

IS IT HOT ENOUGH FOR YOU?

Kansas Corn Crop Is Shriveling up and the Unripe Fruit is Dropping From the Trees.

FARMERS APPREHENSIVE

Colorado is Suffering the Worst Spell for Years With no Relief in Sight.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., July 27.—Searched by the torrid weather and hot wind of the last four days, the Kansas corn crop has been damaged greatly and farmers say only a fair showing can be made unless there is an immediate change.

The temperature has exceeded all records in all parts of the state. Fruit is dropping from the trees unripe and corn is shriveling up beneath the sun.

According to railroad reports in the northern part of the state, the corn crop has not been seriously affected as yet.

Colorado Is Hot. DENVER, Colo., July 27.—The weather bureau today declined to offer any relief for the heat wave which has been the worst for many years.

Since July 1, there have been 18 days of over 90 degrees. Yesterday it was 100.

CANTON COLLEGE SUFFERS FIRE

Young Men's Dormitory Burned While Unoccupied and Will be Rebuilt.

CANTON, Mo., July 27.—Allen Hall, the young men's dormitory of Christian university, was destroyed by fire. It is thought the fire originated from a defect in the electric light wires.

The building was practically new and was valued, with its furnishings at \$10,000. Insurance of only \$1,000 was carried.

The building had been unoccupied since the close of school last month.

The board of trustees of the university held a meeting and decided to at once proceed with the erection of a new dormitory. The building will be of brick and stone, with slate roof, and will cost about \$20,000. It is intended to furnish accommodations for about one hundred students and it is hoped to have it ready for occupancy this fall.

WOULD BE ELOPER CHASED FROM TOWN

The Citizens Suggested that He be Made to Dance From End of Rope.

MORRISON, Ill., July 27.—A Mr. Supchey, aged 35, who has been conducting a dancing school here for the past month, and Miss Gladys Shear, 16 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Shear, prominent citizens of the place, were followed in their attempt to elope when the girl's parents became suspicious and secured a warrant for his arrest. The couple were found at the home of a neighbor and the man was taken into custody. A crowd of seven hundred people gathered around the jail and threatened to lynch him, but the officers quieted the crowd and it disbanded and allowed the man to get out of town.

Colonel Howell Stricken. IOWA CITY, July 27.—Gloom was cast on the 54th Iowa regiment encampment at Camp Logan by the sudden and serious illness of Col. R. P. Howell, commanding the regiment. He is one of the most popular officers in the Iowa National Guard and general regret is expressed by soldiers together with the hope that dangerous developments may not follow. Col. Howell is suffering from appendicitis and an operation may be necessary.

Korea Will Fight. TOKIO, July 27.—It is announced that the annexation of Korea by the Mikado, will be given out in August. Natives are rushing back to Korea with arms and ammunition and a big revolt is expected.

Some Census Figures. WASHINGTON, July 27.—The census department gave out the 1910 population as follows: Columbus, Ohio, 181,548, an increase of over 50,000; Rock Island, 24,335, an increase of 4,842.

LATEST POLITICAL CONVENTION NEWS

DEMOCRATS MEET IN CONVENTION

State Gathering of the Party Today at Ottumwa to Build Their New Platform for 1910.

SULLIVAN MAKE SPEECH

Urgent Appeal to the "Insurgents" of the State to Come Out Openly For Democracy.

[Special to The Gate City.] OTTUMWA, Iowa, July 27.—An enthusiastic appeal to enlist the republican insurgents of Iowa under the banner of democracy and continue united the fight for "human rights" was made here today by Hon. Jerry B. Sullivan of Des Moines in his address as temporary chairman of the democratic state convention.

After quoting the Iowa senators who in recent utterances said that "the republican party at Washington was dominated and controlled by the corporations of our country" and that "our tariff laws were dictated and practically written by those interested" the speakers proceeded to thank the insurgent republicans who united with democrats in defeating administration measures. He branded Theodore Roosevelt as an imperialist and thus appealed for union with the insurgents.

