DARK SHADOW ON CONTRACT

Muddle at Hastings Asylum Does Not Clear Up Rapidly.

DR. KERN WRITES LETTER TO GOVERNOR

Contract Awarded to Wescott After Joe Burns Was Released and Irregular Proceeding Leads Present Inquiry.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

LINCOLN, Sept. 22.—(Special.)—Superintendent W. B. Kern of the asylum for the chronic insane at Hastings, has written Governor Mickey a letter regarding the letting of the contract for the installation of elevators at that place, which makes the contract look just a little more shady than do the records of the state board of Public Lands and Buildings. Dr. Kern holds that Joe Burns got out of constructing the elevators on a technicality, and that later the board let the contract for $1,400, after rejecting a bid for $2,100 for the same work. H. M. Eaton, land commissioner, is chairman of this board and though appointed a committee of one to look into the bids, stated the other day, when the story was first published, that the contract looked queer, but that he knew nothing about it.

Governor Mickey has stopped the work, and gave as his reasons the following:

"The contract was not let properly; the state is paying too much money for the work; the contract looks wrong on the face of it; the board had no right to tell Dr. Kern to make the contract, but should have done that work itself."

Though Dr. Kern has a letter signed by Secretary of State Galusha authorizing him to let the contract, Chairman Eaton said no such authority was given Galusha by the board. The letter from Dr. Kern to Governor Mickey is:

INGLESIDE, Neb., Sept. 17, 1906.—Hon. J. H. Mickey, Lincoln, Neb.: Dear Governor—I am in receipt of your letter of the 15th inst. with reference to our contract for seven electric food elevators, and in reply have to say: We received an appropriation of $3,500 by the last legislature for the installation of an additional electric light plant for this hospital, and when the specifications for this additional electric light plant were written there was included also specifications for one twenty horsepower motor to be used in our laundry and seven food elevators. The clause in the specifications referring to the food elevators reads as follows: "This contractor shall also furnish and install complete at seven elevators, located in the different wings of the main building, a one horsepower motor of similar type as mentioned above, with all necessary equipments to operate elevators, etc."

Figures were submitted to the board from several different bidders, the two principal bidders, however, being the Western Electric company of Omaha, of which G. W. Johnston is president, and Joseph Burns of Lincoln. Mr. Burns being the lowest bidder by several hundred dollars, the contract was awarded to him. A little later (before beginning the work) Mr. Burns appeared before the board and after the matter had been discussed at considerable length he was finally released by the board from that part of the contract referring to the seven food elevators, presumably due, as I understand it, to a technicality. This, I think, was done in the presence of the full board. Immediately following this an advertisement was placed asking for bids on the installation of seven food elevators in this hospital, and, so far as I recall at the present time, there were but two bidders, one being the Moline elevator company of Moline, Ill., of which Mr. Frank Long is state representative, whose figures were approximately $2,100, and the other being the Otis Elevator company of Chicago, whose figures were approximately $2,500. The contract was not let at that time, but additional bids were asked for and in April of this year the contract was let to Earl C. Wescott of Plattsmouth, and, while I was not present at that meeting of the board, yet a letter from the secretary to me under that date with reference to food elevators reads as follows:

"Have bid of Earl Wescott that is something like $1,200 less than the Otis people and on same quality of stuff. Matter referred to you to purchase. We had the bids before the whole board and it is understood that Mr. Wescott gets the contract. The Moline bid (at that time) about $200 more than Wescott and the same specifications bid on. Close this up and have him get the stuff in at once."

W. B. KERN.

McBrien's Speaking Dates.

Superintendent McBrien has the following engagements to address educational meetings during October: Blue Hill, October 3; Red Cloud, October 4; Northeast Educational association at Emerson, October 12; county institute at Creighton, October 16; superintendents' and principals' meeting at Lincoln, October 18, 19 and 20; Western Nebraska Educational association at Sidney, October 26 and 27.

Agree to Vote for Brown.

At a meeting of the republican candidates for county offices held this afternoon all the legislative candidates agreed to vote for Norris Brown for United States senator. On the important issues of the campaign, such as railroad legislation, the direct primary and the anti-pass laws, the candidates did not pledge themselves.

Congressman Pollard is here tonight, having spoken at Bennet this afternoon to a large crowd, the occasion being the Modern Woodman picnic. Mr. Pollard's headquarters will be opened at the Lindell next week.

