

STRONG MEN TO CONVENTION

Ability and Position on Public Questions the Only Correct Measure.

SCANNING OF UNIVERSITY BILLS

Regent Coupland Looking Over Matters to See if Some Improvement Cannot Be Made in the Present System.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

LINCOLN, Jan. 25.—(Special.)—Hon. George Coupland, recently elected a member of the Board of Regents of the State University, was here attending the meeting of organized agriculture this week. In discussing politics in general Mr. Coupland said:

"Nebraska should take no backward step in the work of reform which is going on in his state and in the nation. In the selection of a delegation to attend the meeting of the national convention of the Republican party will signify its continued loyalty to the principles of reform as advocated by the delegates and the leaders of the party. In selecting the delegates the party, in its own interest, should choose men who will make an influential contribution to the national campaign. Those men who are known nationally, because of the magnificent fight they have made in Nebraska, should be on the delegation, that the nation may know that the party in this state will not endorse a reactionary candidate or platform. The party will strengthen itself if it chooses Senator Brown and Governor Sheldon as two of the delegates-at-large, as they are known over the country as having been successful in the fight against the domination of corporations in politics. One of the delegates should be Victor Rosewater, editor of The Omaha Bee, Mr. Rosewater has a national acquaintance and has made a study of national questions. By reason of his position as editor of the greatest republican paper in the west, he will have great weight in the national convention.

"I have heard some opposition to sending the senators and governor to the convention, but I have heard no good argument offered against the proposition. The state is entitled to four delegates-at-large and four alternates and two delegates and two alternates from each congressional district. That means the selection of thirty-two republicans and so far I have not heard of anyone clamoring for a place on the delegation. It appears to me that leaders of the party, aside from those I have named, can find places on the delegation without anyone trying to keep the governor and senator from going to the convention. The fact that Senator Borah does not wish to go is a detriment to no wise influence the republicans to oppose Senator Brown and Governor Sheldon. In fact, we in the west part of the state believe we are entitled to representation and I believe I voice the sentiment of the party when I suggest that Senator Brown be our representative at a delegate-at-large conference. Mr. Sheldon should, in my opinion, be selected unanimously, regardless of his location. Mr. Rosewater, I believe, will be selected without opposition because of the fight The Omaha Bee has made in the interest of the people for the last third of a century, as well as because of his own personal worth to the party.

Discussing University Vouchers.

Deputy Auditor Cook and Secretary of State Junken had a conference with George Coupland, regent of the State University, this morning, and the matter discussed was the manner in which purchases are made for the university, as well as some of the individual vouchers filed. It is the contention of the two officers that a little care is taken in making purchases, and the prices paid indicate there is no competition for the business. Regent Coupland is new to the business, he told the officers, but just as soon as he could get a line on his new duties he would endeavor to see that for every dollar spent for the maintenance of the university, 10 cents' worth of goods or service would be received. Several vouchers were held up by Deputy Auditor Cook. One was a claim for \$25.56 filed by F. J. Phillips and one filed by Lawrence Bruner for \$6.12. The sums were to pay the expenses of the men in going to Colorado to locate in the mountains a suitable place for a class in forestry to study forestry. Another claim which failed to pass muster was for \$22.35 filed by Laurence Fossler for going to Columbus, Chicago and Toledo to search for a teacher in German. The voucher does not set out whether the teacher was secured. In the batch of vouchers was one duplicated. This was a charge of \$5 for membership in the Association of American Agricultural colleges and experiment stations for 1907 and 1908. The vouchers were identical except one was dated January 1 and one January 2. Among the vouchers was one for gas used in the laboratory and for lighting for the month of December. This bill amounted to \$28.56. The university has its own lighting plant. One voucher was for \$20 for street car tickets for the month. Another was for \$50 for six months' rent for a building used as a dormitory for the girls attending the agricultural college, pending the completion of the farm building. Thirty-six 1,000-mile mileage books were bought during the month. One claim was for \$2,533.50 from the Western Electrical company for electrical supplies and motor, including 70 pounds of copper wire and 200 pounds of wire at 25 cents a pound. The auditor and secretary of state believe this wire comes pretty high.

