

LITIGATE OVER BIG REWARD

Kearney County Murder Case Into Supreme Court Again.

ROOSEVELT ASKED TO SPEAK

Governor Aldrich Requests Him to Make Address at Lincoln at Time of Unveiling of Statue of Abraham Lincoln.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, Neb., July 13.—(Special.)—An echo of the celebrated Menden murder case occurred in the office of the supreme court clerk today when an appeal from the district court of Kearney county was made by Asa L. Ransom, sheriff of that county at the time the murder was committed.

In the month of May, 1908, Bert M. Taylor murdered his sister-in-law, a young girl, and escaped. The county of Kearney offered a reward of \$1,000 for his capture and citizens of Minden an additional amount of \$141.50. On May 19, the following year, Taylor was captured in California and Sheriff Ransom notified Charles F. Ward, who claims the reward, made arrangements with Ransom for its collection by giving him power of attorney with instructions to employ attorneys in the prosecution of the case if it became necessary.

On his return to Minden, Ransom employed the firm of Adams & Adams to collect the reward and offered them one-half if they were successful, but nothing if unsuccessful. It was shown in the trial of the case in district court that Adams & Adams collected the money, keeping one-half for their fee and turning over the other half, amounting to \$403.50, to Sheriff Ransom. Ward claims that Ransom had not paid him the amount due him, while Ransom claims one-half of the balance left after paying the attorneys. Ward further claims that he made no agreement to give the attorneys one-half of the full amount.

The district court decided that Adams & Adams were entitled to their half, but that the balance, with interest, should be paid to Ward for capturing Taylor.

Asks Roosevelt to Speak. Governor Aldrich, having been given the privilege of selecting an orator to deliver the address at the unveiling of the Abraham Lincoln monument, has sent Theodore Roosevelt a second invitation to be the orator of the day.

The state Railway commission will have a hearing on July 17 to consider the application of the Lincoln Telephone and Telegraph company for permission to discontinue the free service from the Wymore exchange to exchanges at Odell, and other points near there. The people of Odell are opposed to anything of the kind and have filed a protest.

Land Commissioner Cowley reports upon his return from Kearney, where he visited the tuberculosis hospital, that the new building will be ready for occupancy in about two weeks and will accommodate fifty patients. Twelve patients are now at the hospital.

Aldrich Has Dental. Governor Aldrich most emphatically denies the statement made by a democratic paper this morning that he made the trip northwest looking up "political power as well as water power." He says that there was no politics in the trip whatever and that the democratic reporter who sent in that statement is a blankety blank member of the Ananias club.

Lincoln Declines Invitation.

In answer to a letter sent by Secretary of State Wait to Robert T. Lincoln, inviting him to attend the ceremonies in connection with the unveiling of the monument of his father on the state house grounds, the following was received by Mr. Wait this morning: "I appreciate very highly your letter of June 23, inviting me to attend the unveiling of the statue and memorial to my father which is to take place on September 2. It has been a great pleasure to me to know that the memorial to my father is to be placed in your city named after me if I felt able to see the ceremonies, but unfortunately I am not in sufficient good health to attend any meeting of this character and am compelled to refrain from accepting all public invitations."

Taggart Withdraws Resignation. INDIANAPOLIS, July 13.—Thomas Taggart, national democratic committee man from Indiana, who after the national convention announced his resignation, will continue in active political work, the Indiana democratic central committee today refusing to accept his resignation. On learning that the committee's decision was unanimous, Mr. Taggart consented to withdraw his resignation and continue to represent Indiana on the national committee.

Call for a Convention. SANTA FE, N. M., July 13.—The progressive party of New Mexico today issued a call for a state convention to be held at Albuquerque July 23 to elect four delegates to the national progressive convention at Chicago.