Senator Beveridge of Indiana will speak at the Oliver theater on the evening of October 4. A telegram was received from him tonight fixing the date.

Governor Sees a Ball Game.

Governor Mickey returned from Norfolk this morning, where he went to appear before the grand jury which is looking into the affairs of the Norfolk asylum. This afternoon the governor and Mrs. Mickey attended the Omaha-Lincoln ball games.

Prairie Schooners vs. Railroads.

Robert Ryan, who last spring removed to California, was in Lincoln a few days this week, and from an experience he had with the railroads he is of the opinion rapid transportation of goods by railroad is no more rapid than it was in 1854 when the ox team was the power. Mr. Ryan shipped his household goods to California at the same time Ezra Meeker left Seattle for Lincoln overland behind two oxen. The day the wires carried the message that Meeker had reached Lincoln, Ryan's household goods reached him in California.

Personal Notes.

Adair Galusha, voucher clerk in the office of the secretary of state, left this afternoon for Red Cloud to attend the funeral of Anson Garber, who died there yesterday. The young man is a relative of Miss Cora Garber of the office of Land Commissioner Eaton.

Rev. P. W. Ferguson, who it was said in the dispatches today had repudiated the woman he was to marry because she was a divorcee, has been assigned to the Methodist church at University Place and is expected to reach here October 1. The people of this community know nothing of him except that he lived in California and had been assigned to this place.

SHELDON RAPS TAX SHIRKERS

Republican Candidate Asks for a Square Deal and No Favors.

CRETE, Neb., Sept. 22.—(Special Telegram.)—The campaign in Saline county was opened in this city tonight with a rousing rally with a large crowd at the opera house at which Hon. Norris Brown and Hon. George L. Sheldon were the principal speakers. Ex-State Senator C. B. Anderson presided and aroused enthusiasm by reference to President Roosevelt and the many good things he had done for our country. County candidates—For state senator, P. F. Dodson; for representatives, C. H. Culdice and F. G. Johnson; for county attorney R. D. Brown—were present and each renewed their pledge to stand squarely upon the county and state platforms and by President Roosevelt in his endeavors for reform and corporation regulation, and to vote for Norris Brown for United States senator at the legislature next winter.

Mr. Sheldon, in opening his address, said he felt good over Saline's platform against railroad domination, free passes, the giving of rebates and its call for a direct primary law. He reviewed the causes which led up to the present revenue law, giving as his reason for this law the failure of the state board to reach an equitable assessment for all the people. He showed how the railroads refused to pay their Saline county taxation, while other property owners were forced to pay at the same rate. Facts and figures were cited in a convincing argument against railroad rule, stating that today there was due and unpaid for three years' taxation, $43,000 from the railroads of this county alone. He again reiterated that he was not endeavoring to drive the railroads out of business, but out of politics. He called upon the roads to explain the discrepancies in freight rates on long and short hauls, to tell why it costs more to freight merchandise in Nebraska than in Iowa, showed by Burlington railroad reports that earnings per mile were greater in Nebraska than on all their other lines west of the river. Voters were asked to aid in securing a railroad commission and knock out the rebate system. He declared he never was a Missouri Pacific attorney, nor never asked for a pass on that system. He asked the people "to support a square deal, where favors are not given."

Hon. Norris Brown's talk was on the same lines, asking for support of the county ticket that Sheldon as governor might be enabled to sign laws that were for the people. He showed why the republican party deserved the patronage of the people today, how the party was in close touch with the people, eulogized Roosevelt's endeavors in the regulation of railroad rates, explained the grain trust rebates and asked hearty co-operation in endeavors to lift these burdens from the shoulders of the people.

Both men were cordially received and made many friends in Crete.

BOY'S FATE IS NOW WITH JURY

Johnny Dennis on Trial Four Days for Murder of George Morrison.

BROKEN BOW, Neb., Sept. 22.—(Special Telegram.)—After four days of continuous trial before Judge Hostetler in district court the Dennis murder case, in which 11-year-old Johnny N. Dennis is charged with killing George Morrison on May 18, was given to the jury at noon today. The case is attracting general attention throughout the county. Judge Sullivan and Attorney Main made eloquent pleas in behalf of the boy. The jury up to a late hour has failed to agree.

George Gross, who tried to break from the county jail several days ago by making a hole through the brick wall, was found guilty of horse stealing and sentenced to a year in the penitentiary.

