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ROBBERS LOOT BANKS

Safes Blown at Keene and Gibbon, Neb., Netting $5,500.

SAFE GETAWAY WITH PLUNDER

Five Men in Party and They Travel in an Automobile.

TRACE LOST NEAR SHELTON

President of Gibbon Bank Held Up by the Robbers.

ALL CASH IN THE BANK TAKEN

At Keene Robbers Turn the Trick and Get Away Before Citizens Have an Opportunity to Interfere.

The Commercial bank of Gibbon and the Farmers & Merchants bank of Keene were robbed early Friday morning, the robbers in each case making their escape. The towns are thirty miles apart and it is possible men, who were seen in an automobile at Gibbon, may have done the two jobs, as the explosion at Keene did not disturb any person in the vicinity, and the exact time is not known. The bank at Gibbon sustained a loss of $2,500 and the bank at Keene $3,000. The sheriffs of all central Nebraska counties are busily engaged in a search for the men. Both banks are members of the Nebraska Bankers' association. Secretary W. B. Hughes has offered a reward of $500 for the capture of the robbers in each case. Both carried burglar insurance.

GIBBON, Neb., Dec. 18.—(Special Telegram.)—Robbers blew the safe of the Commercial bank here this morning about 2 o'clock and made away with about $2,500 of the bank's funds.

When the president, C. C. Holloway, heard that robbers were looting his bank, he hurriedly dressed and seizing a six-shooter started for the bank. He was met by a fusillade of shots from five men and was forced to cover.

Bloodhounds from Lexington are on the trail leading east and Sheriff Sammons is with the hounds. Reports have come in that five men in an automobile were seen north of Gibbon about the time of the robbery, and another report is that five men in an automobile were also seen south of Gibbon near that hour. Gibbon is the second station east of Kearney. The bank at Keene in Kearney county was also robbed last night, but no clew is found to that robbery. One theory is that the same set of men robbed both banks.

The exact hour of the robbery at Gibbon is known as the robbers worked between 1:30 and 2:30 o'clock. When Mr. Holloway was called to the bank shortly after 2 o'clock, two men were at work on the inside and three were standing guard on the outside and it was these three who opened fire upon Mr. Holloway when he appeared on the scene.

The trail of the robbers was lost near Shelton. Farmers, officers with bloodhounds and railway detectives joined in the pursuit. Union Pacific and Burlington detectives are working on the case.

Pursuit Slow in Starting.

GRAND ISLAND, Neb., Dec. 18.—(Special Telegram.)—The Lexington blood hounds were put on the trail of the Gibbon robbers this morning and at 11 o'clock were reported by G. T. Holloway, president of the bank, to have struck a trail.

Reports are confusing, however. Five men are reported to have been seen southeast of Gibbon making away in an automobile. While no chase was given by citizens, it is known the men left in an easterly direction.

Mr. Holloway states that all of the cash on hand was taken, but fortunately the funds were very low. The bank had just prepared to get in a shipment a few days later. A week earlier would have been much more unfortunate.

The safe was completely wrecked. About twenty-five citizens were kept at bay by the robbers by firing revolvers. The dogs were put on the job at 9 o'clock this morning, about eight hours after the robbery. This was the first attempt at a chase.

Work Done Quietly at Keene.

KEENE, Neb., Dec. 18.—(Special Telegram.)—The Farmers and Merchants bank of Keene was robbed this morning of $3,000 by men of whom there is no trace. The bank building was entered and the safe blown, the explosion being so muffled that persons living fifty feet from the bank building did not hear it. There is no clue to the robbers. Sheriff Ransom of Kearney county was notified as soon as the robbery was discovered and took steps to head off any suspicious characters who might be discovered in the country near Keene.

This is the third bank robbery in Kearney county in five years, and the second in three months, the bank of Heartwell having been robbed only recently.

The bank was insured for $4,000 against burglary by Martin Bros. of Omaha.

FORT SINKS OIL STEAMER

Burning Vessel Sent to Bottom of Bay at Singapore to Protect Shipping.