Healthy Mothers

Women who bear children and remain healthy are those who prepare their systems in advance of baby's coming. Unless the mother aids nature in its pre-natal work the crisis finds her system unequal to the demands made upon it, and she is often left with weakened health or chronic ailments. No remedy is so truly a help to nature as Mother's Friend, and no expectant mother should fail to use it. It relieves the pain and discomfort caused by the strain on the ligaments, makes pliant and elastic those fibres and muscles which nature is expanding, prevents numbness of limbs, and soothes the inflammation of breast glands. The system being thus prepared by Mother's Friend dispels the fear that the crisis may not be safely met. Mother's Friend assures a speedy and complete recovery for the mother, and she is left a healthy woman to enjoy the rearing of her child. Mothers Friend is sold at drug stores. Write for our free book for expectant mothers which contains much valuable information, and many suggestions of a helpful nature.

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Will Celebrate Golden Wedding



ALEXANDER PICKENS From daguerrotype made in Scotland in 1861

A golden wedding of unusual interest will be celebrated tomorrow at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Pickens of Hastings, when they will have a family reunion in honor of the event.

Mr. and Mrs. Pickens were married fifty years ago in Stewarton, Scotland, and came to America two years later on one of the early Cunard steamships. They landed in Boston, where they resided from 1861 to 1882, when they came to Hastings, Neb., where they have made their home. Mr. Pickens is one of the successful merchants of the state and has resided here for several years. Mr. and Mrs. Pickens spend the winters in Los Angeles.

There are six children and six grand children, all of whom will be present at the golden wedding. The children are Mrs. William J. Hynes of Omaha, John Wilson Pickens, Robert A. Pickens, Alexander Pickens, Jr.; William Pickens and Mrs. C. W. Schmitz, all of Hastings.

DELAWARE MEN ARE CALLERS

Allee and Others Meet Colonel to Talk Over Conditions.

TO START PRIMARY CAMPAIGN Roosevelt Refuses to Comment on Testimony of Cortelyou Relative to Funds Contributed Eight Years Ago.

OYSTER BAY, N. Y., July 13.—A protest against any hint of sectionalism in the new progressive party was made today by Colonel Roosevelt, who said that he did not "care a rap" where a man was born, or whether his father wore the blue or the gray, so long as he was the right type.

Colonel Roosevelt was told of a speech made yesterday by Major Daniel E. Sikes of New York, at the meeting for the organization of the new party in this state. The major was quoted as saying that Governor Wilson was born amid confederate surroundings. Colonel Roosevelt said he could not discuss the speech, but that it was the desire of the founders of the new party to make the movement one which would truly represent all sections of the country.

Ex-Senator Jones and nine other Delaware men who have enlisted in the new party came to see Colonel Roosevelt today.

"They came to talk over conditions in Delaware," said the colonel. "They said they would begin the primary campaign soon and that they believed the republican machine totally misrepresented the people."

The former president was asked whether he would comment on the testimony of George B. Cortelyou before a committee of the senate in Washington yesterday, concerning the source of the campaign fund of 1904 and whether he would be willing to go to Washington to give his testimony.

"There is nothing I can say about that," he replied. "I will refer it to the letter which I wrote Judge Parker at the time in which I said all the contributions had been made by corporations in return for promises for immunity, and the subsequent evidence bore the statements out."

KANSAS PROGRESSIVES CONFERR. Plan to Carry on Vigorous Roosevelt Campaign in State.

TOPEKA, Kan., July 13.—Reaching charges that President Taft's re-nomination at Chicago was secured through "gross fraud" and pointing out that two sets of republican electors, one for Taft and the other for Roosevelt, will appear on the primary ballot August 8, progressive republican leaders held a conference here today and outlined plans for a vigorous campaign in Kansas for Roosevelt.

It was determined to open headquarters at once with William Allen White, the Emporia editor, in charge. Among those at the conference were Governor Stubbs and Congressmen Victor Murdock and F. M. Jackson. Henry K. Allen, editor of the Wichita Beacon, and Arthur Casper, publisher of the Topeka Capital, also attended the conference.

