

## WILLIAMS IS A CANDIDATE

Announces His Desire to Serve Another Term as Commissioner.

## TROUBLE OVER RULO BRIDGE

County Assessor of Richardson County Asks for Correction of Assessment—Holding on Several Rates by Commission.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)  
LINCOLN, May 12.—(Special.)—Railway Commissioner J. A. Williams today made a formal announcement of his candidacy for re-election and announced his platform. Mr. Abbott of Aurora, regent of the university, has been proposed by his friends as a candidate for the same position on the republican ticket, but he has not announced his intention.

**Trouble Over Bridge Assessment.**  
County Assessor N. B. Judd of Richardson county has asked the State Board of Assessment to correct an error in his report of railroad property subject to taxation under the terminal tax law. He asks that the Rulo bridge, valued at \$250,000 for the west half, be taken from the list of Burlington property because the bridge is not in any city or village.

G. G. Holcomb, of the tax department of the Union Pacific road, is inspecting the work of county assessors and comparing values. The county assessor of Keith county valued the main line at \$25,000 a mile, which was the assessed valuation placed upon it last year by the state board, or one-fifth the value. This valuation would have to be divided by five for terminal taxation purposes. Mr. Holcomb finds that most county assessors valued property at the same figure reported by the railroad, but in some cases he says assessors appear to have arbitrarily raised values.

**Rate on Feed Stocks.**  
The railway commission this afternoon refused to permit the Burlington road to withdraw its corn rate on molasses, feed and alfalfa and syrup and several mills in Nebraska now manufacture it.

The commission will hear the request of the Kearney Telephone company to put in the new rates on long distance calls made on May 22. Senator Randall of Madison county will file a formal complaint against the Northwestern road for taking off trains on the Newman Grove line.

**Pythian Grand Lodge.**  
The Pythian grand lodge opened its session this morning with addresses by Grand Chancellor A. B. Ray of Fairfield and others. The Pythian Sisters are also in session.

Reports of the state officers were taken up at the afternoon session of the grand lodge. The statement of Will H. Love, keeper of records and seals, contained this data:

Relief contributed by subordinate lodges during the year, \$135,321; balance in lodge treasuries, \$18,250; balance in the hands of the grand master of exchequer, \$230.57; membership on December 31, 1933; number of lodges on May 1, 133; chapters surrendered during the year, 1; chapters instituted, 1; chapters resigned, 1.

**Lodges—Cash on hand and received during the year, \$1,413,125; balance December 31, \$13,125; value of property and investments, \$2,250,000; total cash and investments, \$3,696,250.**

**Grand Lodge—Cash on hand May 1, 1907, \$1,245.14; receipts, \$1,350,000; disbursements, \$1,200.00; balance May 1, 1908, \$2,395.14.**

About 225 representatives and grand officers were in attendance at the grand lodge session, which will continue for two days. The Pythian Sisters' meeting today was almost wholly devoted to ceremonial work. The grand temple degree was conferred on fifteen grand officers and past officers.

**Permit to National Guard.**  
Adjutant General Charles F. Schwarz has issued an order granting permission to National Guard companies to assist veterans in Memorial day services. The order says:

In recognition of Memorial day, which is a day of national significance, and in order that the day may be observed with the greatest care and solemnity, it is hereby ordered that all organizations of the Nebraska National Guard and kindred organizations within their power to any patriotic organizations attending appropriate observance of the day, they observing the living and the dead. For this purpose the above organizations of the state of Nebraska are hereby granted permission to parade fully armed and equipped Saturday, May 30, 1908, in accordance with paragraph 44, United States army regulations, the national flag will be displayed at half-staff on all military and public buildings from 8 o'clock this morning until noon the day following the day of the day.

## KENNEDY MURDER CASE

Grows Out of Killing of Sam A. Cox of Minn.

KIMBALL, Neb., May 12.—(Special Telegram.)—Trial of Ernest S. Kenyon for the murder of Sam A. Cox at Minn., was called here today and work of securing jury begun. Tomorrow will probably be taken in securing the jury.

