

Nebraska
Seventy Populists
Hold Convention
in Lincoln Today

Second Time Party Has Met Apart
from Democrats—Wor Horses Hi-
larious Over Dahlgren's Defeat.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)
LINCOLN, July 25.—(Special Telegram.)—
In the neighborhood of seventy populists
gathered here today for the second state
convention in their history held apart from
the democrats. Harmony is present among
the grizzled veterans and there is promise
of nothing to break it, unless the long ex-
pected fight against the present state
chairman, C. B. Minkler of Kearney, crys-
tallizes.

KICK OF MULE PROVES FATAL

William A. McCaslin, Fairbury
Farmer, Injured by Animal
Last Week's Dead.

FAIRBURY, Neb., July 25.—(Special.)—
William A. McCaslin, a well-known farmer
living in the north part of this county,
died early Monday from the effects of in-
juries sustained last Wednesday by being
kicked by a vicious mule. Mr. McCaslin
was entering the barn when the animal
planted both feet in his abdomen with ter-
rific force. Dr. Anderson was summoned
from Fairbury and gave treatment, but it
was realized that Mr. McCaslin was seriously
injured internally and stood slim chances
of recovering from the accident. Saturday
he rallied and encouraging reports were
telephoned to his friends in Fairbury. How-
ever, the change for the worse came Sun-
day and he finally passed away.

Company H in Camp

OSCEOLA, Neb., July 25.—(Special.)—
Company H of the First Nebraska started
out this morning for a week's camping in
the country six miles north of Osceola.
The time will be spent in target practice
and regular drills. Captain E.
C. Allen is in charge of the men and has
a nicely located camp ground on the farm
of Charles Dunn. Major Penn of the regu-
lar army and Captain Kesterson of the
Second regiment and at present the acting
adjutant general of the Nebraska Guards,
arrived here last evening and will remain
with the company until the latter part of
this week.

Crete Boosters Organize

CRETE, Neb., July 25.—(Special.)—A
Crete boosters' club or business men's or-
ganization was formed last night at the
city hall. It is to take the place of the
lifeless Commercial club, the name and
office of which it may assume later. W. E.
Jilson was elected temporary chairman
and Mr. R. C. Shepherd temporary secre-
tary. Mr. Jilson set forth the advantages
and purposes of such a club, after which
there was a general discussion. A com-
mittee of three—Messrs. A. Dreda, Ben
Miller and McCoy—was appointed by the
chairman to draw up a constitution and
nominate the permanent officers. The next
meeting is to be held Saturday evening at
8:30 at the city hall.

Flood Damage in Polk County

OSCEOLA, Neb., July 25.—(Special.)—As
a result of the high water in Polk county
on Saturday night and Sunday morning
there was more damage done than was at
first believed. James Bell had over 2,000
bushels of wheat and corn that was water-
logged in the basement of his elevator, and
the pit of both the Omaha and Peterson
companies were filled with water. The Osceola
flouring mill also lost some by the water. The Union Pacific railroad for a

Detailed Census of Nebraska Counties.

Table with 4 columns: County, 1910, 1900, 1890, 1880. Rows include Thomas County, Corns precinct, Dismal precinct, Natlek precinct, Norfolk precinct, Seneca precinct, Theford precinct.

Kick of Horse
May Result Fatally

Elwood Thomas of Broken Bow Se-
riously Injured by Young Animal
—Boy Has Knee Cap Broken.

BROKEN BOW, Neb., July 25.—(Special.)—
Elwood Thomas, who lives nine miles
west of Broken Bow, was kicked by a
horse Saturday while plowing corn and
the accident may result fatally. Thomas
is about 50 years old and when a tug be-
came loosened he walked around a young
horse, which was frightened by a threshing
machine and kicked Mr. Thomas in the
face and in the right side. He became
very ill and was in critical condition,
but is resting easier at this time and may
recover.

FAIRBURY STATION BURNED

Rock Island Passenger Depot Totally
Destroyed Monday After-
noon.

FAIRBURY, Neb., July 25.—(Special.)—
The Rock Island passenger station which
was erected in 1887, when the Rock
Island was first built through Fairbury,
caught fire at 4 p. m. Monday and burnt
to the ground. An effort was made by the
Rock Island department to save the build-
ing, but the fire had gained considerable
headway and only the platform was saved.
The fire was first discovered in the roof
where the baggage room and it is thought
matches in the room caused the blaze.
Although the building burned quickly,
Agent F. D. Bradley and a force of Rock
Island employees succeeded in saving all the
furniture in a large ticket desk, were saved.
Mr. Bradley is at a loss to account for the
fire. The local Horton-Nelson passenger
train was standing near the station and
two of the coaches caught fire. They were
damaged to the extent of \$100. The build-
ing was covered by insurance. It is
thought the Rock Island officials will com-
mence the erection at once of a modern
station. For several years past the Com-
mercial club of Fairbury, embracing the
Rock Island, Burlington and St. Joseph &
Grand Island railroads.

