

Nebraska PLAN TO MODIFY PRIMARY SYSTEM

Democrat and Republican Politicians Discuss Method by Which it Might Be Done.

STATE OFFICERS BY CONVENTION

(From a Staff Correspondent.)
LINCOLN, Jan. 9.—(Special.)—The possibilities of the selection of candidates for office by a small minority was the subject of discussion among a number of democrats and republicans at the state house one day last week. The opinion of nearly every one was the primary has been to say the least disappointing.

"Take for instance the present outlook in the republican party in this state," said a republican. "Already we have five candidates for the republican nomination for governor and probably one or more may yet get into the fight. They may all be good men personally, but there is a possibility that perhaps one or two of them might not be just the material needed at this time. Mind you I am calling no names, but in the selection of a candidate it is essential that the very best man be selected for the position. In the last election the republicans cast a little over 30,000 votes for governor. Suppose that at the primary this year there are about the same number of votes cast for say the five candidates already in the field and say for instance that they poll about the same number of votes each on an average, it means that possibly 20,000 or 22,000 voters may select the candidate."

"Our government was founded on the broad principle that the majority should rule, but in this case we see a very small minority selecting the party candidate and it simply means that the fellow who can get his name before the people in the most attractive way is likely to be the candidate although his qualifications may not be nearly as good as any of the other candidates."

How to Deal with Problem.
"But how are you going to get around it?" answered another, who happened to be a democrat. "The people are so stuck on the primary that it would be next to impossible to repeal it and the man who would come out with a platform to repeal the primary wouldn't get to first base, although I admit that it needs fixing up about the worst way."

"I would not repeal the primary," answered the first speaker. "I have been thinking over this matter a great deal the last year and if I were a member of the next legislature I would introduce a bill about like this:

"I would repeal the state-wide primary so far as the selection of state officers is concerned. I would still have the county primary, for generally the people in a county are pretty well acquainted with their own candidates and can vote pretty intelligently on their qualifications to hold office. I would have the primary in the counties which selects the candidates for county officers at the same time elect delegates to a state convention. I would have the delegates to which each county is entitled elected by commission district for instance."

"This is suppose that Richardson county was entitled to seventeen republican or democratic delegates. There are three commissioner districts. I would have each of these districts elect its quota of delegates according to the number it was entitled to according to the same vote on which the number in the convention was determined, the fractional votes to be added and delegates at large to be elected by the whole county on the number."

"That is, if one district was entitled to four votes and a fraction, the next to five and a fraction and the third to six and a fraction, this would leave two delegates to be selected by the county at large."

Come From People.
"These delegates would come directly from the people and by being selected in the primary by districts would distribute them over the county and they would not all come from the towns. These delegates could go to a state convention and come in contact with the candidates and be in a position to vote more intelligently on their qualifications than the average voter could who went into the booth knowing nothing about any of them and compelled to cast a ballot, which to say the least would be anything but an intelligent vote."

"But this would give a chance for tie-ups, just the same as we used to have," said another man.

"I admit that," said the first speaker, "but that would not necessarily mean that a tie-up would mean a candidate unqualified, would it?"

"If the people of a county had confidence enough in you to send you down to the state convention as a delegate, they ought to have confidence enough in you to believe that you would be for the best man for the office, even if a tie-up as you call it was necessary to land him."

"I admit that in the old days those tie-ups were the result of packed conventions, but you want to remember that when we inaugurated the anti-pass law we took the corporations out of politics and a convention today of delegates would not be composed of men who had ridden on railroad passes, but men who had come direct from the people and paid their own way showing that they were enough interested to do so."

Cites An Example.
"I might call attention to a state platform convention, which was held not so many years ago," he continued, "in which the sentiment was very strongly for two of the three candidates out of that time for governor. It was generally conceded after the convention was over that a certain one of those two would have been nominated, because he would more closely fit into the place just at that time. Yet a short time after when the primary was held the candidate, who would have stood no show whatever in the convention was nominated and afterwards defeated at the regular election."