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By Dr. E. R. L. Murphy

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By Dr. Murphy's Alveolar Method you can have your missing teeth replaced in a way that it will be impossible to distinguish the new teeth from your natural ones. Beautiful teeth lend charm to even a plain face, but diseased gums cannot support strong, beautiful teeth. We treat and cure this most dreaded disease known to the dental profession, Pyorrhea Alveolaris, meaning a discharge of pus from the gums, causing them to recede, fall away, the teeth loosen and change position, the breath is offensive and failure of the entire dental structure is threatened. We receive many unolicited testimonials from pleased patients. We are going to ask you to read the following letter from Mr. Burgess:

Dear Sir:—I am well pleased with the results of your Alveolar Method of supplying ALL the teeth you have lost (through ignorant dentistry or disease) WITHOUT THE USE OF PLATES OR ORDINARY BRIDGE WORK. You will find our offices perfectly equipped to obtain the best results in all forms of dentistry. Our operators are of necessity experts—they have to be to perform the difficult work which is demanded by the Alveolar Method—therefore you will be in the best of hands, no matter how simple a piece of work you may have which needs attention. Those living at a distance from our offices are invited to write for our free book, "Alveolar Dentistry," which explains the method.

(Signed) L. S. BURGESS, Julian, Neb.

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unofficially not to give the rehearing. Argument was made some days ago for a rehearing, since which time the commission has had the matter under advisement.

Brief in Coal Case.

The attorney general has filed his brief in the supreme court in the case of Samuel E. Howell, plaintiff in error, against the state of Nebraska, defendant in error, from the district court of Douglas county. Howell was sentenced to serve six months in the Douglas county jail and to pay a fine of \$100 for participating in a combination in restraint of trade, known as the Omaha Coal exchange. Besides offering his argument why the decision of the lower court should be sustained, the attorney general cited authorities to show that the brief filed by the attorneys for Howell should be stricken from the files because of its disrespect to the trial court.

Comptroller Case in Supreme Court.

The suit of James Allen against the county commissioner of Douglas county to prevent them from expending any money by virtue of the law enacted by the recent legislature creating the office of county comptroller, in which Emmet G. Solomon was elected, has reached the supreme court and briefs were filed today by the attorneys for the commissioners. The lower court held the comptroller act unconstitutional.

Pierce Candidate for Auditor.

Insurance Deputy Pierce is a candidate for auditor. Mr. Pierce announced his candidacy yesterday afternoon for publication and his only platform he said would be an "honest administration, opposed to graft." For some time it has been known that Mr. Pierce would be a candidate, but only after a final consultation with the regent. He decided to announce his candidacy for the place. He was first appointed insurance deputy by Auditor Weston and then reappointed by Auditor Seale.

FOUR BUILDINGS BURN AT HARDY

Loss on Buildings and Stock About Ten Thousand. HARDY, Neb., Jan. 25.—(Special.)—Fire destroyed the business buildings in a street here last night and daylight this morning. They were occupied by C. W. Cupples, blacksmith, one of the best equipped shops in this section, having probably \$2,000 in tools and stock, all of which is a total loss, on which, including the building, is probably a couple of thousand; F. Goetz's city restaurant, valued at \$2,000, some of the goods being saved, and a small insurance, carried. Over this room was the town hall. Next was Owen McDowell's drug store, one of the pioneer business institutions of the place. McDowell owned this stock and building and the restaurant building on which he carried light insurance, but he meets with a large loss on stock and buildings. Most of the buildings will be rebuilt soon.

HOMESTEADER DEAD IN WELL

I. W. Thomas, Found by Son, Victim of Mysterious Accident. NORTH PLATTE, Neb., Jan. 25.—(Special Telegram.)—I. W. Thomas, a homesteader living eleven miles southwest of here, lost his life yesterday while trying to tap a well.

In the morning he went out with a cloth saturated with kerosene. This he intended to light and throw in the well around the pipes to thaw them. He did not return and at noon his son went to the well and found him standing upright in the shallow well with his head above even with the surface of the ground. His clothing and hair were burned and his body somewhat charred. A scar was found on his head. Just how he came to be in the well, lighted the rags and then some board from a windmill struck him and rendered him unconscious.

SOLID FOR TAFT IN THE FIFTH

LaFollette Machine Fails to Arouse Manufactured Sentiment. NORFOLK, Neb., Jan. 25.—(Special.)—A canvass of sentiment in the Third congressional district of Nebraska, held at the home of Secretary Taft, is a strong favorite and that the district is almost solidly for him as a successor to President Roosevelt.

Delegates to be selected at the convention, which will be held in Norfolk March 30, will undoubtedly be instructed for Taft.

The Taft men among the delegates are W. N. Huse, Norfolk; J. C. Elliott, West Point; A. A. Kearney, Stanton; Ed. Horr, Columbus. The La Follette machine has been attempting to arouse manufactured sentiment in the district, but the people in this section are all for Taft.

Jailed on Embarrassment Charge.