Little and Touchard
Beat Wright and Niles

New York Men on the Longwood
Court Defeat the Crack Players
of Boston.

BOSTON, July 25.—The east will be repre-
sented at Chicago next month in the
four-cornered struggle for the right to
challenge for the national lawn tennis
championship on the doubles by Raymond
D. Little and Gustave F. Touchard of New
York, who today won the finals in the
double event at Longwood against B. C.
Wright and N. W. Niles of Boston by a
score of 6-4, 6-4, 7-5.

WALKS STREETS THREE DAYS
WITHOUT FOOD OR SLEEP

Frank J. Clark Finally Lands at Po-
lice Station and Falls Asleep
Telling His Story.

His face was drawn and a man who
save his name as Frank J. Clark, stag-
gered into the police station late last night
and asked that he might sleep on a wooden
bench in the hall. Almost as he asked his
head fell on the sergeant's desk in sleep.
His actions caused the police to question
him, and in answering he said he had
walked the streets for three days without
food or sleep. From his actions the police
could tell his hunger and sleepiness had
overcome his pride and a collection was
taken for him. A glass of milk and a
sandwich were given him but the man
was unable to retain the food. Clark ex-
plained that he had recently come to
Omaha in search of work. He had been
employed at the Baldwin Iron works which
closed down recently and had once worked
at the Thomas automobile factory as a
mechanical engineer. In getting his late his-
tory, Sergeant Marshall was forced occa-
sionally to shake Clark to keep him awake.
He was put to bed in the matron's quar-
ters.

GERMANY SAID TO FAVOR
NEW ARBITRATION TREATY

Government Finishes Study of Docu-
ment and Formulates Reply to
Washington.

BERLIN, July 25.—The German govern-
ment has finished its study of the Ameri-
can-German arbitration treaty proposals
and formulated its comment thereupon,
which comment has been forwarded to
Washington as a basis of negotiations.
An official statement of the nature of the
German views on the treaty has been here,
but there is reason to believe, as earlier
stated, that they are favorable.

DEATH RECORD.

CHARLES WEAH.
CRETE, Neb., July 25.—(Special.)—Charles
Weah, an old settler here in the
early '80s with his family from Iowa, died
at the old homestead near Crete Friday,
aged 72 years and 11 months. He leaves a
wife, three sons and two daughters, all in
comfortable circumstances. The funeral
took place from the German Evangelical
church in this city today.

Excitement Kills John.

FORT DODGE, Ia., July 25.—(Special
Telegram.)—Charles John this afternoon,
while arguing the question of the issuance
of \$25,000 bonds for municipal water-
power filtration system, fell dead. Excite-
ment caused heart failure.

Arrest in Sioux Falls
Shooting Mystery

J. G. Walters, Prominent Business
Man, is Charged with Attempt
to Kill Mrs. Blefus.

SIoux FALLS, S. D., July 25.—(Special.)—
A decided sensation was created here
when J. G. Walters, a prominent business
man, was arrested on the charge of assault
with a dangerous weapon with intent to kill
growing out of the firing of three shots
late Saturday evening at Mrs. Sarah Blefus
and her mother, Mrs. Juliette Flanagan,
while the former was accompanying her
mother for the purpose of spending the
night with her. Mrs. Flanagan, who is
the widow of a former guard at the
Sioux Falls penitentiary, is the matron of
that institution and has living apartments
within the walls. The assailant of the
women fired two shots at them, and then
turned and grasped Mrs. Blefus, putting
an arm around the woman's neck. Then he
placed the muzzle of the revolver in her
mouth and pulled the trigger.
Through some unexplained circumstance
the gun slipped from the intended victim's
mouth and the injuries sustained consist
of a badly powder-burned face and mouth.
At first it was believed Mrs. Blefus had

JAMES KEELEY ON THE STAND

General Manager of Chicago Tribune
Before the Senatorial Committee.
TELLS OF DEAL IN DEMO VOTES

He Says Hines Threatened to Sue the
Tribune for Libel if It Printed
Anything that Reflected
on Him.

WASHINGTON, July 25.—A detailed ac-
count of a plot to attempt to buy enough
democratic votes in the Illinois legislature
to re-elect Albert J. Hopkins to the senate,
was told on the witness stand yesterday be-
fore the senate Lorimer committee by
James Keeley, general manager of the
Chicago Tribune.

It was the sensation of a day of sena-
tors in the hearing. It followed Mr.
Keeley's testimony as to how he happened
to buy the confession of Charles A. White,
the legislator, whose story about graft at
Springfield resulted in the Lorimer investi-
gation. It was subsequent testimony by
Edward Hines, that Henry S. Boutell, now
American minister to Switzerland, told him
President Taft would assist in the elec-
tion of Lorimer to the senate.

Mr. Hines had been placed on the stand
today to tell about visits he paid last
winter to E. H. Gary, R. S. Lovett, suc-
cessor to E. H. Herrington, J. S. Bache &
Co., and others in New York. None of
these visits, the witness claimed, had any-
thing to do with the Lorimer case.