SINGAPORE, Dec. 18.—The burning oil ship Kalan Kaloma was bombarded by the harbor fort here today and finally sank with its hull riddled with solid shot. The flaming steamer, which hails from England, arrived in Singapore from New York two days ago with its cargo of case oil on fire. All attempts to extinguish the blaze were unsuccessful, and an effort was made to scuttle the vessel. This failed also, and the danger to shipping became serious. It was impossible to go near the craft because of the possibility of explosions, and finally the harbor agents appealed to the gunners of the fort, who sank the Kaloma with a few well directed solid shot from the fortifications' six-inch guns. The distance was two miles.

CONSTITUTION FOR CHINESE

Foreign Board Busy and Edicts Are Issued Covering the Local Situation.

PEKING, Dec. 18.—The Foreign board is again giving attention to the foreign business of the empire, which has been practically at a standstill during the twenty-seven days of mourning following the deaths of the emperor and the dowager empress.

Several imperial edicts have been issued recently covering the details of the project to bring China to a system of constitutional government in nine years.

SUMMARY OF THE BEE

Saturday, December 19, 1908.

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THE WEATHER.

FOR OMAHA, COUNCIL BLUFFS AND VICINITY—Fair Saturday.
FOR NEBRASKA—Fair Saturday.
FOR IOWA—Fair and warmer Saturday.
Temperature at Omaha yesterday:

Hour.	Deg.
6 a. m.	24
7 a. m.	23
8 a. m.	21
9 a. m.	19
10 a. m.	19
11 a. m.	23
12 m.	24
1 p. m.	24
2 p. m.	28
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DOMESTIC.

Robbers in an automobile held up the Farmers and Merchants bank of Keene and the Commercial bank of Gibbon yesterday morning, securing $5,500 in all. At Gibbon they held the citizens at bay while they looted the safe.

Southerners give President-elect Taft a hearty welcome at Augusta.

Judge Kunkel has sentenced four men implicated in the Pennsylvania capitol graft cases to two years in prison, with a $500 fine.

Passenger Traffic Manager Eustis, in the Missouri 2-cent fare and rate case, told the story of Nebraska's transportation charges.

A constitution has been promised for China in nine years, according to edicts that have been issued.

Members of the former Board of Control of Columbus have been sentenced to prison for accepting bribes.

Glass workers may strike at any time, as the situation in this trade is in the balance.

The canal investigating committee of the senate is ready to take up any line of inquiry congress may order.

It is believed that George W. Wickersham of New York will be offered the position of attorney general by President-elect Taft.

A sensational suit for damages was instituted yesterday in Baltimore against Rector R. S. Coupland of the Episcopal church.

Congressman Hull hopes during the holiday recess to settle the friction between the authorities of Des Moines and officers and men of the Second cavalry.

FOREIGN.

The impression is growing that President Castro has been running away from trouble and does not intend to return.

Wilbur Wright made a new world's record for length of duration in the air with his aeroplane at Lemans.

LOCAL.

Live stock day proves to be the biggest one yet at the National Corn exposition.

Local Grand Army of the Republic men planning to tender a reception to Commander-in-Chief Nevius.

Bill being prepared for introduction into the legislature for a municipal court to supercede the justices of the peace.

Recent grand jury costs the county over $3,000.

SPORT.

Cornhusker foot ball squad in a deadlock over captain for next year's eleven.

COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL.

Live stock markets.
Grain markets.
Stocks and bonds.

MOVEMENTS OF OCEAN STEAMSHIPS.

Port.	Arrived.	Sailed.
NEW YORK	Perugia	La Bretagne
QUEENSTOWN	Cymric	Adriatic
NAPLES	Romanic	
SOUTHAMPTON	Majestic	
GLASGOW	California	

GLASS WORKERS MAY STRIKE

Wage Condition Serious in Center of Producing District—Men Demand Increase.

HARTFORD CITY, Ind., Dec. 18.—Indications now point either to a capitulation on the part of the National Window Glass Workers' association or one of the biggest strikes known to the window glass trade for years. The going into effect of the new wage scale has been postponed from December 19 to December 22. At Columbus, O., all the window glass manufacturers in the country will meet to take action on the scale. So far as known only two concerns have signified their intention of paying the new scale.

