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## CREAM OF THE WEEK'S NEWS.

Gathered Through Various Sources From  
Parts of the Surrounding  
Country.

Interesting Communications From Brooklyn,  
Nurey, Worthing, and Other Points  
in the State.

### BROOKLYN BADGES.

BROOKLYN, Sept. 30.—*Special Correspondence:* Probably the liveliest and most exciting political meeting ever held in Brooklyn township, took place at the Millbrook school house last Thursday evening. The meeting was addressed by J. M. Wahl, independent candidate for register of deeds and J. E. Holter, candidate for the legislature, on behalf of the independent and wild John Imby and the poet Benjamin, on the part of the republicans. Mr. Wahl spoke for about an hour and devoted his attention closely to the explanation of the independent platform from a national standpoint. He made an able effort and his speech will make votes in this locality. Mr. Imby responded, or rather attempted or imagined he responded to Mr. Wahl's speech but THE LEADER representative fails to find a person who could see where the responsive part came in. Mr. Benjamin, as usual, had something to say and Mr. Holter, although he spoke—but a moment, took home with him the credit of being the first man who ever brought Benjamin down to the point where he was compelled to acknowledge his defeat. Mr. Holter is not an eloquent man, but forcible and to the point. He seems to be a man of wide literary and general knowledge.—Independents are wide awake in this township and will give Leavitt and Wahl a good majority—and Banham's independent ticket also—Banham's son has sold his farm in this township and will soon take his departure for Oregon. He is one of our oldest settlers and one of our best citizens and his leaving here will be a matter of much regret to his large circle of warm friends. His sale will come off some time next week—Ruphus Munsel, son of A. F. Munsel, has gone to Yankton to attend the fall term of Yankton College.—Albert Carlson, son of C. A. Carlson, left recently for Vermillion to resume his studies at the state University, and Samuel Nelson has gone to Mitchell to attend Dakota University.—Miss Mide Tyler is attaining much popularity as teacher in the Millbrook school. Miss Tyler has given good satisfaction wherever she has taught and she is losing no ground at Millbrook.—Mrs. Emma L. DeVoe, of Huron, state organizer of the Equal Suffrage Association, will address our citizens on the subject of woman's suffrage at the Millbrook school house, Wednesday evening, Oct. 15. She will meet at 7 o'clock in the house.

### WORTHING WAIFS.

An Interesting Budget of News From the Hub City.

WORTHING, Sept. 29.—*Special Correspondence:* Business is booming at the Hub city; grain coming in so rapidly that all the ware houses are full and the supply is so enormous that the railroad company have found it impossible to supply the demand for cars. The farmers warehouse is paying top prices and is doing an immense business.—Mrs. Baumgardner has been very sick the past week. The nature of her illness is unknown but its symptoms much resemble those of diphtheria. Quite a number of people are suffering from the same disease. Medical authorities express the opinion that it is a form of malaria.—Mrs. C. W. Hastings, of Ruthven, Iowa, wife of grain dealer Hastings, of this place, is here visiting her warmer half.—Superior Frank Clark is making important improvements on the public highways. Clark is a good man for the position he so well occupies.—E. W. Morse is shipping a splendid lot of hay, some of the finest that ever left this market. Worthing is doing its share toward good abundance at the Sioux City Corn Palace.—It is astonishing at the number of people who are going.—P. H. Devitt is at work moving his dwelling house from west of town to his farm over east. Phil carries the nomination for representative on the democratic ticket with great credit and if elected he would make a good legislator.—Hon. F. A. Leavitt is putting in full time now, working in the interest of the independent party. Advice received indicate that he is gaining very rapidly and there is now no question as to his election. He will not only carry his own county, but he will run ahead of his ticket in the state. This is encouraging news for the farmers and laborers of this state. Leavitt is not a man who can be bought or led around by the nose and will make one of the best men Dakota has ever sent to congress.—Our people are well disposed toward the candidates on the independent ticket and they will all poll a good vote. Henry Bradshaw and E. W. Owens are

both making an extra good run here.—There is quite a fight among the republicans in this locality, one faction trying to kill Donahue and the other faction trying to hang Madden's political chances. The prospects are at this writing that there is a deal put up against Madden and that as the ring has endorsed Donahue for representative, Madden's aspirations for office will be consigned to "innocuous desuetude".—The Lennox paper need not be troubled over the name of F. A. Leavitt on the independent ticket. There is not a more hard working and deserving man on any ticket than he. The Lennox paper, a whiskey organ, would not be expected to have a good word for a pronounced prohibitionist like Leavitt while a drunken sot like Gamble is up for office. Fortunately, however, the Lennox paper is on one side of this question and the people of South Dakota on the other, the people will do the voting and elect Leavitt while the whiskey organ will blow for whiskey and help defeat Gamble.