RUMOR SAYS FOUR ARE INDICTED

True Bills Returned Against Insane Asylum Attendants.

NORFOLK, Neb., Sept. 22.—(Special.)—The grand jury which has been probing Norfolk insane hospital matters for a week and which brought its work to an end early this morning, is believed to have drawn indictments against former attendants of the institution, perhaps four of them. Strictest secrecy is being maintained by the jurymen, and this fact is taken to mean that true bills were brought in and that the sheriff is being allowed time in which to make arrests.

It is pretty generally known in Madison that indictments have been brought, though official confirmation is, of course, lacking.

Second Coat of Tar and Feathers.

NORFOLK, Neb., Sept. 22.—(Special.)—A stranger who had made himself obnoxious at Tilden arrived in Meadow Grove, covered with a coat of axle grease and feathers. He had been tarred and feathered at Long Pine once before. He had been living at the home of a half-demented woman, whose property he was trying to get. Boys of the town gave him the coat.

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Other people notice your bad breath where you would not notice it at all. It is nauseating to other people to stand before them and while you are talking give them a whiff or two of your bad breath. It usually comes from food fermenting on your stomach. Sometimes you have it in the morning—that awful sour, bilious, bad breath. You can stop that at once by swallowing one or two Stuart's Charcoal Lozenges, the most powerful gas and odor absorbers ever prepared.

Sometimes your meals will reveal themselves in your breath to those who talk with you. "You've had onions," or "You've been eating cabbage," and of a sudden you belch in the face of your friend. Charcoal is a wonderful absorber of odors, as every one knows. That is why Stuart's Charcoal Lozenges are so quick to stop all gases and odors of odorous foods or gas from indigestion.

Don't use breath perfumes. They never conceal the odor and never absorb the gas that causes the odor. Besides, the very fact of using them reveals the reason for their use. Stuart's Charcoal Lozenges, in the first place, stop for good all sour brash and belching of gas and make your breath pure, fresh and sweet just after you've eaten. Then no one will turn his face away from you when you breathe or talk; your breath will be pure and fresh, and, besides, your food will taste so much better to you at your next meal. Just try it.

Charcoal does other wonderful things, too. It carries away from your stomach and intestines all the impurities there massed together and which causes the bad breath. Charcoal is a purifier as well as an absorber.

Charcoal is now by far the best, most easy and mild laxative known. A whole boxful will do no harm; in fact, the more you take the better. Stuart's Charcoal Lozenges are made of pure willow charcoal and mixed with just a faint flavor of honey, to make them palatable to you, but not too sweet. You just chew them like candy. They are absolutely harmless.

Get a new, pure, sweet breath, freshen your stomach for your next meal and keep the intestines in good working order. These two things are the secret of good health and long life. You can get all the charcoal necessary to do all the wonderful but simple things by getting Stuart's Charcoal Lozenges. We want you to test these little wonder workers before you buy them. So send us your full name and address for a free sample of Stuart's Charcoal Lozenges. Then after you have tried the sample and been convinced go to your druggist and get a 50c box of them. You'll feel better all over, more comfortable and "cleaner" inside.

Send us your name and address today and we will at once send you by mail a sample package free. Address F. A. Stuart Co., 60 Stuart Bldg., Marshall, Mich.

BURKETT POINTS TO RECORD

Shows that Republicans Act While Their Opponents Agitate.

CANDIDATES PLEDGED TO PLATFORM

Senator Urges Necessity of Electing Legislators Who Will Enact State Laws for Regulation of Railroads.

SEWARD, Neb., Sept. 22.—(Special Telegram.)—United States Senator E. J. Burkett addressed the delegates to the republican county convention here this afternoon. Dr. F. A. Marsh of Seward and J. P. Stolz of J precinct received the nominations for representatives. L. H. McKillip was renominated for county attorney. Senator Burkett said in part:

The republican party stands committed today, not only by its platform but by the word of honor of its leaders and the action of its representatives in congress, to all possible and proper legislation for government control of railroads. The republican party has not been derelict in the past. I say this and want to demonstrate it to you because our opponents spend much of their time in trying to prove that the republican party has not been doing its duty. Sixteen years ago, in 1890, the republicans passed the Sherman anti-trust law. Nineteen years ago, in 1887, the republicans enacted the interstate commerce law. Those laws were not only sneered at by the democrats in congress, but were passed in spite of democratic opposition. The anti-trust law received only five democratic votes when it was passed. I shall not say that either of those laws were perfect, but they were a thousand times better than no legislation at all. They were the pioneers of this sort of legislation, and it was expected that the future would disclose their shortcomings and suggest needed amendments.