Manufacturers say they have many orders on their books at prices now prevailing. The new scale would cause them to lose thousands of dollars. Apparently the solution is the formation of the project to organize all the hand-operated factories and give the workers an increase in wages. It is generally agreed that wages are too low, but, on the other hand, it is said the selling prices will not permit an increase at this time. The conditions are said to be due to the efforts of the co-operatives to undersell the market and the competition of the machine.

PUBLISHERS COME INTO COURT

Men Sued by John D. Rockefeller Surrender and Are Paroled by the Judge.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Bradford Merrill, who is accused jointly with S. S. Carvalho and Edward H. Clark, all officers of the Star Publishing company, which publishes William R. Hearst's newspaper, The American, surrendered himself at the Tombs police court today to answer the charge of criminal libel against him preferred by John D. Rockefeller, jr. He was paroled until December 26, when the case against Carvalho is to be heard. The magistrate was told that Clark is in California, but expects to be here when the cases are called.

WRIGHT SETS A NEW RECORD

Stays in Air with His Aeroplane for Nearly Two Hours at Lemans.

LEMANS, France, Dec. 18.—Wilbur Wright, the American aeroplanist of Dayton, O., established a new world's record for heavier-than-air machines today while trying for the Michelin cup, remaining in the air one hour fifty-three minutes and fifty-nine seconds. The best previous record is one hour thirty-one minutes and fifty-one seconds, which Mr. Wright made on September 21.

HULL IN PEACEMAKER ROLE

Hopes to Settle Clash Between Military and Civil Authorities.

ALSO AFTER HEADQUARTERS

Ambassador Bryce Invited to Address McKinley Club Banquet and Indications Are that He Will Accept.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—(Special Telegram.) — Congressman Hull, chairman of the military affairs committee of the house, expects to spend the holidays in Des Moines and while there will inquire closely as to the constant stories he is hearing of friction between the people of Des Moines and the Second cavalry.

It has come to the attention of the War department that the officers and men of the Second cavalry, stationed at Fort Des Moines, feel they are being persecuted by the police of Iowa's capitol city. That instead of consideration being shown the men who go into town of an evening and imbibe too freely at the liquor joints in Des Moines, the police, instead of pointing the way to the fort, which owes its creation to the pertinacity of Captain Hull, throw the offenders into jail and immediately there comes a clash between the civil and military authorities. These things are most embarrassing to the representative of the Seventh district and he proposes to go home and try to straighten up existing conditions. Captain Hull hopes to bring about a better understanding between the men of the Second cavalry and the people of Des Moines.

Hull After Headquarters.

All this brings up the subject of Captain Hull's desire to remove the headquarters of the Department of the Missouri from Omaha to Des Moines. Of course, there is no legitimate reason for this change, but Hull believes that it might strengthen him in Des Moines if the change proposed was brought about. To the Bee representative Captain Hull said today he believed in a general rearrangement of the military departments. He has a scheme to reduce two or three of the present departments and making four general divisions to be presided over by senior brigadiers, or, if necessary, a major general, with substations at places where conditions demand.

Bryce May Visit Omaha.

Senator Brown this morning accompanied Isadore Ziegler to the British embassy, where the latter extended an invitation to Mr. James Bryce to attend the annual banquet of the McKinley club of Omaha. While not at present able to definitely accept or decline it seemed to be the impression gained by Senator Brown and Mr. Zeigler that Ambassador Bryce would accept.

Later in the day Senator Brown accompanied Mr. Zeigler to the supreme court, where, upon motion of the senator, Mr. Zeigler was admitted to practice.

Minor Matters at Capital.

Senator Brown today advised that the pension of John Stern, 3017 Franklin street, Omaha, recently suspended upon certain technicalities had been reissued at $12 per month.

Congressman Pollard has secured an old iron cannon now at the government arsenal, San Antonio, Texas, for Nebraska City. The gun will be shipped to the park commissioners, who will place it in one of the city parks.

Representative Pollard left this afternoon for his home at Nehawka to spend the Christmas holidays.

W. W. Woods, register of the land office at Alliance, Neb., left for home this afternoon.

Postal Appointments.

Arthur J. Hughes of Montrose, R. F. Fredericksen of Oldham, W. R. McGee of Wessington Springs and W. G. Ruggles of Cavour, S. D., have been appointed railway mail clerks.