### NORWAY NEWS NOTES.

Little Left of the Republican Party—The Independent Meeting Saturday.  
NUREY, Sept. 29.—*Special Correspondence:* The independent party folks of Norway township held a public meeting at the Rise school house in the north-eastern part of this township last Saturday evening and considering the fact that the Nurey Alliance held its regular meeting at the Rommerheim school house in the southwest part of the township the same evening, the attendance was very good. The school house was filled and all the appointed speakers were promptly on hand besides two or three others. A. R. Jamieson, candidate for states attorney, made the opening address. He spoke about half an hour, and devoted most of his speech to a review of the financial history of the country, pointing out the evils arising from the several acts of congress relating to the money of the country. He pointed out very clearly wherein the country was seriously injured in the course of legislation pursued by the old political parties and outlined to some extent the remedy in the platform of the independent party. Mr. Jamieson's speech was brief but to the point and showed that he fully understood the financial condition of the country and that he is not alone competent to fill the particular office for which he is a candidate, but any other for which he could be nominated. Hon. H. H. Bradshaw spoke next and made one of his characteristically strong speeches. He devoted considerable time to a discussion of the public finances, and state and country issues. Following: Mr. Bradshaw, J. E. Holter, the stirring Norwegian candidate for the house of representatives spoke for a few moments. He said he did not pretend to be a public speaker and he came out more to get acquainted. He left a good impression. Asa Forrest, the candidate for clerk of the courts, also spoke for a few moments during which time he explained very satisfactorily the reasons for his connection with the Sioux Valley News. He said he was merely working for wages as a news writer and compositor, realized that he was nothing but a laboring man and had no other means of support. J. M. Wahl, our candidate for register of deeds spoke for about an hour and did himself credit. Mr. Wahl will make a big run here. The meeting lasted until after midnight and was interesting from beginning to ending.  
Miss Cora Nelson, who has the agency for "Earth, Sea and Sky" a popular subscription book, is making delivery of a large number of books she has sold in this township and will probably resume teaching again soon.

### EDEN POLITICAL BOBOS.

Northwestern Eden Township Will Have Some Votes for Independents.  
MOR, Sept. 30.—*Special Correspondence:* This part (northwestern) of Eden township was treated to an independent rally last night at the Millet school house. Jere Gehon, independent candidate for representative in the state legislature and J. F. Cooley, editor of THE FARMER'S LEADER did the speaking. The meeting opened at shortly after nine o'clock and was presided over by H. French. Owing to the fact that there were three threshing machines in close proximity to the place of meeting, the attendance was not large but enough were present to indicate that there will be considerable encouragement for the independent ticket here in spite of all that has been said to the contrary by the opposition. Each one of the speakers occupied about an hour and distributed some sledge hammer blows among the old political parties for placing this country in the present unsatisfactory financial condition. Uncle Jere is maintaining his usual degree of popularity in this locality and we hope to see him elected.  
E. E. Carpenter and son Eddie, went up to see Barnum's circus at Sioux Falls Friday.

## REPUBLICANS DO THEIR WORK.

The Worse Lot of Office-Seeking Political  
Wrecks and Numb-Heads Ever  
Unearthed.

Resolutions Favoring More Protection, and  
a Stab at the Norwegians Followed  
by a Bear Dance.

### THE REPUBLICAN TICKET.

State senator.....W. F. DUNHAM.  
Representatives, { .....A. SHERMAN,  
                          { .....R. O. DONAHUE,  
                          { .....ED. MOSCRIPT.  
County judge.....A. G. STEINER.  
Clerk of courts.....H. H. DeLONG.  
Sheriff.....R. A. PIERCE.  
Treasurer.....JOHN ALLIBONE.  
Auditor.....J. A. FOWLES.  
Register of deeds.....GEO. OLSON.  
Superintendent.....D. E. GARVER.  
States attorney.....A. R. BROWN.  
Surveyor.....A. C. HUETSON.  
Coroner.....DR. ROSENBAUM.