BRIEF CITY NEWS

Kate Root Print It. Electric Fans-Burgess-Granden Co. Stock-Falooner Co., 24th and Harney, undertakers, embalmers. Douglas 887. Yelzer Kurt in Fall-John O. Yelzer 6024 Cass street, was severely injured when he jumped from a moving car at Fortieth and Dodge streets. He slipped and fell to the pavement, where his knee was badly bruised and his body scratched. Youkers Feels Like a Turtle-Bill Youkers, who was badly damaged in an automobile accident a few days ago, is able to be about, but will not resume operations for a week or so. Several of his ribs were cracked, and he is armored with a plaster cast that makes him feel like a turtle with an overcoat on.

Kansas Clings to Belt for Being the Hottest of Places

WASHINGTON, July 13.—The hottest place in the country today was Concordia, Kan., where the mercury climbed to 94. The entire central and west sections of the 100 mark was reached at Wichita, Kan., and the temperature fell only two degrees short of that in Omaha, Fort Worth, Tex., and Fort Smith, Ark.

ONION IN THE LIQUOR IS THE THING IN SEATTLE

SEATTLE, Wash., July 13.—A witness testified today that Judge Cornelius H. Hanford was an "intense patriot." Other witnesses testified to the drinking habits of the judge.

One witness told that he had won a wager that in any one of nine saloons the bartenders if asked for "a Judge Hanford martini" would substitute an onion for the customary olive. The witness said that he had been threatened with business ostracism because of his testimony.

BURGLARS STEAL SAFE UNDER OFFICERS' NOSES

LINCOLN, July 13.—Burglars early this morning broke into the saloon of T. J. McLaughlin at Havelock, carried out the 400-pound safe, took it to a blacksmith shop nearly a block distant, where they managed to break it open and secured the contents, \$500 in money and a few other valuables. The two night policemen were unaware of the theft until today.

RANGES SHORT OF SHEEP

Flockmasters Tell of Losses Due to Early Spring Storms. OUTLOOK FOR MARKET POOR Idaho, Wyoming and Montana All Have Fewer Sheep and Owners Predict Scramble for Feeders Next Fall.

According to the opinion of some of the sheep men of the west the sheep marketed this fall will be a great deal fewer than in the last few years. I. G. Lincoln of Filer, Idaho, who marketed sheep yesterday, says that while the sheep crop in Idaho is not much shorter than normal, it is true that Wyoming, one of the greatest sheep states in the union, has suffered a loss of nearly half the normal crop of sheep. Montana also has suffered. These losses were due to the severe winter and the severe snow and sleet storms about the middle of April, just in the lambing season. This killed the lambs by the thousands.

The sheep crop in Montana is less by from 14 to 25 per cent than last year, according to E. Spaulding of Miles City, Mont. He says the same stories that swept Wyoming and proved disastrous to the lamb crop there were general in both Wyoming and Montana and did great damage in his state.

W. C. Cleveland of Boise, Idaho, estimates that the sheep crop in Idaho is from 10 to 15 per cent less than formerly. This condition in Idaho, however, he holds was brought about not so much by the storms as by the fact that the ranchmen shipped out more closely last year on account of the shortage of the range and consequently did not have the ewes to breed to produce the normal crop.

He predicts a great scramble for sheep to feed in the fall if the corn crop and grain crops in general are good throughout the grain belt this fall. The sheep will be scarce and grain will be abundant, and for this reason he looks for the price of feeders to soar in the fall. The range he says is in excellent condition.

Frank Morgan Held Up While Going Home

While on his way home at 3700 Howard street Frank Morgan was held up and robbed of \$1, all the money he had.

Morgan was going along Twenty-seventh street when from the shadow of a tree a man jumped out, shoved a pistol in his face and ordered him to throw up his hands. While Morgan's hands were elevated the footpad went through his pockets.

BINDER TWINE SHORTAGE IS AFFECTING THE HARVEST

LINCOLN, July 13.—So serious is the shortage of binder twine in Nebraska that much of the oats crop will not be bound. Supply houses in Lincoln and other places are unable to buy twine even at an advance in price. The shortage according to the dealers, is that manufacturers and wholesalers underestimated the crop of wheat and oats in the western states.