"Another thing I like about the convention idea is that after a fight has been had in a convention in an open and honest manner, as is generally the case, the defeated candidate clearly mounts the platform and pledges their support to the winner. Everybody appears to be satisfied and you don't see the back biting and double-crossing that you see under the primary system. Besides the delegates from all over the state get together, discuss the situation and get a chance to get acquainted and acquaint themselves with conditions in other parts of the state. It makes a party more of a family affair, whereas matters are discussed at the dinner table and not like, where each man

WHY SHE RAN AWAY FROM HOME—Fourteen-year-old Emma Bollongino is back home in Chicago, having run away and accepted a position as a mental in a farm house because she loved the big outdoors. She consented not to run away again, only on the promise of all the flowers she wanted and permission to visit the country once a month.



EMMA BOLLONGINO.

dashes in to a lunch counter, seizes a sandwich, drinks a cup of coffee and takes a walk.

Favors Double Plan.
"I believe we could go back to the convention system for nominating state officers and still retain the primary for county officers and the nomination of nonpartisan state officials and for the selection of delegates to a state convention and get better results than we now do, where on a fair estimate, two-thirds of the voters who enter the booth know absolutely nothing about the qualifications of any candidate over the qualifications of another for the same office and he has to go it blind. That is not casting an intelligent ballot."

"This would not prohibit the candidates from making the same kind of a campaign through the public press that they do now, but it would give the voter a better knowledge of what he is getting through his delegate, who acts as his agent at the convention and selects the candidate according to his ability."

TECUMSEH WOMAN DIES AT CHICAGO

TECUMSEH, Neb., Jan. 9.—(Special.)—Mrs. Alice Sherman, widow of the late Abram Sherman of this city, died at the home of a daughter, in Chicago, yesterday. She had gone there the week before for a visit. Her age was about 70 years. The Sherman family lived in Tecumseh for nearly a half century and the deceased has relatives here. The body was brought home for burial.

Notes from Beatrice.

BEATRICE, Neb., Jan. 8.—(Special.)—At a meeting of the Beatrice Poultry association Friday evening it was decided to organize girls' and boys' poultry clubs the coming year to work with the local association. A committee on membership consisting of Julius Naumann, D. S. Whitcomb and Robert Gale was appointed by the president.

All of the 125 tickets to the Paddock banquet on January 17, which will mark the reopening of the Paddock hotel, have been sold, reservations for tickets being made by persons living at Crete, Wynmore, Crab Orchard and Omaha.

Mrs. Jacob H. McKeever, a pioneer of Wynmore, died at her home at that place Friday of pneumonia, aged 70 years. She is survived by her husband and five children.

Erastus Starlin, a merchant of Filley, Friday filed with the county clerk a petition to have his name placed on the republican primary ballot for nomination as county clerk. J. C. Penrod, present incumbent, will oppose him in the race for the clerkship.

Mrs. Martha J. White, mother of Deputy Sheriff A. D. White, died at her home in this city Friday. The body was taken to Geneva for interment. She resided in Fillmore county, Nebraska, in 1871, with her husband, who died a few years ago.

Mayberry Pioneer Is Dead.

TECUMSEH, Neb., Jan. 9.—(Special.)—A. H. Sandusky, a pioneer settler of this county, died at his home in Mayberry Thursday morning aged 78 years. Mr. Sandusky was a native of Morgan county, Illinois, and was a veteran of the civil war. Shortly after the war he homesteaded west of Tecumseh, and he had lived in Johnson and Pawnee counties since. He is survived by his widow and eight children. Mrs. O. J. McDougal of Tecumseh being a daughter.

Bank Changes at Mason City.

MASON CITY, Neb., Jan. 9.—(Special.)—The Mason City Banking company has made a change in officers. R. B. Walker, who has had personal management of the bank for fifteen years, has been promoted from cashier to president. P. H. Marley the new vice president and Cornell Newman becomes cashier. J. A. Amsherry succeeds E. B. Copley as one of the directors.

Not Look Out.
When a cold hangs on, as often happens, or when you have hardly gotten over one cold before you contract another look out, for you are liable to contract some very serious disease. This succession of colds weakens the system and lowers the vitality so that you are much more liable to contract chronic catarrhs, pneumonia or consumption. Cure your cold while you can. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy has a great reputation. It is relied upon by thousands of people and never disappoints them. Try it. It only costs a quarter. Obtainable everywhere.—Advertisement.

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OMAHANS HONORED IN POSTAL GUIDE

New Postoffice in Pennsylvania Named "Wharton," and Thousands Rejoice.

OTHERS ARE NOT FORGOTTEN

Observe how a grateful government rewards its servants who have been conspicuously, indefatigably and magnificently faithful.