The history of the case follows: Sam Cox, editor of the Minn. Star, was killed December 23, 1906, by Ernest Kenyon. The trouble between them was of long standing. Cox was an anti-saloon man while Kenyon was a hard drinker. On the evening of the date named they met near a drug store and hot words followed, a fight ensued in which Kenyon was beaten. Kenyon then opened fire and after two shots they clinched. The third shot killed Cox. There was a bitter anti-saloon fight on in town and the trouble grew out of this. Kenyon was tried in Scotts Bluff county and convicted and sentenced to

twenty-four years in the penitentiary. The supreme court reversed the decision of the lower court on the grounds that the jury was erroneously instructed. A change of venue was taken to this county. Hunter and Hunter of Kearney are attorneys for the defense and county attorney Morrow of Scotts Bluff and Harrington of O'Neill for the prosecution. Judge Grimes is the trial judge. The case will last ten days.

## BLAIR HAS GRIST OF LAWSUITS

Town Stirred Up Over Arrests When Saloons Closed.

BLAIR, Neb., May 12.—(Special.)—New proceedings were commenced this morning in what is expected to be a long and bitter legal fight, growing out of the arrest last Thursday night of ex-Chief of Police Jonas Burcham, Henry Ketchmark and William Donner on the charge of alleged drunkenness, resisting an officer and disturbing the peace.

At the last city election Blair went dry and on last Monday night the saloons closed their doors permanently for the first time in the history of the city. Rumors had been afloat for some time previous that the new dry officers would "have their hands full," "run up against the real thing," "get off their beat," etc., but these are not charged up directly to the men who were arrested and with whom the police had a hard fight last Thursday night, when Burcham and Donner were badly cut up by being clubbed.

Mayor Mead was sworn into office the night the saloons closed and appointed his new officers, who went on duty the same night. He then swore in Emmet Bolt, who is janitor of the city high school building, as extra night police. It was Bolt who struck Donner with a base ball bat the night of the fight, and today Donner has filed a charge of assault and battery against Bolt, charging that he had no authority and that he, Donner, was not taking part in the disturbance.

Charges also being filed today by City Attorney O'Hanlon against Burcham, Donner and Ketchmark, and both cases will be made state cases and pushed to a finish by both sides. Attorney Herman Aye will represent Donner, and Burke Carrigan, county attorney, will also be in the frays.

The new administration admits that it is new at the business and has probably made some mistakes, the row coming so soon after they had taken hold of city affairs. Mayor Mead was elected strictly as a dry man, and is determined to administer the law. The new appointed officers and the police judge are receiving considerable censure for being unprepared and almost totally ignorant of the duties of their office to be able to properly handle just such a case as might have been foreseen on the closing of the saloons. Some blame is attached to both sides by both factions.

## RAINFALL ABOVE THE NORMAL

Since April First Sixty Per Cent of Normal Fall in Most Counties.

LINCOLN, May 12.—(Special.)—The weekly weather bulletin for the week ending May 11, is as follows: The week was cold and wet, with northerly wind and less than the normal amount of sun.

The daily mean temperature was between 48 degrees and 52 degrees, which is eight degrees to 12 degrees below normal. Frost occurred very generally Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. The minimum temperatures were below 48 degrees most of the time, while on several days they were near freezing and ice formed at several stations on two or three days.

The rainfall was above normal in nearly all parts of the state. Rain began falling very generally Sunday, May 2, and showers occurred Monday and Tuesday. Cool, fair weather prevailed from Wednesday to Saturday, while cloudy, showery conditions were general Sunday, the 10th. The rainfall from April 1 to date is about 50 per cent of the normal amount in most counties.

G. A. LOVELAND,  
Section Director, Lincoln, Neb.

## DOMESTIC TROUBLE IS FATAL

Anton Billy Shoots His Wife and Then Himself.