Rural carriers appointed: Nebraska—Ansley, route 2, Joseph C. Hyatt, carrier; E. B. Hyatt, substitute. Elgin, route 1, Jesse U. Grant, carrier; E. L. Grant, substitute. Grand Island, route 4, Edgar M. Wyatt, carrier; Raymond Morrison, substitute. Hartington, route 4, Edwin L. Macrill, carrier; Seymour N. Davis, substitute. Norfolk, route 4, George M. Farley, carrier; Curtis L. Daniels, substitute. Reynolds, route 1, William P. Wolcott, carrier; C. N. Wolcott, substitute. Superior, route 1, Samuel W. Thomas, carrier; James Thomas, substitute. Wisner, route 5, Michael A. Miknelsen, carrier; Harry H. Pylman, substitute. Iowa—Vincent, route 1, John Koena, carrier; John P. Kelly, substitute. South Dakota—Beresford, route 4, Willis Pierce, carrier; Willis Graham, substitute.

Postmasters appointed: Nebraska—Rollwitz, Dundee county, Elmer S. Prather, vice L. C. Wiley, resigned. Wyoming—Crowheart, Fremont county, George H. Pritchett, vice N. I. Keenan, resigned.

Inaugural Committee.

Speaker Cannon today announced the following as the representatives of the house on the inaugural committee: Messrs. Burke (Pa.), Young (Mich.) and Gaines (Tenn.).

CASTRO RUNS FROM TROUBLE

Belief in Germany Venezuelan President Took Time by the Forelock in Leaving.

BERLIN, Dec. 18.—Both the German Foreign office and President Castro discredit the report that Venezuela has declared war against the Netherlands. The Foreign office takes the ground that even if hostilities have been declared the declaration cannot become effective because Venezuela is in no position to carry a campaign beyond its own borders and Holland will not exceed the limits of its retaliatory course as already fixed and known to the United States.

The feeling is also growing here that President Castro left South America not because of illness, but to escape the political turmoil, and that he has no intention of ever returning. The German government has information stating that it is uncertain whether Vice President Gomez will become president of the republic or whether a provisional government will be organized under another head. Gomez is believed still to be true to Castro.

President Castro still persists in giving out denials that any trouble occurred in Caracas December 14, when an infuriated mob made a demonstration against the absent president and his followers.

Castro is to be transferred to Prof. Israel's private sanitarium Sunday for a week of observation to determine whether an operation is necessary. Senora Castro and part of her husband's suite will also enter the hospital with the president. The entire first floor has been engaged for them.

In the Tariff Revision Shop—No Calls for a Close Shave.

From the Minneapolis Journal.

WICKERSHAM IN THE CABINET

Statement that New York Lawyer Will Be Attorney General.

KNOX IS CONSIDERING OFFER

Pennsylvania Senator Will Probably Be Secretary of State—Judge Ballenger for the Interior Department.

BULLETIN.

AUGUSTA, Ga., Dec. 18.—President-elect Taft tonight announced the appointment of United States Senator Philander C. Knox of Pennsylvania as secretary of state in his cabinet. The announcement followed the receipt by Mr. Taft of a telegram conveying the information from Mr. Knox that he would accept the premiership of the Taft cabinet.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—That President-elect Taft has selected George W. Wickersham of the New York law firm of Strong & Cadwalader to be attorney general in his cabinet was learned today from a source that is regarded as reliable.

Mr. Wickersham is known in this city chiefly through his connection in a legal capacity with the great underground system of transportation. Ever since August Belmont began work on the subway eight years ago, Mr. Wickersham, as representative of the firm of Strong & Cadwalader, has had general supervision over the legal question in connection with the undertaking.

After the completion of the tunnel work he was counsel for the Interborough Rapid Transit company, which operates the subway and elevated lines of the city. Prior to the recent election he resigned that position. Mr. Wickersham was counsel for the receiver of the Knickerbocker Trust company until its reopening. He was graduated from Princeton university with the class of '80.

