

READY FOR THE CAMPAIGN

Republican Committee Organized by Election of W. B. Ross as Chairman.

HEADQUARTERS TO REMAIN IN OMAHA

Old Christian Church Property, Now Owned by Catholics, Destroyed by Fire, Origin of Which is in Doubt.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

LINCOLN, Neb., Aug. 28.—(Special Telegram.) The republican state committee organized tonight, or rather was organized, by the candidates on the state ticket, who appointed the following officers: Chairman, W. B. Ross of Lincoln, present deputy attorney general under Norris Brown; vice chairman, William Howard of Nebraska City; secretary, Clark Perkins, editor of the St. Paul Republican; treasurer, Charles E. Morgan of Omaha.

The committee voted to continue the headquarters at Omaha and authorized the chairman to name an executive committee consisting of one member from each congressional district.

Retiring Chairman Warner, in response to a resolution of thanks to outgoing officers, showed that the old committee had paid off an indebtedness of nearly \$3,000 and had \$1,500 on hand to start the new campaign. Twenty-two of the thirty-four members of the committee were present. Member Byron Clark of Cass county resigned and his place was given to Orlando Tefft.

Fire Rains a Church. The imposing church building, once owned by the congregation of the First Christian church, located at the northeast corner of Fourteenth and K streets, caught fire this morning and is now in ruins. It was erected seventeen years ago at a cost of \$60,000 or \$65,000 and was at one time regarded as one of the finest places of worship in the city. Over two years ago it was bought at foreclosure sale by Bishop Bonacom, of the Catholic church, for \$14,000. Two weeks ago the work of remodeling the structure was begun and it was expected to complete the work early next year.

It is charged by Father Shine, rector of St. Theresa's pro-cathedral, and Father George Agius, secretary to Bishop Bonacom, that the building was set on fire by some fanatic who did not want to see the Catholic secure for their use a sanctuary that had once been devoted to Protestant service.

At 6:30 o'clock this morning John A. Delany, engineer of the Sawyer flats now under construction across the street, saw smoke coming out of the upper window over the south entrance. He ran over to investigate. Then he saw flames licking the windows. He ran to L and Fourteenth streets and turned in the alarm.

When the fire department reached the scene flames were shooting from a number of places under the roof. The water pressure was so feeble that it was about ten minutes before a stream could be thrown on the fire.

Before 8 o'clock the department had the fire under control. The great mass of material which had formed the support of the slate roof was still sending out great volumes of smoke and streams of water were playing over it.

Bishop Bonacom is out of the city, having gone east for a vacation trip and to escape the hay fever. Father Shine and George Agius, his private secretary, were seen at the cathedral house.

Insurance Covers Loss. Both were very sorrowful over the destruction of the building. Secretary Agius said that the loss would be fully covered by insurance.

"Bishop Bonacom valued the church property at \$44,000," said Mr. Agius, "and I am sure that he carried a heavy insurance on the building. He so informed me of this fact after the purchase of the structure over two years ago."

"The building is practically ruined," declared Father M. A. Shine, rector of St. Theresa's pro-cathedral, "and it will have to be rebuilt. Perhaps the tower will stand, and if it is possible to work it intact in plans for rebuilding in the future it will be done."

"It is my opinion that the fire is of incendiary origin," declared Father Shine, earnestly. "The contractor has told me several times of the bitterness manifested by some who have dropped in to see the building since remodeling began over two weeks ago. The contractor said the expressions of resentment were made to him because of the fact that a Protestant church had been purchased by the Catholics and would hereafter be used by them for holding religious services."

Fireman William A. Knowlton of station house No. 1 declares that the church building was set afire by a bolt of lightning.

"Shortly after 3 o'clock a terrific thunderstorm was on," said Knowlton, "and before it finished its stunt some of the hardest claps of thunder ever heard jarred the atmosphere. I think that one of the bolts landed on the church building and set the woodwork near the roof ablaze."

Board of Equalization. The State Board of Equalization and Assessment held its last meeting for the year 1906 in the office of Governor Mickey this morning. All members were present except Treasurer Mortenson, who is at his home in Valley county. The only business transacted was to approve the minutes of the last meeting and the record in general for the current year. The real work of the board concluded when it passed on assessments by counties some time ago.

Too Costly for Congregation. The Central Church of Christ, belonging to the Christian denomination, was dedicated August 2, 1888. The corner stone was laid July 2, 1888. Milwaukee buff brick was used in the construction of the outside walls. The building and lots cost \$60,000. The church was constructed during boom times and the cost of material and labor was high. The lots were purchased also at a steep figure.

