

BRYAN DRAWS WELL

People of Northwestern Part of State Turn Out in Large Numbers.

FAVORED BY GOOD WEATHER

Starts in Work of a Strenuous Day With a Speech at Bridgeport.

COMMITTEE MISSES THE TRAIN

Goes to Alliance to Greet Him and Sleep Too Long.

TOURING THE NORTH PLATTE

Speeches Are Made at Bayard, Minn., Scott's Bluff and Number of Other Points Along the Railroad.

SCOTT'S BLUFF, Neb., June 2.—With the coming of sunshine today, William J. Bryan was greeted by some of the largest crowds of his Nebraska tour. The first speech was delivered at Bridgeport, where several hundred people from the little town and surrounding country gathered for an 8 o'clock address. The Bridgeport band was on hand in uniform despite the early hour and serenaded the Nebraska when he appeared on the platform.

Mr. Bryan was introduced by Chairman R. P. Scott and spoke for an hour, covering particularly the financial issue and taking occasion incidentally to speak of his former experience in this part of the state. "I was once known as the boy orator of the Platte," he said, "and I am particularly interested in coming to this section which is near the head water of that river. When they gave me that name I was anxious to learn more of the river and traveled through this country along the valley of the Platte studying its source, and it gives me extreme pleasure to get back here among the people with whom I spent many happy weeks making that research."

Bryan greets Reception Committee. An incident occurred in connection with the Bridgeport meeting which provoked Mr. Bryan to a hearty laugh at the expense of the arrangements committee. About twenty members of the committee went to Alliance, Monday night, to meet his train and accompany him to their own town. The train left Alliance at 2 o'clock this morning, and through a misunderstanding, the hotel proprietor failed to wake them up. Mr. Bryan, a member of the committee who did not retire at all, and a newspaperman, were the only members of the party of twenty-five who caught the train. Reaching Bridgeport, the train stopped at the water tank, but failed to stop at the station. The trio were carried a mile past the station where they were permitted to alight on the prairie and walk back to town. The members of the committee caught the next train and Mr. Bryan met them at the station in their own town.

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The trip from Bridgeport to this place was made up the Platte valley and gave Mr. Bryan an opportunity to view from the train a section of land he owns near Bayard. The trip was carried a mile past the station where they were permitted to alight on the prairie and walk back to town. The members of the committee caught the next train and Mr. Bryan met them at the station in their own town.

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ALLIANCE, Neb., June 2.—William J. Bryan's day began at Chadron at 7 o'clock yesterday morning and ended at 11 o'clock at Alliance. It was the busiest day he has had since he started on his Nebraska trip. He passed and addressed four of which were set addresses. Western Nebraska was visited last night and during this forenoon by intermittent rains, but they did not prevent the people from gathering in large crowds at every point through which Mr. Bryan's train passed and at one place on the schedule. Belmont, his special train was backed up after it had passed through the town because of the large crowd which had gathered at the station.

Two speeches were made at Chadron, which was the first stop of the day, one at the city rink and another from an open air platform. A remarkable feature of this latter speech was the presence of perhaps 200 cowboys, who had come from the range country for miles around.

The next stop was at Crawford, where the welcome to the Nebraska was enthusiastic in the extreme. A banquet had been prepared for the party at which covers were laid for eighty guests, half of whom were women. It was a non-partisan meeting, democratic and republican joining alike in the welcome to Nebraska's distinguished citizen. Following the banquet Mr. Bryan was driven to the fair grounds pavilion, where he delivered the principal speech of the day.

Over 1,000 people were in the stands and applauded loudly whenever climaxes were reached in the address. A special train brought the party to Alliance, where an open air address was delivered to the largest crowd which has yet greeted the Nebraska at any one place. The special train was delivered from the piazza of Judge Elmore's residence and the crowds filled the big lawn and the streets for nearly half a block away. Alliance is a railroad town and Mr. Bryan took up and discussed the railroad situation from the viewpoint of the employee and patron.

Tribute to James K. Jones. While Mr. Bryan was speaking a representative of the Associated Press handed him a telegram telling of the death of Senator James K. Jones. He read the telegram, and stopping in the middle of his address, said: "I have just learned that Senator Jones of Arkansas died suddenly in Washington. It is a sad bit of news to announce to a democratic audience, for Senator Jones was chairman of the bimetallic organization that carried on the fight in 1896 that ended in our capturing the Chicago convention, and his death is a loss to the prominence of that fight that I asked that he be made chairman of the national committee and to him I am indebted for the opportunity to close the debate on the platform and to make the speech which I presume will stand as the most effective one I ever delivered. As soon as this meeting is over, I shall take occasion to send a message of regret and condolence."