The Omaha postoffice has lots of such people. Postmaster Wharton's efforts have been continuous now for nearly four years, and each month's report seems to be better than the one before.

Does the government forget him after merely paying him his trifling \$500-a-month honorarium?

The government answers not in mere glib words and pleasing promises. No. It answers in deeds, in enduring monuments.

A new postoffice in Pennsylvania has just been named "Wharton." Sing, Omaha, Rejoice, Nebraska. Make a loud noise, nation. But stop. This is not all. Not merely in one state is the great name of John C. Wharton. Examination of the many-worded United States postal guide discloses the fact that no less than four other states have thus embalmed in the wrappings and sweet spices of memory the name of Omaha's foremost greater.

Others Honored.

Nor are these honors heaped merely upon the postmaster. Assistant Postmaster James I. Woodard is honored for forty-four years of continuous government service. A postoffice in North Carolina is named "Woodard."

Sing once more, Omaha, Rejoice again, Nebraska. Encore on the loud noise, nation.

Even Clerk Jim Dugdale is not forgotten. A postoffice in Minnesota is named "Dugdale." Jim's years in the postoffice number twenty-four and his children just half that many. Jim believes that race suicide is one of the big problems of the world.

It is possible, quite possible, indeed, that all these honors of nomenclature may be merely coincidental with the names of Wharton, Woodard, Dugdale et al.

Still, why sprinkle vinegar and wormwood on the honey of appreciation? We refuse to do it.

Debaters Appear In Preliminaries at Bellevue College

Bellevue college debates on the question, "Resolved: That the United States Shall Immediately and Substantially Increase its Armament," began last night when the annual preliminaries were held in the Adelphi room of Clarke hall before a large audience. Six speakers took the floor in constructive speech and rebuttal, three for the negative and three for the affirmative. Seymour Smith, Garwood Richardson and Bernice Miller upheld the negative; Weir Dobbins, Talma Jensen and Sam Kinnier defended the affirmative. Walter Webb, a negative man, because of a recent injury, did not contest, but in view of his two years of work in debate was granted a place.

It is probable that Webb Smith, and Richardson will contest against Cotner, at Cotner, and Jensen, Kinnier and Miller will debate Dodge, at Bellevue, in the annual triangular debate between the three schools on March 17.

One team will also be heard in a dual debate with Midland college, Atchison, Kan., the date of which has not yet been set.

The judges were President W. B. Nicholl, Prof. J. E. Erickson and Librarian L. M. Churchill. Prof. E. L. Puls of the department of expository prescribed.

ANNUAL BANQUET OF AGENTS GREAT WESTERN ACCIDENT

The annual banquet of the agents of the Great Western Accident Insurance company was held last evening at the Merchants hotel, when about fifty gathered for a good time. H. Q. Wilhelm, state manager, was toastmaster and opened the talk with a short resume of the wonderful strides ahead which the company had made during the last year. Other speakers were C. W. Sturge, attorney for the company; Frank Dewey, clerk, whose son is connected with the company, and T. F. Sturge, editor of the Twentieth Century Farmer.

WELCOME ARCH AT LINCOLN

East O Street Merchants Will Have One Erected to Brighten the Way.

LICENSE GIVEN OMAHA COUPLE

(From a Staff Correspondent.)
LINCOLN, Jan. 9.—(Special.)—Automobile pilgrims passing through Lincoln on the Omaha-Lincoln-Denver highway next summer will pass under a magnificent electrical arch to be erected at Sixteenth and O streets costing in the neighborhood of \$2,500.

The arch will be presented to the city by East O street business men and will be about midway between the Rock Island station and the Burlington, Union Pacific, Missouri Pacific and Northwestern stations and will be an addition to the already brightly lighted main thoroughfare of the capital city.

Omaha Couple Gets License.
The first year of leap year has not been prolific of many matrimonial ventures. The first Omaha couple to ask for a license to wed at the court house was in evidence yesterday. Robert S. McCord, aged 22, and Miss Hulda F. Madison, aged 21, being the happy individuals.

Dempster Company Has Annual Banquet

BEATRICE, Neb., Jan. 8.—(Special.)—The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Dempster Mill Manufacturing company was held Friday afternoon in the Commercial club rooms. According to the report of the treasurer, the total sales for the year were \$1,422,721, a net gain for the year of 19.8 per cent. A dividend of 5 per cent was declared. The sum of \$19,187 was paid out at Beatrice for labor. The directors re-elected were C. B. H. L. and D. C. Dempster, J. W. Burgess and F. W. Miller.