Wickersham Well Qualified.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—It has been known here for several days that the name of George W. Wickersham of New York, has been under consideration by President-elect Taft for the post of attorney general. Among others consulted by Mr. Taft concerning Mr. Wickersham's qualifications was Senator Knox, former attorney general of the United States, who is believed to be the choice of Mr. Taft for the post of secretary of state. Senator Knox declined to discuss the question in any way, but it is understood he endorsed Mr. Wickersham fully and argued that a man of sufficient capabilities in the legal profession for the attorney generalship could not be found unless taken from the list of those who have had some experience as corporation lawyers.

The important office of secretary of state under the incoming administration is still unfilled. The exigencies of Pennsylvania politics have led Senator Knox to enter into earnest conference with his friends regarding the answer he shall make to the invitation of the president-elect to become his secretary of state. Up to this moment the senator has not yet reached a decision so far as can be ascertained. For some time it has been rumored that President-elect Taft had in mind the appointment of either Senator Knox or former Senator John C. Spooner.

While in Washington last week Mr. Taft told several of his close advisers that if he could fill to his entire satisfaction the position of secretary of state, secretary of the navy and attorney general he would not be at all disturbed by the difficulty of getting suitable appointees for the remaining positions. It is generally believed here that an Ohio man will be selected for secretary of the treasury.

Ballinger for Interior.

No name except that of Judge Richard A. Ballinger of Seattle, Wash., former commissioner of the general land office, is heard here in connection with the secretaryship of the Interior department, and it is thought that he stands an excellent show for this place.

It was stated at the capitol that Mr. Taft is looking for a man to take the war portfolio who has had sufficient experience to work out the reorganization scheme put into force by Mr. Root while he was at the head of that department. It is said that Mr. Taft has several men in mind, but is not ready to make a selection.

It is known that at one time Mr. Taft had in mind the selection of Charles A. Thompson of New York to be secretary of the navy. Whether the appointment of Mr. Wickersham will interfere with this idea is not known, but it is not likely that more than two men will be drawn from New York state.

The position of secretary of commerce and labor has been mentioned to a great extent and in some quarters it is thought probable that Secretary Straus, who also is from New York, will be continued in that post for a time at least.

Medical Society Meeting.

YANKTON, S. D., Dec. 18.—(Special.)—The Eighth District Medical society, a branch of the state association, gathered in this city at the city hall on Thursday afternoon for the annual session, the chief business of which was the election of officers. Dr. S. M. Hohf of this city was selected president, J. L. Stewart of Irene vice president and Dr. F. L. Beal, also of Irene, was re-elected secretary-treasurer.

PROGRAM.

Ak-Sar-Ben Day, Saturday.

IN CONCERT HALL.

10 a. m.—Music by George Green and his band.
Intermezzo—Rainbow (Indian)...Wenrich
Selections—The Sultan of Sulu..... ..... Ade-Wathall
Thesis Danse (characteristique)...Losey
March—The Free Lance.....Sousa
Selection—The Sunny South.....Lampke
Manzano (Spanish intermezzo)...Brooks
Waltz—The Jolly Dutchman....Bennett
It Looks Like a Big Night Tonight .....Williams and Van Alstyne
The Glow Worm (an idyll).....Lincke
Medley Selection (old-fashioned)..Calvin
Patrol—The Guard Mount....Ellenberg
Grand Finale (on national airs)..Lampe

Afternoon.

IN CONCERT HALL.

Address by Hon. William J. Bryan.
2 p. m.—President G. W. Wattles will have charge of the program. A committee of reception will attend.

Evening.

8 p. m.—Members of Clan Gordon No. 93, Order of Scottish Clans, will give an entertainment, consisting of the following program. Mr. James C. Lindsay, master of ceremonies:
Dance—Highland Fling, by Misses Britton, Binkley, Hislop and Watson, pupils of Pipe Major George W. McDougall.
Song—"Battle of Stirling Bridge," R. G. Watson, chief.
Bagpipe Solo—"Cock of the North," William H. Wallace.
Song—"Here's a Health, Bonnie Scotland," Mrs. H. W. Pitt.
Dance—"Sword Dance," Pipe Major George W. McDougall and pupils.

IN CONCERT HALL—INDIAN WEDDING.