Rev. Dr. R. J. Cooke Re-Elected. At TIMONORE, Mo., June 2.—Rev. Dr. R. J. Cooke of Timonore was today re-elected editor of all the book publications of the Methodist Episcopal church. This action was taken at a meeting of the general book committee which is made up of representatives of the denomination.

SUMMARY OF THE BEE

Wednesday, June 3, 1908.

Table with columns for dates (1908, JUNE, 1908) and days (SUN, MON, TUE, WED, THU, FRI, SAT). Numbers 1-30 are listed in a grid.

FOR OMAHA, COUNCIL BLUFFS AND VICTORY—Showers and warm Wednesday.

FOR NEBRASKA—Showers Wednesday.

FOR IOWA—Showers Wednesday; warmer in east and central portions.

TEMPERATURE AT OMAHA YESTERDAY.

Table with columns for hour, direction, and degree.

DOMESTIC. In leading to the people's choice in Oregon with the republic.

Small New York apartment house, the damage being light.

his tour through the North Platte valley at Minotaur, Scott's Bluff, Bridgeport, Gering and Kimball.

Price of steel is cut by the steel corporation.

Ballot boxes for lands at Clear Lake, S. D., being forced to do so by rain storm.

Conferences at the white house held over the platform at the next republican convention.

Nevada democrats declare for Bryan all the time.

Police chiefs are in session at Detroit.

Russians apply for a hundred million dollar loan.

Congressman Lilley says he was stupor-stricken by the action of the congressional committee.

Heavy rain of Monday night caused washouts on the Wycome division of the Burlington road.

Report of the weather bureau shows an excess of rain since April 1.

Thomas P. Morgan, who died in the Masonic home at Plattsmouth had an adventurous career.

Lieutenant Evans protects sailors sailors about to be reborn in music hall and arrested.

Iowa stands little chance of a showing in the conference meet Saturday.

Speaker Cannon opens headquarters at the auditorium hotel, Chicago.

Report of condition of the Pennsylvania road shows an increase in net earnings for the year.

LOCAL. Three thousand grain dealers in west will organize to compete for premiums at National Corn show.

Rev. Charles W. Savidge buys old Dexter L. Thomas home and will convert it into home for aged.

Part of democratic campaign money secured from Ryan and Sheehan was used in Douglas county to help out Berger.

Testifying her divorce suit Mrs. Julia Montgomery Pratt declares money and welfare of children were principal considerations in her marriage to Col. Pratt.

C. W. Brininger of Grand Island was elected president of the state league of local loan and building associations.

CLOSE CONTEST IN OREGON

Early Figures Remain Unchanged and Chamberlain Leads.

OFFICIAL RETURNS ARE NEEDED

Result of Election Will Determine Whether Senator Shall in Effect Be by Popular Choice.

PORTLAND, Ore., June 2.—Returns from Multnomah county of forty-seven precincts complete out of 114 give Chamberlain, democrat, a lead of 103 votes over Calk, republican, for United States senator. The returns from outside counties are coming in very slowly but in the majority of them Chamberlain seemed to be well in the lead. Complete returns have not been received from any one county. Judging by the returns at this hour Chamberlain will carry Multnomah county by about 600. It looks as if he would have a very slight lead in the county, but it is impossible to forecast the result outside of Multnomah county.

Prohibition was a hard fought issue in twenty-seven counties and the indications are that a large majority of the counties voted dry.

Single tax has been beaten. Woman suffrage has probably been defeated. No estimate can be made at this time on other initiative and referendum issues.

BERGE WANTS TO BE "SHOWN"

Thinks There is Some Mistake About Money Being Spent for His Benefit.

LINCOLN, June 1.—(Special Telegram.)—Mayor Dahman has another guess coming that Berge sent to Nebraska during the 1904 campaign. In the Daily Bee the mayor said he spent it in the interests of the candidacy of George W. Berge for governor.

If he did Mr. Berge did not know it and it is the opinion of Berge's friends that the results of the election would have been going along at ninety-three miles an hour. All the occupants of the basket were in good condition.