TABLE ROCK, Neb., May 12.—(Special.)—Anton Billy, who resided on a farm, three miles this side of Du Bois, some nine miles south of here, shot and killed his wife at 7 o'clock last night and afterwards shot and killed himself. Their married life had been notoriously discordant, and the tragedy is no surprise. They formerly lived a couple of miles east of here.

A few months since, a brother of Anton was shot and killed, while riding in a wagon. A son of Anton had been killed a short time before that, while out hunting. A coroner's jury pronounced it accidental. Further particulars are not known.

## EUGENE SMITH HANGS HIMSELF

Young Man of Seward County Found Dead in Barn Tuesday.

SEWARD, Neb., May 12.—(Special Telegram.)—Eugene Smith, son of Frank Smith, living near Milford, was found this morning dead, hanging in the barn on his father's place. He was 24 years of age and had only yesterday appeared before the grand jury of Seward county here, where he was closely questioned concerning the death of his mother last February. At the time of the assault upon Mrs. Smith, the son's ways were the subject of much comment. He left a note, denying he was responsible for his mother's death. The young man was thought to be partially unbalanced mentally.

When Mrs. Smith was found in her kitchen early in February with her body bruised and beaten, and later when she died, the neighbors demanded a thorough investigation of the crime. The coroner's jury made such an investigation as was

possible, but because of the hostility of many who lived near in testifying little information concerning the assault could be secured. Mrs. Smith refused to say who struck her before she died.

Within the last few weeks the farmers living near the Smiths and elsewhere in the county circulated a petition calling for a thorough investigation of the crime and a grand jury was called, which is in session now under the supervision of Judge Corcoran, especially to look into the details of the murder. The relatives of the woman appeared before the jury, among them the husband, and yesterday, the son. The deliberations being secret, it is not known what the boy's statement to the jury was. Young Smith was formerly married, but his wife left him because of his peculiar actions. His father is a wealthy man and is known in the vicinity as a money lender.

## Nebraska News Notes.

BEATRICE.—Miss Scharton, aged 35 years, died here yesterday. She formerly resided at Lincoln.

YORK.—The Burlington will run a special train from York on May 13 to "City Center Nebraska, for Frontier day festival."

OGALLALA.—Mr. Spencer, the head of the Wesleyan A. M. E. church of Lincoln, assisted by Mrs. Enyart and August Moller, the great Bohemian violinist gave a concert Monday evening.

BEATRICE.—David Cheek, a former resident of Beatrice, died last night at his home a mile north of Holmesville. He was 84 years of age, and is survived by a widow and one son.

BEATRICE.—In a fast ball game the Dutch nine of this city won from the Plymouth team Sunday by the score of 4 to 2. The feature of the game was a home run smash by Townsend of the Dutch team.

BEATRICE.—Rev. Edwin Booth, Jr., preached his farewell sermon at the Congregational church Sunday morning and left yesterday for Norfolk, where he will assume his new duties as pastor of the Congregational church of that city.

COLUMBUS.—The record in the county clerk's office shows that in the past two weeks, there have been thirty-seven transfers of real estate filed, and that the number of mortgages, or its equivalent that changed hands was \$91,323.

YORK.—Base ball fever has taken a good strong hold in York. Last evening at 8 o'clock the York team was organized in the city league and a schedule of games is being arranged. Today the Congregational and Methodist Sunday school play a game.

YORK.—The German Evangelical Lutheran congregation have purchased a new residence property of W. E. Bell on Beaver avenue and ninth street on which they will erect a fine new church building. E. Bell has purchased the Page property on Platte avenue.

BROKEN BOW.—Sheriff Bussey of Caspary, Mich., arrived here yesterday and left on the first east bound train, taking with him Raymond Bonine, who has been held here by Sheriff Ketchmark on a charge of seduction. Bonine's crime was committed in Michigan and he has evaded the officers for over two months.