In the evening the company held its annual banquet, covers being laid for 150. Among those present were about fifty traveling salesmen and branch house managers from Omaha, Kansas City, Sioux Falls, S. D.; Minneapolis, Denver, Oklahoma City and Memphis, Tenn. J. W. Burgess acted as toastmaster, and responses were made by A. H. Kidd, H. L. Dempster, R. H. Barger, C. B. Dempster, E. M. Marvin, Rev. N. T. Patterson, all of Beatrice; B. G. King of Omaha, A. R. Dempster of Sioux Falls, B. W. Manville of Minneapolis and H. L. Warner of Denver.

Pledges Announced By Delta Theta Phi

The following list of pledges to Delta Theta Phi, Creighton's legal fraternity, will be given out this afternoon at the first meeting of the year by J. D. Cronin, dean of the organization:

William W. Patton, Marshalltown, Ia.; John H. Foley, Kansas City, Kan.; T. D. Foley, Omaha, Neb.; Evans, Marshalltown, Ia.; John H. Simon, Glenview, Cal.; William R. Hopper, Omaha; Walter W. Short, Council Bluffs, Neb.; William W. Jungelaus, Grand Island, Neb.; Arthur H. Spence, Omaha; Thomas F. Doyle, Omaha; H. McFarland, Butte, Mont.; Arthur Doty, Missouri Valley, Ia.; Martin Holbrook, Omaha; Harold Pollan, Omaha; Frank O'Connor, Omaha; William F. Milots, Council Bluffs, Ia.; R. H. Barry, Omaha; George J. Cleary, Kearney, Neb.; J. Kowalski, Omaha; Edwin Barrett, Riverton, Wyo.; J. R. Warner, Gering, Neb.; Earl V. Tichnor, Omaha; Robert J. Crane; John Moore, Omaha.

Dean Cronin said he was especially pleased at the list of pledges secured this year, which, he said, would insure the fraternity keeping up its splendid organization in Omaha.

Soccer Players to Plan Game of Stars

A general meeting of the Omaha and district soccer leagues will be held in the city hall Monday evening, January 19 at 8 o'clock.

The purpose of the meeting is to select a team from the stars of the Caledonian and Bohemian teams to play against the Townsend team, cup winner of the 1915 season, at Baurke park on Sunday, January 26.

The officers for 1916 will be selected at this meeting.

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INDOOR GOLF MEET STARTS

Sam Reynolds Is Medalist in Qualifying Round of Tournament, with Score of 62.

MAKES RECORD FOR NINE HOLES

The first indoor golf tournament ever held in Omaha was started Saturday on the indoor links conducted by Bill Clark, Field club professional, at 1417 Dodge street. The qualifying round was played off for thirty-six holes.

Sam Reynolds, former state champion, was medalist. Reynolds turned in a score of 62 for the thirty-six holes. Sam's score was twenty-nine for the first eighteen and thirty-three for the second eighteen.

The twenty-nine count for the first eighteen holes is the lowest so far made and it is believed Sam stands a good chance to win the prize put up by Clark for the golfer who makes the lowest score. Reynolds did not take more than two strokes for any of the holes. His score by holes was as follows:

Holes	Score	Holes	Score
1. W. Reynolds	29	13-35	35
2. R. Nichols	35	14-36	36
3. R. Nichols	35	15-37	37
4. R. Nichols	35	16-38	38
5. R. Nichols	35	17-39	39
6. R. Nichols	35	18-40	40
7. R. Nichols	35	19-41	41
8. R. Nichols	35	20-42	42
9. R. Nichols	35	21-43	43
10. R. Nichols	35	22-44	44
11. R. Nichols	35	23-45	45
12. R. Nichols	35	24-46	46
13. R. Nichols	35	25-47	47
14. R. Nichols	35	26-48	48
15. R. Nichols	35	27-49	49
16. R. Nichols	35	28-50	50
17. R. Nichols	35	29-51	51
18. R. Nichols	35	30-52	52
19. R. Nichols	35	31-53	53
20. R. Nichols	35	32-54	54
21. R. Nichols	35	33-55	55
22. R. Nichols	35	34-56	56
23. R. Nichols	35	35-57	57
24. R. Nichols	35	36-58	58
25. R. Nichols	35	37-59	59
26. R. Nichols	35	38-60	60
27. R. Nichols	35	39-61	61
28. R. Nichols	35	40-62	62
29. R. Nichols	35	41-63	63
30. R. Nichols	35	42-64	64
31. R. Nichols	35	43-65	65
32. R. Nichols	35	44-66	66
33. R. Nichols	35	45-67	67
34. R. Nichols	35	46-68	68
35. R. Nichols	35	47-69	69
36. R. Nichols	35	48-70	70