The balloon left here yesterday afternoon, hopeful of breaking the Lahn cup and Bennett cup endurance and long-distance record. It was last spotted at Kirksville, Mo. It was in the air eleven hours and made an average speed of seventy-five miles an hour. Fifteen hundred feet of the drop to the earth was made in one minute.

ENOUGH RAIN AND TO SPARE

Excess of Precipitation in Majority of Counties in Nebraska—Temperature Low.

LINCOLN, June 2.—(Special.)—The weekly weather bulletin for the week ending June 1 is as follows: The week was cool and cloudy, with an excess of rain in most parts of the state.

The daily mean temperature was between 66 degrees and 64 degrees in the eastern and southern counties which had two to three degrees below the normal. But in the northwestern counties it was about 36 degrees, which is six degrees below the normal. Tuesday was the warmest day, with a maximum temperature quite generally about 85 degrees. Friday and Saturday mornings were the coolest, with minimum temperatures about 30 degrees in the eastern sections and five to ten degrees colder in the western.

In most of the state the rainfall was above normal. It exceeded an inch in most of the northern and eastern counties and in several sections of the central and southern parts of the state. In some central and southwestern counties the rainfall was less than half an inch. The total rainfall from April 1 to date averages slightly above normal in the eastern counties, while in the central and southwestern it averages about 30 per cent below the normal.

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IOWA-NEBRASKA COAL MEN

Tenth Annual Convention Will Be Held in Waterloo Middle of June.

MARSHALLTOWN, Ia., June 1.—(Special.)—The programs for the tenth annual convention of the Coal Dealers' association of Iowa and Nebraska, which is to be held at Waterloo, June 17 and 18, were set out today by Secretary H. L. Laird of this city. The convention will open at 9:30 on the first day with a reception by Waterloo dealers. R. A. Doty, mayor of Waterloo, will deliver the address of welcome. The committee reports and the election of officers will be held on the morning of the second day. On the morning of the same day, C. H. Chisam of Council Bluffs, will deliver an address on "The Retailer's View of Association work." Others who will speak are G. H. Merryweather of Chicago, L. W. McKinnon of Davenport and Judge G. W. Burkhorn of this city. In the evening there will be a parade of floats, followed by an initiation and banquet.

The officers of the association are: President George Gregory, Marshalltown; Vice President H. T. Folsom, Lincoln, Neb.; Secretary H. L. Laird, Marshalltown; Executive Committee, M. A. Moore, LeMars; W. E. Brown, Waterloo; W. J. White, Plattsmouth, Neb.; C. H. Chisam, Council Bluffs and O. A. Tuttle, Greenfield, Ia.

The loan will bear interest at the rate of 5 per cent a year and it probably will be floated by a bank syndicate. The savings banks will take about \$3,000,000.

Danish Steamer Ashore.

PLITH, England, June 2.—The Danish steamer Louisiana, from Stettin for Boston, went ashore in Sealon Biscay last night during a thick fog.

GOOD TEMPLARS' CONVENTION

Eight Days' Session of International Order Convenes at Capital City.

WASHINGTON, June 2.—The International Order of Good Templars convened in triennial session here today. Delegates from all parts of the world are in attendance upon the meeting, which will continue for eight days.

Edward Wavrinak, international chief templar and a member of the Swedish Parliament, is one of the interesting figures in attendance. This morning's session was occupied with the reading of the report of the committee on credentials and the conferring of the international supreme lodge degree upon members. A feature of the session will be a reception tendered to the delegates by President Roosevelt at the White House during the week.

Currency Committee to Meet.

WASHINGTON, June 2.—The subcommittee of the new currency commission, which organized here just after the adjournment of congress, will hold its next meeting in New York City Thursday, June 3.

BALLOON LANDS IN DAKOTA

Aeronomists Tried for Long Distance Record and Descend in Rain Storm.

ST. LOUIS, June 2.—Mrs. C. S. Bumbaugh, wife of the balloon pilot, received a telegram today saying that her husband, Charles Coe, and Charles Leichter of Chicago, had landed on Quincey, Ill., in the balloon Chicago Monday evening, had landed in Clear Lake, S. D.

It is estimated that the balloon traveled 500 miles. Owing to the fact that the telegram omits the time of landing the actual time in the air cannot be stated. Estimating that the balloon was in the air at least fourteen hours it covered more distance in less time than the swiftest flight of any of the nine balloons that contested in the international balloon race starting from here last October.

In the international race the Pommeren, the winner, actually traveled 830 miles in 25-55 hours, averaging twenty-two miles an hour.