YORK.—E. County Attorney Fred C. Power and editor Frank and Son of the York Teller have purchased the J. D. P. Small property immediately adjoining the brick business property now owned by F. C. Power. The building will be remodelled and Frank & Son will occupy the same with their newspaper plant.

BEATRICE.—A number of the leading republicans of the city are meeting and organizing for a grand reunion and banquet to be held here within the next thirty days. Republicans from all parts of the county will be invited to attend, and speakers of note from abroad will be here to enliven the occasion with oratory.

BROKEN BOW.—The billiard and pool hall men are making a big fight to secure license for the coming year, although they were voted out at the last election by a small majority. Plutons in favor of the halls have been circulated and signed by many prominent business men and citizens. The case will probably be settled in the district court.

ELIE.—This locality was visited by good showers Saturday evening and night, making an excess of two inches of rain fall in the past few days. Fall when looks well and spring wheat promises an average. Corn plants will be in full blast this week with the warm weather continues. Some land is changing hands at a rapid rate. The outlook for the prospects of continued increase in land values.

BEATRICE.—A petition signed by the druggists and most of the practicing physicians of Beatrice is presented to the city council to permit the sale of liquor on prescription of physicians. The petition prescribes not to be refilled. It is claimed that the strict prohibition, which has been in force for weeks, has worked a hardship and great inconvenience upon patients in some cases.

YORK.—Many friends of Mrs. Emma Sedgwick Brown were surprised to learn of her death at her late residence in York. The deceased is a sister of editor Sedgwick Brown, who was killed in the city, and mother of E. J. Brown, court reporter at Beatrice. Pearl Brown, a student at Oberlin college, was a daughter of this city. Mrs. Brown had been sick for some time, but her death, which was quite sudden, was a great loss to the family. The funeral will be held at 2 o'clock this morning at the residence of the deceased.

BEATRICE.—The demurrer filed by the defendants in the case of Bishop Bonacum against the heirs of the late Michael Lynch has been argued before Judge Emberton in the district court and the matter taken under advisement by the court. In the case brought by the heirs of Michael Lynch, a nephew and a niece the sole beneficiaries of his will, the heirs of Michael Lynch are suing for the purpose of building an orphanage. The case has been in the courts for about a year.

BROKEN BOW.—The Custer county Athletic and Literary association held its annual meeting, at which time the principal high schools of the county took part in the exercises, which consisted of field sports, and a baseball game. A base ball game in the forenoon between Merna and Mason was a successful one, the Merna team being victorious. The afternoon game between Merna and Broken Bow, was also won by the former team. The oratorical and declamatory contest occurred in the evening at the Temple theater, and was an excellent one. The Merna team was given the highest percentage in Merna and Broken Bow. The Merna team was given the highest percentage in Merna and Broken Bow. The Merna team was given the highest percentage in Merna and Broken Bow.

## DELINQUENT ONES POSTED

Surprise for Members of Commercial Club Who Are Back in Dues.

Every business man and firm in Omaha which should belong to the Commercial club and boost for the city will have the name printed on a neat folder and distributed among the members, that a little missionary work may be done.

Already all the delinquents have been posted on a bulletin board in the lobby of the club rooms, in such a conspicuous place that "he who runs may read."

The posting of the names of those who are behind occasioned some surprise, and a careful look at the list caused still more surprise and some comment. But the executive committee so ordered, and now it has been decided to print the names of those who do not belong.

The campaign for membership goes on, and Tuesday J. J. Delight, dealer in automobiles and safes, and Guy R. Baker of the National Paint and Oil company were elected to membership.

It was announced that the next "home trade excursion" probably would be given next week, when the members of the club will go through the Union Pacific shops and motor car works at the invitation of Vice President Mohler.

**Special Railway Agents Meet.**  
LEXINGTON, Ky., May 12.—The National Association of Railway Special Agents met in annual session here today and will continue in session for three days. The association is composed of secret service men of the various railway systems in Canada and the United States and 50 delegates are in the city.