"It is a time to split hairs with those who are almost united with us on the question of human rights and equal opportunities? Should we not grasp the hand of every individual of this land and place human rights above property, and with the thought of the fathers of our nation as our guiding star march on in unity and victory?"

The temporary chairman undauntedly attacked the present administration and Theodore Roosevelt. Concerning the former president he said: "This man who did so much on paper, and so little in fact is appealed to to save the day. He has just returned from his triumphant tour in central Africa. He has just said to England how it shall rule Egypt, to the Pope how he shall conduct his domestic affairs, to the American woman how she shall rear her family, and now he is asked to pull the present administration out of the mire. Democracy will not suffer by anything Theodore does. He has many elements that are admirable but he stands today the foremost imperialist in the world and wishes to guide men with the sword not from the heart; believes more in a standing army of guns, than a standing army of independent men; believes that a mighty navy, that he almost bankrupt the nation, is of more utility for civilization than peace of all mankind."

He denounced the present administration for refusing to grant self government to Porto Rico and the Philippines and summed up the principles of his party as follows: "Democracy stands for revision of tariff, the removal of the tax on the necessity of life, that duties should be for the purpose of obtaining revenue and not for private graft. Economy in expenditure of public affairs, the election of United States senator by the people, that the wealth of the nation bear its share of the burden and that equal opportunities be granted to all."

He denounced the rapid development of the trusts and combines and declared democracy to be the only cure for the present political and economic evils.

Move for Pure Milk. WATERLOO, July 27.—The board of health has adopted a resolution providing that all milk sold here must come from cows tested for tuberculosis. Dr. Walker McHenry, government inspector, is temporarily in charge. Some time ago Judge Caldwell of the municipal council here said the old milk ordinance was null and void, and this resolution passed on the state law is to take the place of it.

Jumped into a Well. OSKALOOSA, July 27.—Mrs. Nancy A. Carr of Cuerno, N. M., committed suicide at the home of her sister near Fremont by jumping into an open well. She was despondent over domestic troubles. Her relatives had recently brought her to Iowa.

FOR TAFT BUT NOT CANNON

Nebraska Republicans Indorse the Administration But Express Opposition to Speaker Cannon.

INSURGENT SYMPATHY

Resolutions Were Not Adopted However Without Much Opposition in Conference or on Floor.

LINCOLN, Neb., July 27.—The platform convention of the republican party of Nebraska adopted a platform strongly indorsing the administration of President Taft, expressing opposition to Cannon and sympathy with the insurgent movement. The platform includes a declaration for county option as the method of regulating the liquor traffic and for an amendment to the state constitution providing for direct legislation.

These resolutions were not adopted without meeting strong opposition, both in the resolutions committee and upon the floor of the convention, but while there were no votes to spare in the committee for county option and the other matters came before the main body of delegates as minority reports, the vote in their favor in the convention was overwhelming.

As a general proposition, it had been understood, the indorsement of county option and of insurgency were supported by the same people. In consequence, when, at the opening of the convention United States Senator Norris Brown, a standpat, was chosen permanent chairman over Congressman George W. Norris, the rank and file of the county optionists began to fear for the fate of their pet resolution.

It develops, however, that while no compromise is admitted by either side, there was a conference at which Senator Brown assured the optionists of the character of the resolutions committee he would appoint if he was made permanent chairman. The committee of seven appointed by him included three in favor of county option, three in favor of the present law and one in favor of the submission of statewide prohibition amendment. The last named member finally voted for the county option plank.

The resolutions adopted strongly indorse the national administration as well as previous republican administrations, and calls for the creation of a nonpartisan board of control for charitable and penal institutions and a reappointment of the senators and representatives of the state. As an amendment a resolution calling for a constitutional amendment providing for direct legislation was adopted.

WIRELESS FLASHES OVER THE OCEAN

Steamer Montrose Is Now Close Enough to This Side to Receive Message.

MONTREAL, July 27.—The Canadian police have requested the wireless operators at Belle Isle on the coast of Labrador, to make every effort to pick up the Montrose as soon as possible, to determine definitely whether Dr. Crippen and Miss Lenoire are on the ship. It has been announced by Scotland Yard officials that they sent a description of the couple to Montreal while it was still in communication with the English coast.