9 p. m.—Marriage of Nab-Chah-Wee (Chief Woman) and Wak-te-Gli (Kills and Comes Back). Royal Indian ceremony. Twenty-five Indian courtiers in costume. Coronation of "King Corn" and "Queen Alfalfa." Solo by Indian maiden in typical costume. Short talk by an Indian orator. Appropriate Indian music. Address by Hon. Carl Herring, illustrating the significance of the occasion.
Grand piano furnished by A. Hospe.

MOVING PICTURE THEATER FREE.

Ak-Sar-Ben's Daylight Parade; Night Floats; Scenes at Carnival Grounds; A Day at W. R. Peet's Dairy Farm, Near Benson; Panorama—Sixteenth and Douglas Street; London, the World's Metropolis; A Trolley Ride on Farnam Street; Scenes Along the Coast of Brittany.

MODEL KITCHEN PROGRAM.

8:30 to 10:30 a. m.—Laboratory.
2 p. m.—Baking contest.

EUSTIS GIVES NEBRASKA STORY

Burlington's Passenger Traffic Manager Gives the History of Transportation Charges.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 18.—A long array of statistics and figures that have been told and retold in the Missouri rate case hearing are being given a temporary rest by P. S. Eustis, passenger traffic manager of the Burlington railroad system, who resumed the witness stand this morning.

Mr. Eustis told of the railroading days in Nebraska in the seventies, when the passenger rate was 5 cents per mile and the law makers had never dreamed of telling the transportation companies what they should charge. To induce settlement of land given them by the government, the railroads carried homeseekers and their goods to the country free of cost, said Mr. Eustis, and later the roads of their own volition reduced the passenger rate to 4 cents a mile. In 1882 the state legislature, composed in part of some of the early homeseekers, demanded a further reduction, and later, Nebraska fell in line with the other states and now has a 2-cent passenger law. The witness further said it now costs 50 per cent more to handle state than interstate traffic.

SUSPECT HELD IN SIOUX CITY

Omaha Milliner Identifies Goods Taken from Store Here Last October.

SIOUX CITY, Ia., Dec. 18.—(Special Telegram.)—J. J. McMahon of the McMahon Millinery company of Omaha, this morning identified C. W. Silvers as a man who visited his store the day before a burglary in which some valuable plumes were taken. The plumes found in the room of Silvers and Phil Mauve in Sioux City were identified by McMahon as resembling a part of the stolen stock. The picture of Mauve has been identified by a woman clerk in the Continental block, Omaha, as that of a man who visited the place on the date of a burglary there.

Mauve is declared to be an Omaha man whose real name is "Bud" Ginsler. They may be taken to Omaha to stand trial.

The robbery referred to occurred last October abd between $500 and $600 worth of plumes were taken. Thursday Mr. McMahon received word from the Sioux City police that they had a suspect and Mr. McMahon went to the Iowa city to identify the man.

BRIBERY BRINGS PRISON TERM

Former Member of Columbus Board of Control Sentenced to Four Years.

COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 18.—Fred Lied, formerly member of the Columbus Board of Control, was sentenced to four years in the penitentiary today by Judge Rogers for accepting a bribe from Nelson Cannon, local representative of the Trinidad Paving company of Cleveland, in connection with the East Broad street paving.

Fred Emmel, another former member of the Board of Control, is serving a term in the penitentiary.

DEMOCRATS IN EVIDENCE

Legislators Confer and Candidates for Clerk Are Busy.

MULLEN GIVEN A CALLDOWN

Democratic Member from Clay County Says County Option Will Be a Big Factor in Organization of Legislature.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

LINCOLN, Dec. 18.—(Special.)—With Cone to the right of them, Richmond to the left of them, Cone to the front of them, Richmond to the rear of them, a bunch of the unterrified from the Fourth Congressional district met at the Lincoln hotel this afternoon to discuss legislative ways and means and pave the way for Victor Wilson of Stromsberg to be chairman of the committee on banking.