## To our competitor(?) around the corner from 16th and Douglas

We wish to thank you for the interest you have taken in advertising our great "Dot Contest"—the greatest proposition ever pulled off in the west.

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## To the successful contestants in our dot contest-- and to the public at large

This contest surpassed our fondest expectations and has already accomplished the results aimed at; viz: to popularize the Steger Piano and to test the advertising value of Omaha's dailies.

We have been swamped in mailing out the announcements of awards, as everyone of the more than thirty-five thousands contestants has been or will be notified by letter. There can be no dispute concerning the fairness of this contest or the fairness of the awards.

These were made publicly in our auditorium Wednesday evening, May 6th, in the presence of hundreds of Omaha's representative citizens. The awards were made by three disinterested men—one representative from the Bee, World-Herald and News.

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## SECRETARY IS FAR IN LEAD

Republican Leaders Working on Plan to Prevent Friction.

## TO AVOID CONTEST ON FLOOR

Talk of Fairbanks for Vice President and Another Term for Cannon as Speaker—Other Plans Are Discussed.

WASHINGTON, May 12.—Republican leaders in congress are now working earnestly on a plan to prevent any break at the Chicago convention that might disrupt party harmony and endanger success at the polls in November. Conference have been held at both ends of the capitol, among such men as Senators Aldrich, Hale, Allison and Crane and Representatives Payne and Sherman of New York; Tawney of Minnesota; Jenkins of Wisconsin and Smith of Iowa; in fact meetings of small groups from this list have been of almost daily occurrence for months, and a week they have been directed to one end—nomination on the first ballot by which they mean William H. Taft. While no definite result has been reached they believe their efforts will be successful.

Most of the men figuring prominently in this movement were numbered against Taft early in the campaign, but party policy and the necessity for harmony, which have been manifest in republican ranks since the disastrous results of the Blaine-Conkling feud has awakened a demand that personal desires be subordinated to the will of the majority.

## Favorite Sons Lining Up.

That the efforts of the group of leaders back of the harmony movement have not been barren of results is indicated by the fact that to a number of the conferences have been called such men as senators Hemenway, Penrose, Cullop, Hopkins and Dewey, and representatives Parsons and Vreeland of New York; Boutwell and Mann of Illinois; Burke and Delsell of Pennsylvania; Watson and Landis of Indiana; and others who are backing the candidates of Vice President Fairbanks, speaker Cannon, Senator Knox or Governor Hughes.

No attempt is made to disguise the fact that the real impetus to such a concerted movement in the interest of Secretary Taft is the refusal of the Roosevelt sentiment to be snuffed out and the danger of such sentiment spreading to an extent that might be difficult of control at Chicago. At the same time it is said the movement is not hostile to President Roosevelt, who admittedly occupies the position of command in the Taft forces. He has made it perfectly plain that nothing can come from the renewed calls for his renomination which have been made in Texas, Utah and California, as he is prepared to reject any proffer of support no matter how extended.

## Knox Men Demur.

The uttermost limit of endeavor of the republican leaders who are striving to harmonize party differences is to eliminate all candidates for the nomination except Secretary Taft, but it is not anticipated that all of the candidates readily will agree to this proposition. Supporters of Senator Knox particularly are said to oppose the plan and one of the other candidates is holding out strongly that there is no immediate demand for agreement.

At the same time there are leaders in Illinois, Indiana, Pennsylvania and New York, who are parties to the movement with the knowledge of the favor on candidates from those states.

The selection of Secretary Taft as the beneficiary of harmony action is made because of the fact that he is the only candidate who has sufficient instructed votes to promise early nomination. The argument of the harmony faction is that if Taft should fail to secure the nomination on the first ballot and the allies were able to hold out against him, it would

mean a convention contest of many ballots. These leaders have little doubt that in such a contingency the Roosevelt third term sentiment would threaten a stampede, and though they have little doubt that the president would quell any proposition looking to his renomination, the effect of such a stampede can only be surmised. The possible dire results upon the campaign for the election of the candidate, whoever he may be, is one of the arguments used to draw the so-called allies into the harmony program.