If the Chicago covered the 500 miles in fourteen hours the average speed was about twenty-five miles an hour.

The results of the race the best time was made by the balloon United States, which covered 61 miles in 2:30 hours, an average of twenty-five miles an hour.

QUINCY, Ill., June 2.—The balloon Chicago, with Charles A. Coe, owner; Captain C. L. Bumbaugh and Charles Leichter in the basket, is believed not to be somewhere in Nebraska. The last report from the balloon reached here last night from Quincy, Mo., where the aeronauts dropped a message. The balloon had then traveled about ninety-three miles, was at that time in the air and was going along at ninety-three miles an hour. All the occupants of the basket were in good condition.

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CUT PRICE OF BARREL STEEL

Four Dollars Ton Taken Off to Meet Action of Bar Steel Manufacturers.

CLEVELAND, June 2.—A cut of \$4 in barrel steel went into effect today. A rumor that such a cut was authorized at a meeting of the committee of the bar steel manufacturers in New York yesterday was confirmed by John R. Scott, manager of the Carnegie Steel company here today. The new price goes into effect at once, and will affect only manufacturers of steel. The cut is based upon the Pittsburgh price of \$4.90 per 100 pounds. The new price is \$4.90 per 100 pounds.

In view of the action of the steel interests it is considered here that the bar iron market will not be so active as a reduction. Bar iron is now selling at \$30 a ton.

The reduction authorized by the committee represents mainly the United States Steel corporation and was made to meet the competition of the bar iron manufacturers.

NEW YORK, June 2.—Concerning the reported cut in the price of steel bars at Cleveland, Judge Gary, chairman of the United States Steel corporation, made the following statement: "Some of the smaller manufacturers of steel bars who have not been in consultation with the larger manufacturers have been selling their bars at a price of \$4.90 to meet the iron bar competition and some of the larger manufacturers have been selling their bars at a price of \$4.90 to meet the iron bar competition and some of the larger manufacturers have been selling their bars at a price of \$4.90 to meet the iron bar competition."

ALL UP IN THE AIR IN IOWA

Claims Are Conflicting, Each Side Being Confident of Decisive Majority.

DES MOINES, Ia., June 2.—Iowa's primary law has its first trial today. In its outcome is involved the question of who shall be the republican senator in the United States congress from this state to succeed William B. Allison. There also is involved the nomination of candidates for a dozen state offices, for mayor, for congress, for legislative, county and township places.

Both sides of the senatorial contest claim victory. The Cummins claims are more expensive than the Allison claims. While the Cummins forces insist that the majority of the governor will not be less than 50 per cent, the Allison forces insist that the majority of the governor will not be less than 50 per cent.

It is not anticipated by republicans that any of the nominations will have to be made by the convention. There are three candidates for governor, three for lieutenant governor and three for state railroad commissioner.

NEVADA ALWAYS FOR BRYAN

Democrats' National Delegates to Vote for Him First, Last and All Time.

CARSON, Nev., June 2.—After a session lasting until after midnight the democratic state convention last night adopted a platform which instructs delegates to the national convention at Denver to vote for William J. Bryan for the presidential nomination.

The platform also indorses the administration of Governor Sparks and denounced the Aldrich-Vreeland law. Theodore A. Bell of California was chosen for chairman of the national convention. The following were elected delegates to the Denver convention: State Senator Francis C. Newlands, Governor D. S. Dickerson, Ed C. Clark, John Sunderland, Jr., Charles Evans and Eli Elliott.

POLICE CHIEFS AT DETROIT

Annual Meeting of National Association is Busy Over Criminal Matters.

DETROIT, Mich., June 2.—More than 100 police officials gathered in Detroit today for the opening of the fifteenth annual convention of the International Association of Chiefs of Police, which will continue until Saturday. The problems of the anarchist and the Black Hand society will be brought up at the sessions of the convention and an effort will be made to have the association endorse a plan to have the federal government take charge of the national bureau of identification. The bureau at Washington now is supported by contributions from about seventy cities.

EVANS PROTECTS HIS SAILORS

Interferes in Their Behalf in Music Hall and is Arrested and Released.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 2.—For interfering to prevent two sailors of his ship the Louisiana, from being robbed in a music hall last night, Lieutenant Evans was arrested by the police and taken to the central station. He was released on his own recognizance and upon appearing in court today was discharged without ceremony.

PLANKS IN THE PLATFORM

Advanced Ground on Tariff and Control of Trusts.