The erection of such a costly edifice practically bankrupted a dozen of the leading members of the church. After the completion of the building the property was heavily mortgaged, but it not being possible to mortgage it for anything like the full amount, these members, then in affluent circumstances, signed personal notes for the balance. The hard times that followed the boom some years later caused a tremendous drop in values. Those who had obliged themselves to pay were forced to meet the accrued obligations. The building committee was composed of J. Z. Ericson, O. C. Bell, G. E. Barber, Porter Hedge and C. C. Munson.

Old Takes Poison. Miss Carrie Boyer of Denver emphatically denies that she swallowed a dose of poison with suicidal intent in her room at the Royal hotel last night, and in explanation says she intended to take some tablets to relieve pains about the heart, and by mistake took a portion of the contents of a box filled with poisonous medicine.

"I've been done a great injustice," wailed the unhappy woman in discussing the affair. "I went to my room last night with my chum, a young woman, and as I was feeling ill and suffering from a pain about the heart, decided to take some tablets that I had obtained for that purpose. I had lying on the stand another box of tablets and unfortunately swallowed some of the medicine from the wrong box. The result was that I became seriously ill after a while and my friends summoned a physician."

It was reported that the young woman came to Lincoln from Denver some time ago with the intention of becoming the wife of a traveling man, but that the engagement was suddenly broken off, and that she became despondent and decided to end her life. Miss Boyer, however, declares that she simply made a mistake in selecting tablets last night, and insists the story was false about her being intoxicated with young man.

She was able to leave her room this morning, and appears no worse for the experience. She says she was badly frightened last night, and had it not been for prompt medical attendance, death might have resulted.

OLD SOLDIERS FLOCK TO CAMP Good Attendance at Douglas County Annual Reunion. WATERLOO, Neb., Aug. 28.—(Special.) The annual reunion of the Douglas County Veterans' association opened this morning under auspicious conditions. The camp is named for the late General John M. Thayer and is nicely situated on the beautiful Elkhorn river adjoining Waterloo on the east. The usual attractions are here in large numbers, merry-go-round, moving picture show, dance platform, etc., all circled about the camp proper, which consists of a large speaker's tent and forty or fifty small tents for the old soldiers and their families and others who may wish to camp. A gasoline launch on the river is another attraction.

Judge Estelle of Omaha spoke tonight at the first campfire, one being held every evening. Hon. G. M. Hitchcock of the World-Herald speaks Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Hon. E. Rosewater of the Bee Thursday at the same hour and Hon. George W. Bergé of the Lincoln Independent Friday. Besides these Congressman Kennedy is expected here Thursday evening and others during the meetings. The old soldiers and farmers of the surrounding territory are gathering today and everything shaping up for the good times promised the next three days. The local management expects a big crowd.

NEBRASKA CROP CONDITIONS

Fore Part of Week Dry and Temperature Above the Normal.

RAINS IN MOST PARTS LATTER PORTION

Ranges from One Inch to as High as Six Inches in Some Sections— Latter Part of Week Temperatures Are Lower.

LINCOLN, Aug. 28.—High temperature with clear, dry weather occurred the first three days of the week, followed by partly cloudy weather, with showers and lower temperature.

The daily mean temperature averaged 3 degrees above the normal. The minimum temperatures were about 30 degrees generally on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Thursday was slightly cooler, while Friday, Saturday and Sunday were decidedly cooler. The minimum temperature on the morning of the 27th was generally below 50 degrees, and was slightly below 40 degrees at some places.

The rainfall was above normal in the greater part of the state. It was heaviest in the northern counties, where it ranged from one to more than six inches. Scattered showers, mostly in the western part of the state, occurred Wednesday night, while quite general and for the most part heavy rains occurred Thursday. Light scattered showers occurred Friday and Saturday. The total rainfall from April 1 to date is above the normal in most of the northern and western counties, and below in the southeastern.

Southeastern Section. Butler—The week was warm and dry, with local showers. More rain would be beneficial. Cass—The temperature was high the first four days. A light shower occurred Friday morning and cooler weather followed. Chase—Light showers occurred Thursday and Friday. The temperature was high most of the week. A shower occurred Thursday night and cooler weather followed.

Lawson—The high temperature continued until Friday. Light showers occurred on the 27th. The last three days were much cooler. Nemaha—The dry weather and high temperature were ended by a heavy thunderstorm Thursday night. The temperature continued high most of the week. A shower occurred Thursday.

Richardson—The weather was hot, with a heavy rain Thursday. Saline—The first days of the week were very warm. Light showers occurred on the 27th. More rain would be beneficial. Thayer—The fore part of the week was extremely hot, but it was much cooler Friday and Saturday. Rain would be beneficial.