Democrats Do Nothing.

The republicans have amended these laws but the democrats never have. Nearly every congress that the republicans have controlled has made additions and amendments as time and experience has demonstrated their need. Busy as congress has been in recent years, involved as it has been with war and its accompanying work, congress has not overlooked these important questions. I remember once we gave to the attorney general $500,000 to hire special counsel to enforce these laws. In 1903 we passed three laws—one to expedite the hearing of cases involving these questions by advancing them to the head of the docket, another creating the bureau of corporations and giving it authority and making it a duty to secure systematic information concerning the organization and operation of corporations engaged in interstate commerce. Later on we passed another law enlarging the powers of the Interstate Commerce commission and also of the courts to deal with the subject of rebates and discriminations. And last winter, you remember, we still further amended the law.

We now hope and believe that we have a law sufficiently broad and exacting to meet every emergency—but if the future shall show to us further insufficiency, the republican party is big enough and courageous enough to still further amend them.

Railroads on Penitent Stool.

The conviction of the Burlington railway at Chicago under the Elkins law has made "reform" the largest word in the railway dictionary. And since the prison sentence of its officials at Kansas City for giving rebates, there has been the greatest repentance among sinners since the days when John Wesley walked the byways and lanes in the evangelization of wicked and perverse old England; and the way to the altar of confession and reform like the way to Europe and immunity from summons has grown travelworn and dusty by the hurried tread of those conscious smitten and terror stricken old discriminating rebaters and rebating discriminators.

So, fellow citizens, with all deference to our distinguished and more or less discredited opponents I think more of republican legislation than I do of democratic agitation. But congress can't do all that needs to be done. If you will read section 8 of article 1 of the constitution of the United States, you will find that congress is given power "to regulate commerce with foreign nations and among the several states." The tenth amendment to that constitution provides that all powers not specifically conferred upon the government are reserved to the states. Congress is given power to regulate commerce "among" the states but not "in" the states, and hence the power to control commerce "in the states" is by the tenth amendment specifically reserved to the states. So you see that commerce "among the states," or "interstate commerce" as it is called is the only commerce that congress has any jurisdiction over. If you send a car of corn to Chicago, that would be interstate commerce and amenable to the laws of congress and federal control. But if you were to send a car of hay down to Lincoln or a barrel of potatoes to Holdrege, that would be intrastate commerce, and congress or the federal government would have nothing to do with it. Railroad rates among the states can be regulated by congress, while rates inside a state can be regulated only by state laws. State laws must be enacted to co-operate with federal legislation.

Pledged to Party Platform.

I have spoken of this thus fully that you may understand the importance of selecting your members of the legislature this year. Every republican candidate is pledged, and if he isn't he ought to go on the stump somewhere at once and pledge himself to carry out the republican state platform. When the republican party writes a platform it is to be carried out and no man has any business running on the ticket if he isn't intending to carry out his party's platform. One of the planks in that platform declares for an anti-pass law, and the people expect it to be carried out. I say the people expect it because it is in a republican platform. It was in a democratic platform some years ago when they were in control of state affairs, but they neither enacted the law nor stopped riding on passes. But I want to say here and now that the man is a disloyal republican who will run on that platform this fall and does not vote and work for its enactment into law this winter.

The republican candidates are also pledged by all the bonds of honor and honesty as men to vote for Norris Brown, the republican nominee for United States senator; and Norris Brown is pledged to stand by Theodore Roosevelt and all the splendid legislation that he has recommended to congress and all the policies that Roosevelt stands for. Thus we see how closely are all these matters interwoven, and I urge you to vote the state ticket and county ticket as well as the national ticket.

W. D. Holbrook for Senator.

FREMONT, Neb., Sept. 22.—(Special.)—The senatorial convention for the district comprising Dodge and Washington counties met at the district court room this afternoon. Good sized delegations were present from both counties. L. A. Williams of Blair was chosen chairman and E. W. Hooker of Maple township secretary. The nomination this year was conceded to Dodge county. W. D. Holbrook was nominated by acclamation. Resolutions were adopted strongly endorsing the state platform, demanding railroad rate regulation and the enactment of a law against passes. Mr. Holbrook has served two terms in the lower house and one term in the senate and is a strong candidate who has always been in accord with the present position of the party.