CONFERENCES AT WHITE HOUSE

Additional Meetings Today, Opinion of Secretary Taft Being Sought as to Making of the Document.

CINCINNATI, O., June 1.—The planks to be presented for the republican national convention at Chicago as decided on at various conferences at the White House are given in a Washington special to the Times-Star as follows: "The Chicago platform will take advanced ground on the tariff, on control of the trusts, on the amending of the Sherman law, on the currency and upon the question of limiting the power of injunctions. It will stand squarely in other regards on the policies which have been the success of the Roosevelt administration. In the rough it will be drafted by Wade Ellis, attorney general of Ohio, who will retire to Virginia Beach for that purpose tonight."

"Such were among the decisions reached at a White House conference last night. There have been erroneous reports as to the identity of those who attended that conference, destined to be a historical one. The accurate list is as follows: "President Roosevelt, Secretary Taft, Secretary of the Interior Garfield, Attorney General Wade Ellis, Senator Long of Kansas, Senator Hopkins of Illinois, Frank B. Kellogg, national committeeman from Minnesota; Congressman Longworth of Cincinnati and William Leach, secretary to the president."

"There were additional conferences today. Attorney General Ellis being again closeted with Secretary Taft. Other conferences are to follow."

"At last night's White House meeting the entire subject was discussed. The topics most exhaustively considered were the tariff, the trusts, the currency, the conservation of natural resources, improvement of waterways, Cuba, Porto Rico, the Philippines and the Panama canal. The order in which these topics are to be presented to the convention was tentatively agreed upon, subject, of course, to the approval of the resolutions committee of the convention."

"Attorney General Ellis presented a plank providing for an amendment to the Sherman law, under the provisions of which harmless agreements among mercantile associations which seek not to create monopolies or to fix and control prices, nets of trade will be allowed. Such a provision would also exempt harmless acts of labor organizations."

WEEK OF FIGHT IN DAKOTA

Stalwarts and Insurgents Trying Hard to Win State for Their Candidates.

SIoux FALLS, S. D., June 2.—(Special.)—With only a week intervening until the primaries on Tuesday of next week, the insurgent and stalwart republican factions are taking advantage of every moment to strengthen their cause and ensure a victory at the polls.

The insurgents are entering the last days of the present hot campaign with a confident air and do not hesitate to declare that they will sweep the state by a majority of at least 30,000 over their stalwart opponents. Some of the more enthusiastic insurgents believe the majority may reach as much as 50,000.

The stalwarts are carrying on their fight with a grim determination to win if it is possible to do so and they are working as they never worked before to roll up a majority for Senator Kittling and the stalwart state and congressional ticket. Not since the campaign of 1896 has there been such a hot fight in South Dakota. In that campaign the republicans were solidly arrayed against the democrats and populists, and a fusion, but in the present campaign the republican party is arrayed against itself and the factious are fighting each other with a fury never exhibited by them in the contests of past years with the democratic and populist factions.

NEW CREAMERY AT EMERY.

SIoux FALLS, S. D., June 2.—(Special.)—A new creamery has been completed at Emery, and this week the institution was placed in operation. The plant will be in charge of H. C. Schmitt, state of Iowa, who has been induced to go to the Emery and give the creamery and the stockholders the benefit of his many years' experience in the prosperity of the farmers of that vicinity and the business men of Emery is assured. The farmers have promised it loyal support.

Crop Conditions Excellent.

MITCHELL, S. D., June 2.—(Special.)—The crop conditions in this county show an improvement right along, notwithstanding the heavy rains of the past three weeks, the precipitation of which amounted to 5.33 inches, an exceptionally large amount for this section. Corn ground is under water to some extent, but it is believed that the rains will yield a better crop than without the assistance of so much moisture. Farmers in general feel very much encouraged over the situation.

Fire Department Equipped.

MITCHELL, S. D., June 2.—(Special.)—The city council is putting its fire department in fine shape to handle fires hereafter. A chemical wagon and team of horses have been purchased and the department house is being equipped with necessary paraphernalia that will enable the chemical wagon to be gotten out in a minute's time. Over \$2,500 will be expended to equip it.

Game Wardens to Get Busy.

SIoux FALLS, S. D., June 2.—(Special.)—Fish and game wardens in a number of counties of South Dakota are preparing to make an example of a number of persons, who are daily violating the state laws by fishing for bass and other protected fish and either selling them or shipping them out of the state. This is a clear violation of the state law.