York—Showers occurred Friday and Saturday; previous to that the weather was hot and dry.

Northeastern Section. Antelope—A good rain occurred Wednesday night and Thursday morning. Boyd—Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday were warm and wet. Friday and Saturday were cool.

Burt—The first four days were dry and hot. A light shower occurred Thursday morning, with light showers. Colfax—The first three days were hot and dry. A small shower occurred Thursday, Friday and Saturday were partly cloudy and cooler.

Cuming—Rain occurred Thursday and Friday. The rest of the week was fair. Dixon—The temperature was 30 degrees the first three days, followed by rain and lower temperature. The minimum temperature Monday morning was 29 degrees. Knox—The high temperature ended with a good rain Thursday and Friday.

Madison—Showers occurred Thursday, Friday and Saturday. The weather was warm. Rain is needed badly.

Central Section. Boone—The temperature was high most of the week. A shower with lower temperature occurred Thursday night. Buffalo—Light showers occurred on the 26th and 27th. The minimum temperature Monday morning was 27 degrees.

Clatsop—The last three days were cool, with a good shower Saturday. Pawnee—Rain occurred Thursday night, Friday and Saturday were partly cloudy and cooler.

Hall—The weather was hot until Wednesday evening. It was cloudy and much cooler the last three days, with a good rain Thursday night. Howard—The weather was warm the first three days, followed by rain and lower temperature. The minimum temperature Monday morning was 27 degrees.

Logan—The weather was dry and hot until Wednesday night, when a good rain occurred. Valley—The weather was generally fair

and warm. A light rain occurred Wednesday. Thursday and Friday were cloudy.

Southwestern Section. Adams—The weather has been cool since the 25th. A shower occurred Thursday, but more rain would be beneficial. Franklin—Showers occurred Wednesday and Thursday morning. The rest of the week was fair.

Frontier—The last days were cool and sunny, with wind from the southeast. A light shower occurred Thursday morning, followed by a heavy rain Friday morning.

Hitchcock—A heavy rain occurred Wednesday night. Kearney—The first four days were hot and dry, with steady south wind and little clouds. The last three days were cooler with north wind, and with local showers in the county.

Western and Northwestern Sections. Brown—The last four days were cool, with showers. A heavy rain occurred on the 26th. The temperature was lower than last week, with showers on four days. The weather was extremely hot until the storm of the 25th. A heavy general rain occurred Thursday.

Sheridan—The weather was cool and damp, with showers nearly every day. Section Director, Lincoln, Neb.

SUTHERLAND NAMED FOR CONGRESS Fusionists Take Old Standard-Bearer in Fifth.

HASTINGS, Neb., Aug. 28.—(Special Telegram.)—R. D. Sutherland of Superior was tonight nominated by the democrats and populists as the fusion nominee for congressman from the fifth district. The two parties met separately, though at the same time. About twenty-five delegates attended each convention.

In the populist convention Judge Ed Adams of Minden was placed in nomination, but Mr. Adams declared he would not accept. On motion of J. N. Lyman of Hastings Mr. Sutherland was then nominated by acclamation. Notice of the nomination was sent to the democrats before the latter had taken a ballot. As the democrats had no candidate the nomination of Mr. Sutherland, who is a populist, was unanimously endorsed.

Among the resolutions adopted by the democrats was one declaring for government ownership of railroads. The populists endorsed the party platform adopted at the recent state convention in Lincoln. Both parties passed resolutions favoring Bryan for president. Mr. Sutherland was not present, but his absence accounted for his absence by saying he had missed a railroad connection.

Legislative Convention Postponed. TECUMSEH, Neb., Aug. 28.—(Special Telegram.)—The second district senatorial and fifth district representative democratic convention was called to meet in Tecumseh this afternoon, but as the train from Auburn was late the delegates from that place sent word they would not come until Saturday afternoon and the convention was postponed until that date. The districts are Nemaha and Johnson counties, that. The holding of a convention will merely be a matter of form, for the ticket stated is Dr. W. L. Helman of Johnson county for senator and J. A. Phelan of Nemaha county for representative.

Valley Boy Injured. VALLEY, Neb., Aug. 28.—(Special.)—While Barton Cowies was heading brush from near the sand pit his team became frightened in some way, ran into the sand pit and went down out of sight and never came up. In attempting to save the team the boy hurt his leg quite badly. The team, a valuable team of colts, belonging to George Cowles.