### THE CONVENTION.

The republican county convention for the nomination of county officers was held in the opera house in Canton last Tuesday, Sept. 30, at which time a full county ticket was nominated.  
The convention was called to order in the old court house by G. W. Palmer, of Lennox, chairman of the county central committee. Immediately after the call, W. F. Dunham, of Lincoln township moved to adjourn from the court house to Bedford's hall, and the motion was carried unanimously. The anxious multitude then proceeded to the newly chosen though previously arranged place of meeting.

### AT BEDFORD'S HALL.

The meeting was again called to order by Chairman Palmer, after ample time had been given the delegates to assemble, and the call for the convention was read.

W. B. Wait, of Lennox, was then chosen temporary chairman and G. S. Millett, of Eden, temporary secretary.

On motion the chair was instructed to appoint committees of five delegates each, on permanent organization, on resolutions and on credentials.

The committees selected were as follows:

Credentials—O. P. Ashley, O. K. Brown, Albert Kinsey, Martin Abbott and A. M. Parker.

Resolutions—D. F. Benjamin, W. H. Shindler, L. Bond, G. H. Wiggins, R. H. Hichborn.

Permanent organization—L. L. Redfield, A. B. McFarland, W. K. Slade, F. Arnold, George Woodley.

After the appointing of committees, a recess of 30 minutes was taken to give the committees time to prepare their reports. At the expiration of the allotted 30 minutes the committee on credentials made their appearance and their report was, according to motion "accepted." The report showed full delegations from all but one or two townships.  
The report of the committee on permanent organization was then presented by the chairman of that committee, recommending that the temporary organization, so far as it related to the temporary chairman, be made permanent and that Laf. Bond be made secretary and E. S. Beck, assistant secretary and the report was "accepted."

A motion to take a recess until the committee on resolutions could report was then made and somewhat debated but before it came to a vote the committee came in with their report.

### THE RESOLUTIONS

express renewed adherence to the republican party and concurrence in the last state and national platform. They contain several lengthy planks on the tariff and the love of the party for the laboring man and the farmers; also commending the action of the republican party for the passage of the silver bill which had materially increased the volume of the circulating medium in the county, thereby stimulating business of all kinds and giving the farmer better prices for his products. They arraign the democratic party for its continuous opposition to the principles of protection to American institutions and denounce that party for its opposition to the Blaine reciprocity propositions to the McKinley bill, and lastly they call upon all good republicans in the county to yield support to the ticket nominated by this convention.

### THE BAND BEGINS TO PLAY.

On motion an informal ballot was then taken for state senator which resulted as follows:

Shannon.....22  
Dunham.....31  
Wait.....6  
Dean.....6  
Williams.....11  
Frank.....1

After taking the informal ballot, Mr. Graham, of Norway, moved that candidates be named to the convention before they were voted upon.

Big Austin Olson suggested that no deaf or insane men be placed upon the ticket, but he himself afterwards dis-

obeyed this proposition in his support for county superintendent.

Mr. Ashley moved to take a formal ballot for state senator, which motion prevailed and the roll of townships was called with the following result:

Shannon.....30  
Dunham.....36  
Wait.....4  
Williams.....1  
Sherman.....19

The second formal ballot gave the nomination to Dunham by a vote of 40 to Shannon's loyal 39.

Ed. Moscript, of LaValley, R. O. Donahue, of Lynn and A. Sherman, of Norway, were the only candidates mentioned for the three seats in the house of representatives, and on the first formal ballot the vote stood as follows:

Moscript.....28  
Donahue.....19  
Sherman.....29

The second ballot nominated Sherman, with 45 votes against 19 for Moscript and 15 for Donahue. The latter two gentlemen were then nominated, under a suspension of the rules, for second and third candidates for the house.

### THE COUNTY TICKET.

Work was immediately commenced on the county ticket amid considerable confusion and uneasiness among the visitors and on the floor of the convention. Ballots were taken for candidates for each of the offices of the county ticket with the result indicated at the head of this article.

### A SLAP AT THE NORWEGIANS.

When the office of sheriff was reached E. S. Beck nominated Ole Hokenstod and big Auster Olson seconded the nomination on behalf of the Norwegians, but he was promptly informed by the Chairman that there was no such thing as Norwegians in this convention; they were all Americans here, weich probably accounts for the fact that the chair failed to recognize Norwegians in making up the various committees and selected Americans for every one of them.

### THE BEAR DANCE.

After the nominations had all been made, C. B. Kennedy arose from his seat and surprised the convention by the statement that he had had an understanding with Mr. Brown, the nominee for county attorney, by which the latter gentleman was not to come up as a candidate for the office and it was under this arrangement that Mr. Rudolph and himself had entered the contest for the nomination and it was in justice to Mr. Rudolph and incidentally to himself, that he should explain the situation. He wanted Mr. Brown to come before this convention and either accept or decline the nomination for states attorney, and if accepted after the understanding existing between them, he (Kennedy) wanted to have it understood that he would not be bound by the nomination.