RED CLOUD, Neb., Sept. 22.—(Special Telegram.)—The republican senatorial convention, consisting of Nuckolls, Webster and Franklin counties, met in this city and nominated W. E. Thorne of Bladen, Webster county, for state senator. Mr. Thorne is a life-long republican and a great admirers of the president. The convention was harmonious and full of enthusiasm. The convention was fully in accord with the state convention and endorsed President Roosevelt in every particular.

Bachelors at Tekamah.

TEKAMAH, Neb., Sept. 22.—(Special.)—A bachelors' dinner at the Brookings hotel last night was one of the most unique affairs ever held in this city, there being just twenty young bachelors present. P. E. Taylor acted as toastmaster and the following toasts were given: "What I Know About Running a Matrimonial Bureau," Rev. R. W. Taylor; "Casey at the Bat," Frank Brookings; "The Twin Nightmares of the Bachelor Lawyer, Divorce and Alimony," Walter M. Hopewell; "Marriage In Its Legal Aspects, Its Allurements, Difficulties and Dangers," James A. Clark; "The Doctor's Excuse," Dr. J. P. Merritt; "The Lawyer's Excuse," E. Duane Pratt; "The Five Cases Now Pending In Lincoln," Harry K. Clark; "What Are We Going to Do About It, That's the Question," C. J. Peterson; "The Girls I Left Behind Me," Eugene Brookings.

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Tomororw we expect to do some big curtain selling, because we've made big price reductions on some stunning styles. An exceptionally large purchase enables us to do this. Come early. You will find a curtain for every room, a price for every pocketbook.

Odd lot, consisting of one-half pairs of Brussels, Irish Point and Nottingham, have sold up to $7.50 per pair; on sale Monday, each **29c**

Arabian Curtains, foreign and domestic, values go up as high as $10.00 a pair, slightly soiled; Monday, each **89c**

New Novelty Swiss and Net Bed Room Curtains, serviceable and washable; per pair **1.25**

Cluny, Novelty and Battenburg Curtains, white or Arabian; Brussels and Irish Point Curtains; per pair **2.95**

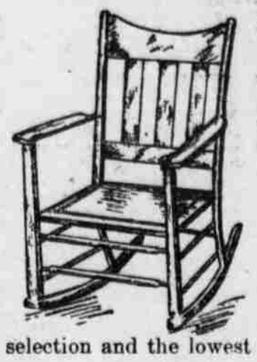
Dentelle Arabian, Linen Cluny, Battenberg, Irish Point and Brussels Curtains; per pair **3.75**

Real Arabian Cluny, with insertion and edge, white or Arabian Duchess and Brussels Curtains; per pair **5.75**

Portieres, all colors, an odd lot, worth up to $8.75 per pair; on sale Monday **4.75**

Window Shades—130 dozen odd shades, have sold up to 75c each; complete with roller Monday, each **22c**

Sample Rocker Sale



A tremendous undertaking, but we knew our ability to dispose of these lines and felt that enthusiastic public response awaited such an offering. Our sales have met with unqualified success because we give the people exactly what we advertise; what they expect to find.

This sale represents the sample lines of five great manufacturers. Think what that means. Can you imagine the immense variety of styles and finishes combined in these five lines?

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This week will mark the closing of the greatest Sample Rocker Sale ever held in the west. You cannot afford to miss it. Now is your opportunity to get the best selection and the lowest prices. Rockers and chairs for all rooms, in all woods and finishes.

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Our Carpet Department is aglow with all that is newest in floor coverings. A selection from all the largest mills in the east.

Our spring patterns go at greatly reduced prices tomorrow. Only standard grades of rugs are involved. We handle no other kind. In that is assurance that the attractive prices quoted have not been made attractive by sacrificing quality.