KNOX SENDS FORMAL NOTE

Senate Gets Official Notice of British Protest.

CONGRESS TO HANDLE MATTER

Leaders of the Opinion that the Subject Should Be Disposed of as Soon as It Can Be Reached.

WASHINGTON, July 13.—The senate was officially notified of the British protest against the Panama canal today, tonight when Secretary of State Knox, in a letter to Senator Brandegee, chairman of the senate interoceanic canal committee, outlined the objections raised by Great Britain. The letter paraphrasing the protest by Charge d'Affaires Innes was generally accepted as vouching the decision of the State department to leave the entire matter in the hands of congress, where the legislation in dispute is now pending. Secretary Knox's letter follows: "Sir: I have the honor to bring to the knowledge of your committee the fact that a communication, dated July 8, just received from the British charge d'affaires, indicates that the attention of the British government having been called to the various proposals from time to time made for the relieving of American shipping from the payment of tolls on vessels passing through the Panama canal, that government has studied carefully those proposals and the arguments in support of them with a view to the bearing thereon of the provisions of the treaty between the United States and Great Britain of November 18, 1901. The communication sums up the proposals mentioned as: "Object to These. "To exempt all American shipping from tolls; to refund to all American ships tolls which they might pay; to exempt from the payment of toll American ships engaged in the coastwise trade and to repay to the last named class of American ships tolls which they might pay."

The communication indicates it to be the opinion of his Britannic majesty's government that to exempt all American shipping from the payment of tolls would involve and infracture of the treaty and indicates further the opinion that there would be no difference in principle between refunding tolls only thereafter to refund them and remitting such tolls altogether. The opinion is expressed that the method of charging, but refunding tolls, while perhaps complying with the letter of the treaty, would still contravene its spirit. The communication admits there is nothing in the Hay-Pauncefote treaty to prevent the United States from subsidizing its shipping, but claims that there is a great distinction between a general subsidy, either to shipping at large or to shipping in any given trade, and a subsidy calculated particularly with reference to the amount of use of the canal by the subsidized lines or vessels. Such a subsidy, if granted, would not, in the opinion of his majesty's government, agree with the obligations of the treaty.

An England Views It. "With respect to the proposal that exemption shall be given to vessels engaged in coastwise trade, no objection should be taken if the treaty should be so regulated as to make it certain that only bona fide coastwise traffic which is reserved for American vessels would be benefited by this exemption; but that appears to his Britannic majesty's government that it would be impossible to obtain relief from resulting in a preference for American ships and consequently an infraction on the treaty.

The British take the position that this exemption is not properly a matter for diplomatic treatment at this time. The note outlining the British exemptions will be transmitted immediately to the senate and the State department probably will make no reply, except a formal acknowledgment of the receipt. A commission of the house on interstate and foreign commerce tonight asserted that the matter of free tolls to American ships and of discrimination against railroad owned ships passing through the canal should have been eliminated from the pending bill.

"If there should be any delay in the legislation to open the canal, the fault cannot be laid at our door. We urged in this matchless enterprise the government be allowed to demonstrate the results of its work by opening the canal unhampered by the demands of special interests. If the representatives of those interests had consented we would have omitted these provisions both as to railroads and exemption of American ships from tolls and authorized the president to open the canal."

Chairman Adamson said the problems had been dealt with separately in direct legislation. The senate leaders behind the Panama bill were firm in their opinion that the measure would be taken up as soon as reached in the regular order of business in the senate. The British protest, however, undoubtedly will open the flood gates of oratory both for and against the bill and will prolong its consideration.

WILSON SENDS MESSAGE TO DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE

SEA GIRT, N. J., July 13.—Governor Wilson put the final touches today on the message which Robert S. Huddspeth will carry for him to the democratic national committee in Chicago next Monday. The governor has made up his mind, he said, as to whom he will select for national chairman, but will make no announcement of his choice except to the committee.