Some of the low scores turned in for the qualifying round are as follows:

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1. W. Reynolds	29	13-35	35
2. R. Nichols	35	14-36	36
3. R. Nichols	35	15-37	37
4. R. Nichols	35	16-38	38
5. R. Nichols	35	17-39	39
6. R. Nichols	35	18-40	40
7. R. Nichols	35	19-41	41
8. R. Nichols	35	20-42	42
9. R. Nichols	35	21-43	43
10. R. Nichols	35	22-44	44
11. R. Nichols	35	23-45	45
12. R. Nichols	35	24-46	46
13. R. Nichols	35	25-47	47
14. R. Nichols	35	26-48	48
15. R. Nichols	35	27-49	49
16. R. Nichols	35	28-50	50
17. R. Nichols	35	29-51	51
18. R. Nichols	35	30-52	52
19. R. Nichols	35	31-53	53
20. R. Nichols	35	32-54	54
21. R. Nichols	35	33-55	55
22. R. Nichols	35	34-56	56
23. R. Nichols	35	35-57	57
24. R. Nichols	35	36-58	58
25. R. Nichols	35	37-59	59
26. R. Nichols	35	38-60	60
27. R. Nichols	35	39-61	61
28. R. Nichols	35	40-62	62
29. R. Nichols	35	41-63	63
30. R. Nichols	35	42-64	64
31. R. Nichols	35	43-65	65
32. R. Nichols	35	44-66	66
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The drawings for the qualifying round

are as follows:
F. W. Hale against S. W. Reynolds.
M. T. Swartz against S. Doherty.
Jack Hughes against V. R. Gould.
Karl Rock against A. O. Nichols.

Bellevue Students Enjoy Daily Plunges In Swimming Pool

Bellevue College students are daily dipping themselves in the new 60,000-gallon swimming pool, which was opened last week and which is being attended daily by students and faculty members alike. Both Miss Bernice Miller, physical director for women, and Mr. Benjamin, director for men, have their hands full in organizing and classifying the students who have registered for swimming. Miss Miller has seven classes scheduled and Benjamin has six.

Benjamin's ruling that no student would be allowed to use the pool who did not present a certificate of good health from a physician caused eighty-five students to flock to the gymnasium Friday morning to undergo an examination by Dr. W. H. Bels. Not a single student was refused because of contagious disease, and but three were found to have weak hearts.

President Baekerville's scheme of heating the water in the pool by injecting steam beneath the surface has proved a success. By a new arrangement the steam for Fontenelle and Clarke halls and the gymnasium can be diverted to the pool, thus heating the water in a very short time.

Florence Social Items

James Finney is visiting friends in Detroit, Mich.
Linnie Meyers is visiting friends at Tecumseh, Neb.
Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Covert have moved to Cleveland, O.
Charles Loneragan spent Monday at Blair visiting friends.

Mrs. F. H. Nichols was visiting Florence friends Tuesday.
H. A. Barnes is visiting his daughter at Watertown, S. D.

Miss Zettina Hribish is visiting friends and relatives in Reliance.
Mrs. John Comstock has been very ill with the grip the last week.

Henry Anderson visited with friends and relatives at Blair Monday.
Miss Lulu Mae Coe has returned to her studies at the State university.

Miss Zettina Hribish has returned to her studies at Brownell Hall.
Mrs. W. H. Murray of Omaha was visiting Florence friends Monday.

Walter Peterson left Monday for Blair where he will visit with friends and relatives.
Paul Rivett returned Monday from Lincoln where he went to spend the holidays with his parents.

B. C. Coleman of Scott's Bluff, Neb., was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Parks Sunday and Monday.
Mrs. Alva Hinman of Los Angeles, Cal., arrived Sunday for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Clure.

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