## Fairbanks for Vice President.

Republican leaders concede that their majority in the house is likely to be materially reduced at the fall election and they fear that unless all factions are brought together before the Chicago convention, they might lose their majority altogether. One of the side plans being discussed favorably is the renomination of Mr. Fairbanks as vice president on the ticket with Secretary Taft, which they assert, would remove Indiana from the doubtful column and make it safely republican. It is believed also that with the republican forces solidly aligned, Taft would easily carry Illinois and the harmonizers are willing to concede Cannon's re-election as speaker by a republican house. There is a movement on already to bring about the renomination of Mr. Hughes as governor of New York and an effort will be made to bring Secretary Taft and Senator Foraker together, which it is thought would make Ohio safe.

No efforts have been spared to keep these plans confidential, but there are too many persons cognizant of the program for secrecy to be maintained.

Frank H. Hitchcock, who is the Taft manager in Washington and is directing the greater part of the secretary's national campaign, has had numerous conferences with republican leaders, and United States District Attorney, Joseph B. Kealing of

Indianapolis, political manager for Mr. Fairbanks, has been in Washington several times recently and has conferred with the same leaders.

## CHARITY CONFERENCE ELECTS

E. P. Bicknell of Chicago Chosen President and Alexander Johnson Secretary.

RICHMOND, Va., May 12.—By unanimous vote the conference on Charities and Correction tonight adopted the report of the committee on organization, electing its nominees for all the offices and committees for the Buffalo conference next year. The following were elected:

President, E. P. Bicknell, Chicago; first vice president, Thomas D. Osborne, Louisville, Ky.; second vice president, David F. Tilley, Boston; third vice president, Robert W. Hebburn, New York; general secretary, Alexander Johnson, Indianapolis; treasurer, Edward Boyle, Chicago.

Public health was discussed at the night session of the conference, a report being made on the topic by the chairman, Dr. Walter D. Lindsey, director of the California hospital, Los Angeles.

The importance of pure food and drugs in relation to public health was discussed in a paper presented by Dr. H. W. Wiley, chief of the bureau of chemistry of the United States in the Department of Agriculture.

"The Negro's Outlook for Health," was the subject of an address by Dr. Beverly Warner, rector of Trinity church, New Orleans.

## TRAFFIC LEAGUE PROTESTS

Shippers Want Hearing Before Final Action Is Taken.

CHICAGO, May 12.—The National industrial Traffic league, one of the strongest commercial organizations in the United States, at a meeting here adopted resolutions addressed to the railroad presidents of the country asking that announcement

be made in advance when changes in freight rates are contemplated and that shippers be given an opportunity to be heard with reference to the proposed changes. It was further suggested that the Interstate Commerce commission be made the medium through which the views of both shippers and carriers may be learned as to proposed changes, and that the commission shall render judgment which shall be accepted by both parties.

## WRECK ON GREAT WESTERN

Two Engines, Chair Car and Baggage Car Are Derailed Near Dean, Mo.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., May 12.—Throwing two engines, a baggage car and a chair car into the ditch, northbound passenger train No. 2 on the Chicago Great Western railway, which left St. Joseph at 3:30 this afternoon was derailed at Dean, five miles north of here.

With the exception of one aged woman, who was shaken up severely, no one was seriously hurt. Mrs. H. Colter, of St. Paul, Minn., a passenger in the chair car, was hurled from her seat into the aisle. She continued on her journey.

The train was being pulled by two engines. The track where the accident occurred is thought to have become soft from recent heavy rains, causing the rails to spread slightly.

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**Real Estate Men's Convention.**  
CHICAGO, May 12.—A national convention of real estate men opened here today and is scheduled to continue for three days. The gathering was arranged by the Chicago Real Estate board and its object is the formation of a national organization. The exact form the proposed association is not yet determined.

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