Crowds at Fullerton. FULLERTON, Neb., Aug. 28.—(Special.)—Sunday the excursion trains from Spaulding, Alliance, Columbus and Intermediate points brought in hundreds of people to enjoy the excellent program offered them on the chautauqua grounds. The sacred music furnished throughout the day by the Hay Horse Music club was worthy of com-

Metropolitan Life Insurance Co.

(INCORPORATED BY THE STATE OF NEW YORK) JOHN R. HEGEMAN, President. Dividend Announcement INDUSTRIAL

The company has just declared a cash mortality dividend on Policies over 5 years in force which have matured and shall mature in 1906. To all death claims on Policies over 5 years in force it adds 5 per cent; to all death claims on Policies over 5 years in force, 6 per cent, and an additional 1 per cent for each year of duration. Thus the dividend on claims under Policies over 10 years in force is 10 per cent; over 15 years, 15 per cent; over 20 years, 20 per cent; over 25 years, 25 per cent; 1878 (the earliest issue), 27 per cent. The cost of this dividend payable during the current year is approximately ONE MILLION TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS.

In addition to this the immediate benefits (payable during the six months after date of issue) on adult Industrial Policies, excepting Term of Endowment, issued during 1906 have been doubled. Certain increases have also been made. ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS.

These dividends are over and above the dividend declared on Industrial Policies January 1 last, which was a quinquennial cash dividend, amounting to about 20 per cent of the premium for a year, declared on all Policies (except SIX HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS.

Thus the Company THIS YEAR has declared and IS PAYING dividends on Industrial Policies amounting to Over Two Millions of Dollars

Every one of these Policies is non-participating, promising a definite sum only at maturity, without dividends. The payment of the dividend is PURELY VOLUNTARY. Dividends have been actually paid without promise for many years by the Metropolitan. The total amount now approximates Ten Millions of Dollars

In 12 years. Included among these Policies are hundreds of thousands of Policies issued by other companies and assumed by the Metropolitan. INTERMEDIATE

Intermediate Policies for \$500 each have been issued by the Metropolitan for 10 years past. They are Policies designed for such of the Industrial classes as can afford to pay annual, semi-annual or quarterly premiums instead of weekly. SIX HUNDRED AND TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS

to be paid in dividends on Intermediate Policies during 1906. Payment of these dividends has brought the cost of the Policies very nearly down to the non-participating rates of this and other Ordinary companies. ORDINARY

The Ordinary Policies issued by the Company for the last 15 years have been practically all written on non-participating rates—plain business contracts for plain business men, which tell their whole story upon their face, leave nothing to the imagination, borrow nothing from hope, require definite conditions and make definite promises in dollars and cents. The rates, therefore, are low. The Company has in force, however, a considerable, though, compared with its total business, a very small percentage of participating business. Some of the

Thus the amount of dividends the METROPOLITAN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY is paying this year is nearly Three Millions of Dollars THREE QUARTERS OF WHICH IS A VOLUNTARY GIFT BY THE COMPANY TO ITS PATRONS.

MORAL—INSURE IN THE METROPOLITAN.

WALKER MAKES NO FIGHT Versatile "Umbrella" Maker Finds Evidence Too Strong to Combat.

DOES NOT RESIST REQUISITION PAPERS When His Attorney Sees Slabaugh's Trunk Full of Documentary Proof, He Quietly Gives Up.

PLATTSMOUTH—A light shower visited this vicinity last night. PLATTSMOUTH—The First Methodist Episcopal Sunday school enjoyed a picnic in the woods today.

BEATRICE—The Pawnee City ball team has arranged to play another game with the Beatrice team next Monday afternoon.

BEATRICE—A boy named Shaffer was severely injured in a runaway accident yesterday while engaged in hauling timber for a bridge.

PLATTSMOUTH—County Superintendent J. W. Gamble is assisting State Superintendent J. L. McBrien in his office in Lincoln with state work this week.

PLATTSMOUTH—The Cass county commissioners will readvertise for bids to repair the foot and wagon bridge which collapsed here last week.

TEKAMAH—In the county court here today Judge Basler fined Scott Rodding of Beatrice for playing pool for money \$10 and costs. Rodding is only 15 years old.

BEATRICE—The new machinery in the plant of the Beatrice Poultry and Cold Storage company is nearly all installed and the new industry will open for business in a few days.

PLATTSMOUTH—Scott Wesley of Omaha and A. L. McElroy of Lincoln and three others passed through this city today from Omaha on automobile for Lincoln, coming via Beatrice as the bridge was out at Louisville.

COLUMBUS—The friends of Mrs. N. J. Jarmin of Decatur heard the news of the death of Mrs. Jarmin this morning. She had been ill for a long time. Mrs. Jarmin was one of the best women and she will be sadly missed by all that knew her.

