circuit Clerk Sentenced.

CHICAGO, Aug. 11.—John A. Cooke, former clerk of the circuit court, who was found guilty of irregularities in handling the funds of the office, was today sentenced to an indeterminate term not to exceed five years in the penitentiary.

Frank E. Creelman Bankrupt.

CHICAGO, Aug. 11.—Frank E. Creelman, who has large interests in different parts of the United States, filed today an involuntary petition in bankruptcy in the United States distric court. In his petition Creelman scheduled total liabilities aggregating $391,435. His assets were placed at $342,000.

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both houses of congress for their efforts and endeavors to give us railroad rate regulation which would be for the benefit of the people and shippers of the country." The republicans were condemned "for their efforts to defeat such legislation," and the republican state officials were censured for their attempt to defeat a railroad commission in the state by delaying the publication notice of the desired amendment. The resolutions further recommended a 2-cent passenger rate and ask for an anti-pass law, viewing a pass as a bribe. Two years ago this same party deplored the death of William McKinley and denounced the weakness and incapacity of Theodore Roosevelt and his inability to fill the presidency.

The democrats of Phelps county held a mass convention today, at which delegates were chosen to the state and congressional conventions. About forty were present. No ticket was nominated, but another convention will be held later at which a ticket will be put in the field. The delegates to the state convention were instructed to support ex-Congressman Shallenberger for the nomination for governor.

No Fusion in Dawson.

LEXINGTON, Neb., Aug. 11.—(Special Telegram.)—The democrats and populists of Dawson held separate county conventions in this city this afternoon. At each, delegates to state, congressional and senatorial conventions were elected and resolutions were adopted condemning exorbitant railroad rates, etc. All delegations were uninstructed. Each party will hold another convention some time in September at which candidates for county offices will be chosen. The matter of fusion was not talked of by either body.

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Los Angeles Limited	a11:50 am	a10:45 pm
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North Platte Local	a 5:10 am	a 4:50 pm
Beatrice Local	b 3:15 pm	b 2:00 pm
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St. Paul & Minneapolis	7:45 am	11:50 pm
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Chicago Express	3:30 pm	3:30 pm
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Fast Mail		2:30 pm
Chicago Express	a 5:50 pm	a 7:30 am
Chicago Limited	a11:00 pm	11:15 am
Norfolk & Bonesteel	a 7:40 am	10:35 am
Lincoln & Long Pine	a 7:40 am	10:35 am
Casper & Wyoming	a 3:00 pm	a 5:00 pm
Deadwood & Lincoln	a 3:00 pm	5:05 pm
Hastings & Superior	b 3:00 pm	5:05 pm
Fremont-Albion	b 6:02 pm	b12:40 pm
Chicago Local	a11:30 am	3:45 pm
Shoshoni Express	a12:30 am	a 6:00 am
Twin City Limited	7:50 am	10:00 pm
Illinois Central.		
Chicago Express	a 8:00 am	a 3:55 pm
Chicago Limited	a 6:00 pm	a 7:30 am
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EAST.	Leave.	Arrive.
Chicago Limited	a 3:25 am	a 7:10 am
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