Mr. Brown was called in after Mr. Kennedy had finished his explanation, and after hearing what Mr. Kennedy had said, stated that the latter had told the truth, that Kennedy came to him early in the spring and asked if he would be a candidate for county attorney and he answered "No." Mr. Kennedy had several times during the summer asked him the same questions, and always with the same response. He had acted in good faith and maintained his position before this convention, for if he was rightly informed, a member of the Canton delegation had stated to the convention, that he (Brown) was not a candidate and it was at his request that the statement was made. He had also told Mr. Dunham and others the morning before the convention, that he was not a candidate and he was not a candidate now. Mr. Kennedy had desired him to make his position known through the press but he had refused to do so for only one reason and he wanted to tell what that was. Whenever a man makes an announcement declining a nomination that has not been offered, it always implies that he imagines that people are afraid anxious to nominate him and he did not want to appear in that light before the people of this county. (Great laughter)

But notwithstanding his protestation, he learned that he had received the nomination today, and that being true, he would consider it most ungrateful if he should refuse it. Yet, if the convention deemed it expedient to nominate Mr. Kennedy or Mr. Rudolph or any one else, he was perfectly satisfied and he would do anything to help elect anyone nominated. Mr. Brown retired amid great applause.

A county central committee was then appointed and the convention adjourned sine die.

The resolutions will be published in full next week.

Chamberlain Register: There is no doubt but what Pierre has the best of it in every county east of the Missouri river, save in Beadle county, and she will come out a winner by at least 15,000 majority. Wolsey will cut no figure in the contest, as everybody knows it has no chance of winning, and votes would be thrown away by favoring her.

## THE CRY OF THE OPPRESSED.

A Touching Letter by Hon. W. H. Curtis,  
On the Importance of Irrigation in  
Dakota.

How Republican Thugs and Pretenders  
Have Neglected the People's Plea  
For Bread.

### REPUBLICANISM VS. IRRIGATION.

KIMBALL, Sept. 6.—HON. H. P. SMITH, DEAR SIR: The gravity of our material condition is such that it pains me to the heart to see the farmers in this part of the state, who have so faithfully labored for the past eight or ten years to break up the prairie sod, and spent their all in cultivating their lands, building their houses, barns and other buildings, and then finding themselves without feed for their little stock, without flour for their bread and without seed grain to plant or sow for the next year's crop, and without the products of their labor for all these years, to buy fuel for winter's cold and shoes and clothing for themselves and their devoted wives and children, with heavy hearts gathering up the little from the desolation, not covered by the infernal mortgage, and putting their all with family and little ones into one old wagon and then turning their backs upon the farm and home they had worked so many years and so hard to save, weend their way wearily back to the states from whence they came, never to return! Don't say this picture is overdrawn, for the truth is I have drawn it but mildly. Not a day passes in which some of our best, as well as our poorest, farmers are now abandoning their homes and farms never to return. And all are for what? I answer—water, and the want of sufficient intelligence (or ambition for office, have it which you please) to comprehend the situation on the part of our governor to provide a way by which it might be obtained. This latter I grant is a serious charge, but it is too true for me to remain silent. And for one who was in the first convention held west of the Mississippi river that organized one of the grandest parties known to American history—the republican—and one who has been zealously devoted to its very life and has cheerfully helped fight all its battles up to the present year and will willingly do so still if it will only subserve to the interest of my country as it did so heroically in former years, I will not consent to disregard the local interests and welfare of the people of my country and state, and blindly follow the dictation of my party which spurns every vital demand made by the farmers of this state. The democratic and republican parties of our state seem to be far more interested in putting certain ambitious gentlemen in place of power and honor than in removing the burdens from our people, and so improve the country by irrigation as to render it possible for our present population to maintain their existence here with reasonable prosperity. It was only the other day the republican party insisted that the same should continue to be our governor, who but a few weeks ago had it in his power to call a special session of our legislature and let the people's representatives provide amendments to our constitution to so change its terms, that our legislature of next winter could provide for the raising of all the funds necessary by state, county or township, to construct a general system of irrigation throughout the state next summer, if the people should approve of such amendments at our next November election; as they surely would. But he would not; although, as you well know he was urged and actually supplicated by the farmers of this state to do so. I want to give you a few facts.