BEATRICE—Harry Young, a boy, had a narrow escape from being killed by getting caught in a belt at the casing factory. The engine heard his screams and stopped the machinery just in time to save his life. His clothing was torn to shreds, but he escaped injury.

BEATRICE—Benjamin Clemmer, who was recently sent to the asylum from this city, died here yesterday afternoon, aged 78 years. The remains were brought here today for burial. He was a member of the family, his wife having died here several years ago from injuries received in a gasolene explosion.

TEKAMAH—The democratic caucus was held here last night and the following persons among the delegates to the county convention, which will be held at this place Saturday, September 1, 1906: J. P. C. M. E. H. Taylor, R. G. W. Smith, W. A. Moyer and Dr. C. Haver.

BEATRICE—R. J. Kilpatrick, a member of the firm of Kilpatrick Brothers, railroad contractors, has just returned from Omaha, Kan., where he looked over the work being done on the Marysville-Topeka cut-off. He says the work is being rushed along as rapidly as possible. The roadbed is being built for heavy traffic and eighty-pound steel rails will be used on the line. The contractors hope to have the line completed this fall.

FREEDON—Prof. John Matzen, county superintendent, lost a pocket book containing nearly \$50 besides some notes and valuable papers yesterday afternoon. A part of this money was paid to him at the New York hotel where he boards and he put it in his pocket and went direct to his office at the court house. When he got there he found the book and it is still missing. He took out a bunch of keys while going over and evidently the pocket book fell out of his pocket. The person in it the finder must have known to whom it belonged.

BROWNSON FOR FAR EAST Cruiser Squadron to Proceed to Atlantic Waters After Review by President. WASHINGTON, Aug. 28.—It is expected that very soon after the review of the Atlantic fleet by President Roosevelt the squadron of cruisers under Rear Admiral Brownson will sail for the Asiatic station by way of Europe and the Buz canal. These cruisers consist of the West Virginia, Pennsylvania, Colorado and Maryland, and are the largest and fastest of the warships, though not as heavily armed or with as much armor as the best battle ships. The fleet will leave New York in time to reach Gibraltar by September 1. Admiral Brownson's squadron will not visit northern countries while enroute.

Nebraska's Surplus Products.

LINCOLN, Aug. 28.—(Special.)—The State Labor Bureau has completed returns of the railroad and express companies the following figures as to shipments of surplus products of the state during the past year:

Table with columns: County, Flour, Mill Feed, Potatoes, Butter, Eggs, Dressed Poultry, Live Poultry. Lists counties from Adams to York with corresponding surplus product values.

The state... 178,888,238 bushels wheat; 12,821,227 bushels corn; 1,061,353 bushels oats; 1,131,261 bushels rye; 103,246,182 pounds potatoes; 727,762 bushels; butter, 12,187,492 pounds; eggs, 18,042,301 dozen; live poultry, 3,320,388 pounds; dressed poultry, 5,848,875 pounds.

Then he spread out the written statements made here by W. J. Rumpke, secretary of the corporation, the stenographer and persons who lost their money in the concern and without much of a contest it was agreed the governor should grant the requisition.

Walker is charged with securing money for stock in his fake umbrella factory, transferring it to his wife in Sioux City and then when the investor demanded the return of his money, turning him off with a personal note, which is not worth the paper it is written on. He is supposed to have secured about \$250 in his brief stay in Omaha.

Walker will now have to face the charges in Omaha. WATCHES—Frenzer, 15th and Dodge Sts.

Murder in New York. NEW YORK, Aug. 28.—Martin Winterstein, 30 years old, a fireman on the steamship Colon, shot and killed Mrs. Anna Larsen, 29 years old, in her apartments at No. 41 Henry street, Brooklyn, this morning.

Mrs. Marie Frain, 29 years old, a cousin of Mrs. Larsen, was shot and seriously wounded by the fireman. Winterstein was arrested at the scene. He is suspected of having been in a quarrel with Mrs. Larsen and said that jealousy prompted the crime.

Tetley's INDIA AND CEYLON Tea. The success of Tetley's Tea is a triumph of purity and economy. It possesses these qualities to a greater degree than any other tea on the market. McCord-Brady Co., Wholesale Agents, Omaha.

One Way Settlers' Rates Far West & Northwest DAILY UNTIL OCTOBER 31ST. Table with columns: TO (Pugent Sound, California, Butte, Spokane), FROM (Omaha, Lincoln), Fares (\$25.00, \$20.00, \$22.50).

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