Charles R. Crane, of Chicago, who contributed heavily to Senator La Follette's campaign fund, and Charles Van Hise, president of the University of Wisconsin, Senator La Follette's ardent supporter prior to the Chicago convention, will take luncheon tomorrow with Governor Wilson here, a short time before the expected arrival of Speaker Champ Clark. News of their coming was made public by Governor Wilson tonight.

Close friends of the governor said during the afternoon that Mr. Crane had transferred his preference from the Wisconsin senator to Governor Wilson and would be willing to do all he could to bring about the success of the democratic ticket.

The telegram announcing Mr. Crane's acceptance of the governor's invitation to luncheon followed on the heels of this statement. As one of the original contributors, and the donor of the largest sum to the La Follette campaign fund, Mr. Crane helped make possible the senator's fight for the republican nomination. His indicated espousal of Governor Wilson's cause is hailed by the governor's advisers as an index to the sentiment which prevails among La Follette's former followers.

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LARGER VALUATION SHOWN

Realty Values Increase, While Personal List Shows a Decrease. WATER PLANT IS OFF THE LIST Mortgages Are Not Assessed This Year, While Heretofore They Have Been Recorded at Their Face Value.

Total increase in actual property valuation in Douglas county for 1912, realty and personalty, is \$2,725,490, according to the belated report of the County Board of Equalization, which was sent to the State Board of Equalization at Lincoln yesterday. The report shows an increase in realty valuation of 22,419,390, but a decrease of \$5,696,920 in personalty. The personality decrease is due principally to the fact that most of the property formerly owned by the Omaha Water company and recently sold to the city of Omaha has been stricken from the valuation rolls, which carry only assessable property. Of the total valuation \$4,183,600 was stricken and \$1,929,600 remains on the rolls. Another cause of the personality valuation decrease is that this year mortgages are not assessed, while heretofore they were placed on the rolls at their face values. The law does not permit assessment against mortgages, according to the latest interpretation. Following is a table comparing this year's figures with those of last year, showing increases and decreases in valuations: Increase or 1911 1912 Decrease. Realty . . . \$73,427,835 \$66,724,905 \$6,696,930. Personality . . . 127,946,976 126,966,356 23,419,390. Total . . . \$201,364,800 \$193,691,260 \$7,683,540.

Wheat Harvest is Averaging Heavy

Rains averaging half an inch in southern Nebraska and an inch from Grand Island to Elm Creek were reported during the last twenty-four hours. Nebraska City had 30 and Wilber 25 precipitation, with crops all up to expectations. Wheat harvesting is averaging from eighteen to twenty-five bushels per acre in most parts of the state.

APPLE CROP WILL AVERAGE SIXTY PER CENT FOR YEAR

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, July 13.—(Special.)—Secretary C. G. Marshall of the State Board of Horticulture has issued the following statement regarding the apple crop prospects for this year: "The average apple crop for all parts of the state is 60 per cent of full crop, 100 per cent compared with 1911 crop and 110 per cent compared with the average of the last five years. Richardson, Pawnee, Nemaha and Johnson counties report 80 per cent of full crop, 75 per cent compared with 1911 and 115 per cent of a crop as compared with the average of the last five years. Otoe, Cass and Lancaster 55 per cent of full crop, 25 per cent decrease from 1911 and 100 per cent as compared with the average of the last five years. Sarpy, Douglas, Washington and Butte county growers report crops of from 40 to 45 per cent, with the decrease north and west. Central and south-central Nebraska growers report from 40 to 75 per cent of crop. It is estimated that the actual production of the state will be about as in 1911, but more apples will probably be shipped owing to the heavy crop in the commercial sections. The home orchards out in the state are producing much lighter crops than in 1911. Reports received from other states are as follows: Connecticut, 70 per cent; Michigan, 75; New York, 70; Ohio, 80; Vermont, 75; Missouri, 85; Pennsylvania, 80; Virginia, 80; West Virginia, 70; Iowa, light; Illinois, light; Wisconsin, light; United States government report June, 1912, 72.5; June, 1911, 88.5. The west has a fair crop set and owing to the increased bearing acreage will probably produce the heaviest crop in its history."

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