After his excellency vetoed the only bill passed by the legislature last winter, that would seem to give any real substantial aid in irrigation to the farmers, I called a county irrigation convention of this (Brule) county. The question was, what can we do to save our present population? Artesian wells must be constructed to irrigate this country and that too soon or our people would have to abandon their farms and the country. It was thoroughly discussed. The only relief I could suggest was: As our present constitution was (in my judgment) an absolute bar to any aid from or by the state for irrigation purposes, and so limited the county and township liabilities that they could not enter upon any extended system the constitution must be changed by amendments so that the state, counties and townships might be permitted to raise and appropriate all the money the people thought necessary to accomplish this beneficent undertaking. I stated further that the quickest way to amend the constitution was by the legislature submitting amendments to be voted upon by the people at a general election, and that as the last legislature had failed to submit any such amendments, we must have

a special session of that body by the first of August that amendments may be submitted in time for us to vote on at the election in November, as notice of any amendments must be published for twelve weeks before the election day, and that if such special session was not held, we could make no change in that constitution until the November election, 1892, or in other words, that practical irrigation could not be accomplished by state aid until the summer of 1893, and this condition could not be endured by our people for three years to come. At that convention our people determined to take steps at once to get the governor to convene a special session of the legislature. A committee was appointed to call a state irrigation convention at Woonsocket on June 4th, last. A few days after this I met the governor at this city and stated to him the desire of this people. He was opposed to call a special session.

The Woonsocket convention was called and prior to its being held I wrote to the governor requesting him to be present. He never made his appearance. That state convention filled the court house and was unanimous for the call and a committee was appointed to secure a call for a special session if possible. At the independent convention of farmers held at Huron in July, the same anxiety for irrigation was manifested and a committee was appointed to urge the governor to call this special session. He was waited upon by this committee and he refused to call such sessions. Now comes the irony and taunting resolutions of the republican convention at Mitchell on irrigation; the changing the constitution to accomplish it and so heartily endorsed by Governor Mellette within three weeks after he had made it impossible to amend the constitution for nearly three years to come! What a commentary upon the stupidity of the management of the affairs of this state. Large portions of our people have got to be helped by public charities the coming winter. Many farms will have to be sold for taxes, and notwithstanding this we are told by public authority that the revenues of the state will not pay the expenses of the state into \$300,000. That the state equalization board made up of some of these public officers has raised the assessment of our farm valuations 25 per cent, and other property still more, with no reduction in the rate of levy. In the name of Heaven if our people have already been burdened with taxation more than they can bear, how can they pay the proposed increase? Can it be possible that the management of this state is so vicious as to deliberately plan to force the present population of farmers from this state, that the money loaners and other capitalists may come in and occupy and possess our cultivated fields? I cannot believe it. I rather believe this mismanagement has resulted wholly from the want of proper statesmanship, an intelligent, active understanding of the condition of our people and the absolute need of irrigation to put this country into a suitable condition to make agricultural reasonably profitable. \* \* \* \* \*

If ever in the history of a people a time came when the farmer should assert his power it is such a time as this. There should be no division in their ranks. For farmers not to stand by each other at such an hour as this is almost a crime—at all events, not to do so means continued depression and ruin in the material industries of the country.

Yours very respectfully,  
W. H. CURTIS.  
KIMBALL, S. D., Sept. 6, 1890.

### BELOIT BUBBLES.

A Sabbath school was organized at the Methodist church here last Sunday, with a good membership. The following persons were elected officers for the ensuing year: Prof. Lingo, superintendent; Wm. Donoho, Assistant superintendent; Miss Cora Ingham, secy; Mrs. H. Coffield, treasurer; Mrs. Lomen, organist.  
Miss Nellie Keep came home from Yankton to spend Sunday with her parents.

Rev. A. Jamieson occupied the pulpit of the Methodist Church last Sunday.

Frank Starr is doing up the sights of Jefferson this week.

Mrs. N. Guinter, of Vermillion is visiting her parents for a few days.

Several of our people are taking in the Corn Palace this week.

John Hutchinson was up from Huron doing business this week.

Mrs. R. Sullivan, of Sioux Falls, is visiting friends last Tuesday.

D. Herman received and loads of soft coal on Tuesday of this week.

Miss A. Lysnes is visiting friends.

F. P. Dean is spending a few days after his visit to Sioux Falls this week.

J. F. is of Sioux City was up looking at farming interests near town.

Tu. Scott was doing business at the Falls Tuesday.