Cone and Richmond, or Richmond and Cone, to be fair to both, each desires to be chief clerk of the house. So that is why Cone was to the right of them, Richmond to the left of them, Cone to the front of them, Richmond to the rear of them and the reverse. Those at the meeting, which was called by Mr. Wilson for the "reported" purpose of submitting the draft of a banking bill, were Representatives Broderick of Clay, Lux of Butler, Murphy of Fillmore, Gregg of Platte, who strolled over from the Third district, and possibly one or two more. Mr. Clancy of the Union Pacific remained at the Lindell hotel during the meeting, after which he went to the state house on official business, without having received a report of the session, which was executive. The fact that Mr. Clancy had been in Lincoln all night is not material, so the legislators indicated.

But back to the real story. Never in the history of Nebraska politics have two men put in a more strenuous day than did Cone and Richmond. To get legislators away from each other and from visitors in the hotel lobby these two worthy patriots thought nothing of dislocating an arm at the shoulder; they paid no attention when ears stretched clear out of all reason; not a bit of it.

"I thought you had the job nailed down," said a member to Cone, after being dragged across the lobby.

"I have," replied the Saunders county soldier, "and I want to keep it that way."

Just then Richmond ripped up one corner of the lid and Cone flew over to Richmond's convert. And thus was the fight kept up until the members retired behind closed doors.

Reason for Meeting.

The Fourth district members met, Mr. Wilson explained, simply to listen to him discuss a banking bill so that he could get pointers. Then, besides, he said, the Fourth district had no candidate for speaker or clerk or any other office, so it was agreed that they should meet and form a close corporation, though he did not mention that closed corporation.

Mr. Wilson has a plan for a new banking law of which the guaranty of deposits is only an incident, he said. He would levy a tax on the banks to create a fund, beginning the first year with a levy of one-half of 1 per cent and follow that with an annual levy of one-tenth of 1 per cent until the fund equaled 1 per cent of the total deposits of the state. He would limit the number of assessments which could be made on a bank to 3 per cent of the deposits in one year.

He would have 25 per cent of the deposits paid out when the bank failed and then depositors should be given receiver's certificates for the remainder. These certificates, he said, should draw 7 per cent interest and run probably for one year. Any bank, he figured, would cash the certificates. In the matter of a commission of bankers to enforce the law he endorsed Governor-elect Shallenberger's plan, and in addition he would give each bank examiner a clerk to check over the books and thus clave the examiner fre to look after the bank's securities.

Mr. Wilson announced that he desired to be a member of the committee on banking.

Mullen is Called Down.

It is the democratic party against Arthur Mullen. Or, rather, the new oil inspector to be has found opposition in his endeavor to manage the whole works.

It is reported on the most reliable authority that Governor-elect Shallenberger has spanked Mr. Mullen right good for his interference with things legislative, and looked at him in a very grieved way for asking for so many jobs for his family.

There is no doubt about the spanking part of it. Mr. Mullen was called on the carpet after he had sent out letters in favor of Henry of Holt for speaker of the house and had started a ball rolling in his favor and Shallenbreger called him down. It is possible that this has made Mullen draw in his horns regarding the election of a speaker, but none of the other candidates for this place believe it.

But Mullen has demonstrated he is a fighter. He, so it is told, even went so far as to say, "Either take Henry of Holt or it will be up to Mr. Shallenberger to sign or veto a county option bill." This, of course, would be embarrassing to Mr. Shallenberger. At the same time it puts Mr. Henry up against a hard proposition. It would look, if that report about the threat is true, that Mullen would have the

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LIVE STOCK DAY HUMS

One of the Acmes of the National Corn Exposition.

TODAY TO OUTSTRIP ALL RECORDS

Finale of Great Show is to Come with Fine Display.

SHALLENBERGER ONE OF ORATORS

Governor-elect Makes Address at Live Stock Men's Meeting.

DR. MILLER ON WINTER WHEAT

One of the Men Who Early Saw Possibilities of Nebraska's Soil—Wattles and Prof. Montgomery Speak.

ATTENDANCE.

*First day	12,506
*Second day	11,037
*Third day	10,216
Fourth day	7,790
Fifth day (Sunday)	4,427
*Sixth day	13,549
Seventh day	9,647
Eighth day	10,230
Ninth day	9,240

*Includes free admissions of school children.