$57.50 French Wilton Rug (9x12)—reduced to **42.50**

$42.50 Biglow Wilton Rug (9x12)—reduced to **32.50**

$35.00 Kymric Wilton Rug (9x12)—reduced to **26.50**

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$38.00 Dobson Wilton Rug (9x12)—reduced to **32.50**

$52.00 French Wilton Rug (8-3x10-6)—reduced to **37.50**

$37.50 Bigelow Wilton Rug (8-3x10-6)—reduced to **27.50**

$32.00 Bigelow Wilton Rug (8-3x10-6)—reduced to **26.50**

$18.00 Furth Brussels Rug (9x12)—reduced to **12.75**

$17.00 Sanford Brussels Rug (9x12)—reduced to **12.75**

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CANDIDATE LOUDLY DEFENDS PASS

Hall County Democrats Have Trouble in Naming Representatives.

GRAND ISLAND, Neb., Sept. 22.—(Special Telegram.)—W. H. Thompson, democratic candidate for United States senator, had some rough seas to encounter in the fusion convention called to nominate two candidates for representatives and one for county attorney today. There has been considerable skirmishing for a week. Mr. Thompson first selected S. N. Walbach, democrat, and Dan Fishbum, populist, for representatives, and C. G. Ryan for senator. But a local paper began to ask all the candidates about the pass question. Mr. Walbach was strongly adverse to becoming a candidate for many reasons, and openly declared he would not surrender his pass and finally declined to become a candidate. Despite this action the democrats urged to the last. This afternoon he made a vigorous defense of the pass system, declaiming that the holding of the courtesies could not make a man, if he were not a man, and would not unmake a man if he were one. "No one," he said, "would be so cheap as to be influenced by one. He was cheered to the echo and again urged by Mr. Edwards to take the nomination.

The democrats delayed nominating until they found that the populists had named Fred Thompson, a farmer, as one. Then they also nominated Thomsen and Charles T. Ryan, attorney for the American Beet Sugar company, and on a friendly footing with the Union Pacific. Mr. Ryan declared however, that he did not believe a public officer should ride on a pass and he pledged himself that he would not use a pass as a public officer if he were elected. When his nomination was taken to the populists for confirmation there was an insurrection and Mr. Thompson was charged with dictating too much. It also was known that as recently as three months ago Mr. Ryan had referred to Mr. Bryan as a demagogue and this, together with his former opposition to Bryan, did not set well. Eli A. Barnes was therefore placed in nomination as a substitute to Ryan and a ballot was taken which resulted, however, in Ryan having a large majority.

ORD, Neb., Sept. 22.—(Special.)—The populist and democratic parties in Logan and Custer counties will probably nominate H. J. Shinn of Broken Bow and Ben Morris of Mason for the house. The latter is a member of the county board and is a farmer. The Fifteenth senatorial district is talking about nominating Mr. J. A. Ollis, a farmer and stockman of Ord, for state senator. Ollis served one term in the legislature, being elected by the populists.

NELIGH, Neb., Sept. 22.—(Special Telegram.)—The Antelope county populist convention, held here today, was sparsely attended and lacked its old time enthusiasm. James Alderson of Logan township was nominated for representative after a spirited contest. Upon being called upon for a speech he stated that his business affairs would prevent his making a canvass. He failed to outline his position on any of the leading questions. The office of county attorney was not filled, but this matter was referred to the central committee to act in their discretion. The resolutions referred to the claims made by the populists that the old parties had adopted the populist theories. High praise was accorded President Roosevelt for his pure motives and the reforms he had projected and accomplished. The resolutions were adopted without dissent. L. H. Suter was elected chairman and T. H. Brenton secretary of the central committee.

ATKINSON, Neb., Sept. 22.—(Special Telegram.)—Democrats and populist of Holt county met here in convention and agreed on a fusion ticket. The democrats nominated for county attorney, Edward Whelan of O'Neill, who two years ago was the fusion candidate for attorney general. The two representatives of the Fiftieth district were conceded to the populists and H. R. Henry of Willowdale precinct and L. A. Jilson of Stuart were named. The state candidates after a bitter wrangle by some of the country delegates over the machine methods of running things were nominated. A lack of interest was noticeable in both conventions as only fifty-seven out of 240 accredited delegates were present and fusion was made possible by the delegates to the democratic convention being made up mostly of former populists who have turned to the democrats for consolation, among them being the present county attorney, Arthur Mullen, who is now a member of the democratic state committee and who attended the New York reception to Bryan as a leading democrat and one of the "home folks." Mullen was a dominant factor in both conventions here today. No applause was given the name of Bryan when he was alluded to as "our peerless leader" by Mr. Whelan when making his speech of acceptance. The legislative ticket is considered weak, for the reason given by one of the populist delegates in open convention, who said they were "notorious as chronic office seekers." The democrats reaffirmed and the populists favored 2-cent fares, no passes and government ownership of railroads.