PENNSYLVANIA HAS INCREASE

Net Earnings of System Show Million and a Quarter More.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., June 2.—The annual meeting of stockholders of the Pennsylvania company was held here today. The old board of directors was re-elected. The report for 1907 showed: Gross earnings, \$11,257,422; net increase over 1906 of \$2,396,242; operating expenses, \$8,861,180; net increase of \$2,440,892; increase \$1,254,115.

MORGAN'S ADVENTUROUS LIFE

Nebraska Who Died at Plattsmouth Had Vast Experience in Youth.

NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., June 2.—(Special.)—Thomas P. Morgan, who died at the Masonic home at Plattsmouth and was taken to Elmira for burial, has an interesting history. He was born at Elk, Monmouthshire, Wales, on November 1, 1822. He was an Eton graduate and a classmate of the late Prime Minister Salisbury, and studied music in Berlin, Germany and St. Petersburg.

After leaving college he entered the British navy and had many narrow escapes, being once run through with a saber and left on the field of battle for dead. He recovered, went to Russia as a spy for the English government and was in the Crimean war and there received two medals for bravery, one for untying his regiment from a tight place in which the enemy placed them, and another for carrying his wounded general from the field of battle across the firing line. He was once a messenger from the English ruler to the pope and his widow still retains some of the ivory figures, which the pope presented him and his commission. He was in India with a war vessel and was in charge of the blockade running vessel in another English engagement.

Mr. Morgan tired of military life and coming to this country, met and married his wife in New York City, who had crossed the ocean to be with him, she being of royal blood. He induced a large number of English families to come to this country and they settled near Palmyra and Unadilla. He was elected to a number of minor offices and in 1882 was elected county judge of this county and held that position several years. After serving his term in office he established the Palmyra Items and for many years was its publisher, and was also the publisher of the Syracuse Herald for a number of years. He was highly educated and a fine musician and wrote a large amount of music, which was published. In a large number of Catholic churches in this country, as well as in foreign countries, his masses are sung."

FLOODS IN MONTANA

Through Traffic Over Northern Pacific is Suspended.

BIG BREAKS IN THE TRACK

Extensive Damage Reported Along New Line of St. Paul.

HEAVY WATER AT ST. LOUIS

Mississippi River Within Four Inches of Danger Line.

Verdigris River is Rising Rapidly and Three Miles of Missouri Pacific Track Are Under Water.

ST. PAUL, Minn., June 2.—Through traffic over the Northern Pacific is suspended and at least four westbound Northern Pacific trains with their passengers are tied up at Billings, Mont., awaiting repairs on the track between that point and Butte, according to reports received at the general offices of the road today.

At two different points on the Bosman mountains heavy rains have caused serious washouts. In one place the track is torn up for a distance of 100 feet and in another for about eighty feet.

Crews of men have been rushed to the scene of the trouble and repair work is in progress, and it is expected that the line will again be open to traffic by Thursday morning.

Meantime the eastbound trains are being detoured by the way of Great Northern and are coming in considerably behind time. The last train to get through left here on May 29.

It is estimated that considerable damage has been done to the roadbed of the new Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul in Montana by the heavy rains and floods.

High Water at St. Louis. ST. LOUIS, June 2.—Apprehensive lest the Mississippi river, which tonight registers 24.4 feet, a rise of 3 feet in twenty-four hours, and is within 4 feet of the flood stage, will leave his banks, many farmers living in the lower portions of East St. Louis are abandoning their homes. A dozen blocks in East St. Louis are already surrounded by water and a further rise of three feet would do considerable damage.

Rain has been falling intermittently over this section of the country today and the Missouri and Illinois rivers are reported rising.

Below East St. Louis the Mississippi is going over its banks, but beyond flooding farm lands no serious damage has been done.

Floods Again in Kansas. INDEPENDENCE, Kan., June 2.—The heaviest rain of the season fell here today. The Verdigris river is rising at the rate of twenty-eight inches an hour and is almost certain to go out of its banks, causing heavy damage. A part of the low lying western section of the city is submerged and a number of families have been forced to move. The Missouri Pacific tracks near Casey are under water for about three miles. Trains on the road are being held here until the bridges can be inspected.

Three Drown at Mason City. MASON CITY, Ia., June 2.—Three men were drowned in this vicinity yesterday, one, B. W. Norton, while trying to swim Lins river on a horse, and two, Edward and William Williams, while performing the old stunt of rocking the boat.