One of the biggest and most interesting days of the Corn show was Live Stock Day, Friday, which was full of vim and vigor and brought together many of the leading live stock men of the central west and the leaders of the great live stock industry of South Omaha and Omaha. It led up well to the great finale today, which is expected to outstrip any day yet. Concert hall was crowded at the opening of the morning meeting, those present including not only officers of the great packing house industries of South Omaha, members of the Live Stock exchange, but also representatives from the great packing houses and exchanges from all parts of the west. There was also a big sprinkling of live stock raisers from the ranges in Wyoming, Nebraska, Colorado, the Dakotas, Montana and Idaho.

Governor-elect Shallenberger was the principal speaker at the live stock men's meeting in concert hall in the afternoon. In the forenoon Dr. George L. Miller, a winter wheat pioneer, had made an interesting address on "Winter Wheat," Prof. A. G. Montgomery of Lincoln and Gurdon W. Wattles spoke on other subjects and, all told, the day was great in speeches alone.

Shallenberger Begins at Dogs.

Governor-elect Shallenberger said his interest in animals began in dogs and had kept up all his life until now he is intensely interested in live stock.

"I assure you that I see but an honor in the invitation to talk to you here upon this subject of the live stock interests in Nebraska, which my talk will lead up to. I have been interested in the live stock industry since my boyhood; in fact, I have been an admirer of domestic animals from my boyhood up. I began with dogs, and have experimented wth all kinds, from racehorses up, or down, to goats, and I want to inform any lodge men who may be here, that if you have any lodge goats in Omaha, to have them properly trained.

"I was interested in what Mrs. MacMurphy told us about the new invention, the fireless cooker. Now, I have had experiences with all varieties of cooks, and they are dangerous. The cooker of which Mrs. MacMurphy speaks is not dangerous as regards fire, but the varieties I have known are most dangerous when there is no fire.

"I have had the opportunity of looking over your corn show, for a moment, and I was very much pleased with it. But I was more pleased to know that we will have the honor of having it next year. In speaking with your mayor about it, he said, that splendid as it was in 1908, in 1909 it would far surpass this.

"And I was reminded of an Irish lad of whom the story is told that during a war with England, he was forced, by the advent of some English soldiers, to hide. He was in love with an Irish maid, but Pat could never get courage enough to propose. While in hiding, his sweetheart brought food for him each day, and one day Pat gained courage, he knew not how, to propose to her and to print a kiss on her lips. Then said she: 'Well, if this is war, Pat, pray that there'll be no peace.' So when I see what a wonderful show you have, I wonder what it will be as time passes, and it grows more and more wonderful each year.

"My subject is a varied one. It treats, you will notice, of the packer, the commission man and the farmer. Some people have the idea that there is a difference in their aims. But there is none.

"There is a boy in our neighborhood who took a notion to have a corn show of his own. He had a small patch of corn, which he tended very carefully, and one day when he was working in it, one of these shiftless, do-nothing men, who think that any old corn is good enough to plant, came along, and hitching his chin over the top rail of the fence, began to talk to the boy. 'That corn is kinder yaller.' 'Yep,' says the boy; 'I planted yellow corn.' 'It don't look like more than half a crop.' 'Well, that's the way pap plants corn, on halves.' 'Say, boy, there ain't much 'tween you and a fool is there?' Then the boy, exasperated by the questions, snapped out, 'Only the fence.' There isn't even the fence between the interests of the packer, the commission man and the farmer.

State Lives by the Farm.

"Nebraska as a state, occupies a peculiar position. We are the only state in the forty-six where the people are almost absolutely dependent upon agriculture. We have no mines, either gold, iron, coal or other valuable products. We have no forests where we could get timber. In fact, trees are so precious with us, and esteemed so much for their beauty, that we will not cut them down. We have no manufacturing interests, or at the most, very small ones. We are a people of the soil, and gain our living by tilling it, and I think it makes of us a better, stronger, sweeter people.

"The packer is assisting both farmer and commission man by creating a market both at home and abroad. Study the table of values of American products, both those consumed at home and those exported, and you will find that more than half of the total values is due to agriculture. Of this total agricultural values, two-thirds is due to Nebraska alone. Just study this over for a few minutes, and see what opportunities lie in your state. Corn is grown, primarily, to feed stock, which in turn is used to feed the people. Thus agriculture

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