HOLDREGE, Neb., Jan. 24.—(Special Telegram.)—Fred Skiles is in the county jail on a charge of embarrassment, the charge being filed by Mrs. H. A. Skiles, who moved here from Elwood. She gave him \$5,000, she alleges, to invest in a business in her name and he is said to have gone to Alma to buy out a saloon, with her consent and in her name. He went and came back, Mrs. H. A. Skiles asserted on her complaint and he was arrested on the charge. He was held in the county jail. Skiles persuaded her to let him have the money on the old plan of her furnishing the money and he taking care of the business. He was arrested last night and held in the county jail. The complaint only charges him with embarrassment \$1,300. The defendant is in jail tonight in default of a bond for his appearance at a hearing for a hearing before the county court.

Center County Woodmen Celebrate.

BROKEN BOW, Neb., Jan. 24.—(Special.)—The Modern Woodmen of America appropriately celebrated their twenty-fifth anniversary on Wednesday. Neighboring camps were invited to attend, and a special train was run from Ravenna, taking in Litchfield, Mason and Austley on the way. From the way, Mrs. Hamer and Eddyville were represented. Nearly 100 members marched in the big parade. Anesley alone being 150 strong. The afternoon session was held at the opera house, addresses being delivered by prominent Woodmen. In the evening the opera house was again filled, and degrees were conferred upon nearly 80 candidates. At the competitive drill first prize was taken by the Eddyville team. Five o'clock in the morning saw the last of the Woodmen from the hall, on their way to the special, which departed a few minutes later.

Nebraska News Notes.

PLATTSMOUTH—C. J. Cummins is playing all the men and teams they could.

BEATRICE—Mrs. Naomi Reynolds, wife of E. Reynolds, died at her home in this city.

SEWARD—Joseph Salzman, son of Jacob Salzman, died Friday at his home in Milford from complications arising from typhoid fever.

SEWARD—The "Merry Wives" club was entertained by the husbands of the members with a banquet and theater party Friday evening.

BEATRICE—Leon B. Buse and Miss Beatrice Fitzpatrick, both of St. Joseph, Mo., were married here this afternoon. Judge Walden officiating.

BEATRICE—The Scoville meetings being held at the Chamber of Commerce here, had sold his life to James Marousek and with his family will remove to Sedwick, Colo., in the near future.

NEBRASKA CITY—Hank Conroy, Burlington brakeman, was quite seriously injured yesterday by being struck with his brake stick, which he was using to set

a brake on a moving car. He will be laid up for some time.

PAPILLION Sheriff Speelman is summoning the jury for the February term of district court, which convenes February 11.

PLATTSMOUTH—T. E. Farnelle and H. H. Pollock have returned from Chicago, where they attended the convention of the Interior and National Association of Independent Telephone Companies.

BEATRICE—Frank O. Ellis of Grant township yesterday won his farm of a quarter section to William Sherman for \$12,000. Mr. Ellis bought the same piece of land less than a year ago for \$3,500.

SEWARD—Deputy Game Warden Tom Lemons arrested three Greek railroad laborers for violation of the law, but were fined \$2.50, as the interpreter knew the law.

AUBURN—George Sheldens, who was arrested several days ago on the charge of burglary was Saturday morning arraigned before Judge Marshall in the district court. He was bound over to the district court, which convenes March 20.

VALLEY—The Valley Woman's club will be held at the district convention in Omaha by Mrs. Selma Anderson, its president, and Mrs. May Weekly, delegate.

The regular meeting of the club flower at the last meeting.

BEATRICE—The panic seems to have been in the Valley since the Industrial activity in this city. The Dempster factory and other institutions are employing their regular force, and even some of them are working overtime.

WEST POINT—Hector C. Hunter, an invalid, died here last night at the age of 87 years, of paralysis. He was a native of the state of New York and was a well known resident of a well known insurance man of Omaha.

HUMBOLDT—Miss Ethel Williams and Miss Edna Williams, both of this city, were united in marriage yesterday at the home of their parents, Joseph A. Williams and wife.

NEBRASKA CITY—Philip Miller and Mrs. M. L. Miller, both of this city, were united in marriage today at the home of the bride's parents near Unadilla. The young people are the only children of their parents.

MILFORD—The Spelts Grain company, with headquarters at David City and a branch at Milford, has changed its business title to the Spelts Grain company.

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PLATTSMOUTH—H. Martin McDaniel found a portion of the hull and the boiler of the ferryboat Mary, which was wrecked through the hole of the Missouri river near Speck Island, where the boat was sunk more than forty years ago.

VALLEY—The Rev. H. J. Bailey, lately of the Province of Quebec, has been appointed pastor of the Grace Episcopal church of Tecumseh. He will divide his time with the Tecumseh and Auburn churches, and will reside at the home of his wife.