Mr. Keeley said that he knew about the
Hopkins story was obtained from Clif-
ford Raymond, then representing the Tri-
bune at Springfield, and Ira C. Copley,
representative in congress from Aurora, Ill.
He testified that Charles Wheeler, an-
other Chicago newspaperman at Spring-
field, came to Raymond during the leg-
islative session in 1909 and told him a story
which Speaker Shurtieff had personally
requested it not be printed. What Raymond
had told Mr. Keeley, the witness testified,
Raymond had been told by Wheeler. Mr.
Keeley said:

"Raymond told me that the story was
that on a certain night, Speaker Shurtieff,
Dan Shanahan and some others, whose
names I do not recall, met in a certain
room in the St. Nicholas hotel in Spring-
field, and that that meeting was caused
by a report being received that a certain
man had come to Springfield to buy cer-
tain democratic votes on a certain day for
Hopkins.

"That Representatives John C. Werdell
and Anton Cedmak, were called in and
that Speaker Shurtieff told them he knew
what they were doing. That an attempt
was being made to buy democratic votes,
and he read them a list of fifteen or
twenty men, who were to be bought and
the prices that were to be paid.

"The list was headed by 'Manny' Abra-
hams, the 'Bellwether,' I have been told,
Shurtieff said. 'Now, we know what is
going on, and you can't put it through.
If 'Manny' Abrahams votes for Hopkins
tomorrow, I will suspend the roll and will
announce your names and will read the
list of men to be bought. If you try that,
that is what will be done.'

"That Roger Sullivan had been telephoned
to go to Springfield. His train was due
to arrive at midnight. He rounded up his
followers and told them he would blow
them out of the political waters if they
attempted such a thing."

Money Taken to Springfield.
Mr. Keeley said Raymond told him this
story to the Lorimer action, and that
\$25,000 of \$500.00 was reported to have
been taken to Springfield.

He then read from a memorandum dated
on September 21, 1910, Representative Cop-
pley and John M. Glenn, came to his office;
that Copley and Glenn had called upon
Governor Deneen and Deneen had agreed
to call in twenty of his republican allies
and if the democrats voted for Hopkins,
to have these twenty switch from Hopkins.

Mr. Keeley said he sent a list of ques-
tions on May 8, 1910, to Hines and E. S.
Conway, asking about the Lorimer contri-
butions. Mr. Conway said he knew nothing
about them.

Hines Declined to Answer.
"Mr. Hines," the witness said, "declined
to answer. He came to my office that
night with Mr. Wiehe, and asked if this
list of questions was a joke, said he had
a reputation in Chicago and that these ques-
tions were insulting.

"He told me he would sue me for libel if
I printed anything that reflected on him.
I replied I would print the truth and that
the Tribune building was worth \$1,500,000;
if he sued he might be able to use it (the
building) in his lumber business."

Mr. Keeley said he sent the same ques-
tions to Roger Sullivan, explaining, "that
I had been his friend, but if he was in this
matter, 'God help him' for I was going to
meet him just as I did the rest, and I
thought he might be able to use it."

Mr. Kelley insisted that it was upon ad-
vice of counsel that he had not told the
previous Lorimer committee about his
knowledge of the story that Hines asked
Funk to send a Lorimer contribution to
Edward Tilden. Senator Kenyon suggested
that a partner in the Kenyon case, Mr.
Keeley's counsel, was counsel for Tilden,
and for the while interests, which were
reported to have contributed to a "jack-
pot." Mr. Keeley said he did not doubt
Mr. Austin's integrity. He said the exist-
ence of a corruption "jackpot" was com-
mon gossip.

Sioux Falls Woman
Mysteriously Shot

Unidentified Man Fires Four Bullets
at Mrs. Sarah Blefus, One of
Which Strikes Right Check.

SIoux FALLS, S. D., July 25.—(Special.)—
The mystery surrounding the shooting
and wounding at a late hour Saturday
night of Mrs. Sarah Blefus of this city
has not yet been solved. Four shot were
fired at her by an unknown man, one of
the bullets striking her in the right check
close to the mouth. The wounded woman
now is in a local hospital.

Mrs. Blefus, accompanied by her
mother, Mrs. Juliette Flanagan, was on
her way to her mother's home to spend
the night. They were at a point in the
northern portion of the residence section
near the Sioux Falls penitentiary, the
hour being shortly before 10 o'clock, when
a man suddenly appeared and commenced
firing at them, four shots, as stated, being
fired. After firing the four shots the assail-
ant grappled with the women, who after
a struggle managed to escape from him
and he disappeared.

That Mrs. Blefus would have been
killed had not her mother been with her
is regarded as certain. It is the theory of
the police that the assailant had robbery
for his motive. Failing to kill either of
the women when he had fired four bullets
at them he used his revolver as a club
and inflicted several cuts and bruises upon
the head and face of the younger woman
in addition to the bullet wound.



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