SIDNEY, Neb., Sept. 22.—(Special Telegram.)—The democratic county convention was held here today and only a few precincts were represented, as most of the farmers are too busy at home looking after their crops. Fred Schank of Lodge Pole was unanimously endorsed for commissioner of the First district. There was no nomination for county attorney. A central committee was appointed and the meeting adjourned. It was the shortest convention on record.

RED CLOUD, Neb., Sept. 22.—(Special Telegram.)—The democrats of Webster county met in convention today and nominated the following ticket: For county attorney, W. C. Gilihan of Red Cloud; for representative, A. L. Smith of Garfield township; for commissioner, Second district, J. Horn. The convention resolved that democracy was without leadership and without a rudder to steer it, and further resolved "That the public ownership of railroads was undemocratic, socialistic and unpracticable."

Troops Sunday in Beatrice.

BEATRICE, Neb., Sept. 22.—(Special Telegram.)—The Tenth and Thirtieth batteries, comprising the Seventh battalion of field artillery of the United States army, arrived in town today from Fort Riley, Kan., and went into camp at the Driving park. The troops, which are in command of Major A. Allen, are en route to Fort Snelling, Minn., and will remain in Beatrice over Sunday.

Motor Car for Beatrice Line.

BEATRICE, Neb., Sept. 22.—(Special Telegram.)—The Union Pacific announced today that motor car No. 8 would be installed regularly on the line between Beatrice and Lincoln next Monday. The car will make daily trips to the Capital city, leaving here at 8 o'clock in the morning and returning in the evening. It will be used exclusively for passenger service.

Rumors of Indictments.

NORFOLK, Neb., Sept. 22.—(Special Telegram.)—The Madison county grand jury finished its work at midnight, but it is impossible to learn of its action. It is rumored that indictments were brought against two persons, formerly with the Norfolk asylum, for manslaughter, but this is unconfirmed.

News of Nebraska.

WOOD RIVER—Dr. E. W. Rowe has received a new automobile.

DAVID CITY—Miss Mary Evans has gone to Manzanola, Colo., for a six weeks' visit.

WOOD RIVER—Home-grown peaches are on the market and are selling for $1.50 per bushel.

PLATTSMOUTH—A. C. Shellenberger, the democratic nominee for governor, was in this city Saturday.

DAVID CITY—William Canham has purchased the Ed Shaw property in east David City, for $850, and is improving it.

VALLEY—The Valley public school did not open until September 17, on account of the addition which is being built. The enrollment for the first week is larger than usual. The teachers are Prof. Hutchinson, Miss Waldorf, Miss Clara Claybaugh, Miss Alma Bergstrom, Miss Grace Will and Miss Tracy.

COLUMBUS—Dr. J. E. Hanson has received a telegram announcing the sudden death of his father at Los Angeles.

WOOD RIVER—Dr. E. W. Rowe has purchased a 160-acre farm of Marcus Griffin in Harrison township for $50 an acre.

WOOD RIVER—Several schools in Hall county are still unable to start, as there are no available teachers in the county.

DAVID CITY—On account of the bad weather the chautauqua meeting was postponed until next Tuesday, September 25.

DAVID CITY—John Danaher has purchased the 160-acre farm in Center township from Jake Demuth, paying $14,000 for it.

BEATRICE—While Clarence Nickeson of Ellis was shooting at a chicken the gun exploded and he was badly burned about the face.

GRAND ISLAND—In the northwestern part of this county great losses of hogs are reported. Some farmers have lost their entire herds.

PLATTSMOUTH — The Burlington has commenced riprap work on the east side of the Missouri river opposite and northeast of this city.

DAVID CITY—Marriage licenses have been issued by County Judge Roper to Charles Janousek and Mary Divis; Ernest Smith and Edith Belle McConnell.

DAVID CITY—At the box social given by the young people of St. Mary's congregation at the Temple, the attendance was large, and the net receipts about $15.

TEKAMAH—Owing to the inclemency of the weather the Royal Neighbors' picnic, which was to have been held at Folsom park yesterday, was indefinitely postponed; however, the ball game between a team from the Modern Woodmen of America and the degree team of the same lodge was pulled off before a small crowd, result-

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