Matt Case Settled. BOONE, Iowa, July 27.—The Matt case has been decided and W. R. Matt, the defendant, has won. Judge Albrook filed his decision in this case with County Recorder Henning. The brothers and sisters and the children of a deceased brother of W. R. Matt brought suit to have the deed to a 240-acre farm, given twenty-three years ago, declared a trust deed. The farm is very valuable, and considerable was at stake in the case. The case was hard fought.

Confessed Thief in Custody. MARION, July 27.—O. T. Marchant, arrested here for intoxication, has confessed that he robbed the United States Express company at Lima, O., July 4, of \$407. He had on his person when arrested, fastened to a belt, about \$230. The Ohio officers have been notified.

Killed by Lightning. CRESTON, July 27.—During the thunderstorm here Mrs. R. F. Baylids of Cromwell was struck by lightning and instantly killed while standing in the door at her home watching the storm. She was 42 years old and leaves a family of small children.

STATE PLATFORM STANDPAT BUILT

Loyal Republicans of Ohio Control the Constitution and Give Insurgents a Body Blow.

HARDY FOR GOVERNOR

Garfield Dropped His Fight and His Supporters Sat Mute While Resolution Was Adopted.

CONVENTION HALL, COLUMBUS, Ohio, July 27.—The republican state platform agreed upon by a majority of the resolution committee, endorses President Taft's administration; endorses him for renomination in 1912; endorses the Ohio delegation in congress and the Payne-Aldrich tariff bill. Particular emphasis is laid on the new tariff commission. It declares in favor of a bigger navy, improvement of rivers and harbors and further amendments of the anti-trust law; endorses the conservation idea; declares for further generous pension legislation. It endorses the publication of campaign expenditures; the ratification of the income tax amendment to the federal constitution; individual punishment of corporation officials who violate the law.

The planks endorsing Taft are: "We, the republicans of Ohio, commend in the highest terms the splendid administration of Wm. H. Taft. We are proud of the results he has already achieved in his seven months in office and give him our hearty support in his future efforts. We renew our pledge of loyal support given in 1908, and endorse him for renomination in 1912. The tariff has been revised in accordance with republican doctrine. It did not raise the rate of duties on a single common food product, the increases being on luxuries." James R. Garfield this morning dropped his fight against the endorsement of the tariff bill and Taft. At the same time he sent out the word that his name would not go before the convention as a candidate for governor. His supporters were mute while the standpats led by Senator Dick, presented to the convention, the strongest standpat platform that an Ohio republican convention has seen for many years. It was the failure of some of the leading Garfield supporters to stand up and fight, that caused him to withdraw. He was outgeneraled by the standpat crowd and quit when he saw himself defeated. The other candidates for governor, Brown, Hardy and Thompson, all set up the claim of victory.

Hardy was nominated for governor on the second ballot, having over 700 votes. Garfield received only 50 votes. The final conference of the progressive leaders was held on the pavement in front of a hotel. Garfield talked much but indefinitely, while his friends fairly danced with apprehension. Garfield and Holland were sharply told that they would be refused to give the progressive delegates the chance to make the fight they wanted to. Holland was bundled into an auto and sent to the convention hall, his mind not made up. The Garfield delegates had waited patiently for the signal. When they heard there was doubt whether a minority report would be presented, they were dumfounded. When Dick mounted the platform to read his standpat resolutions, Holland decided he would not offer any minority report. This ended the Garfield campaign in Ohio.

Pretty Mae's Predicament. IOWA CITY, July 27.—Several young men tried to persuade pretty Mae Gibson of this city to go riding with them in their automobile. They started to use force when she drew a revolver and pulled the trigger twice, but the gun did not go off. By this time her father and a friend appeared on the scene and made an effort to punish the young men when the father was assaulted by them and they escaped in their automobile. Some arrests will probably be made.

Real Wealth. Gunner—They say since Cogwood bought his new automobile he has run into wealth. Guyer—Yes, he ran into a 400-pound hog the other day.

Much Wire String in Piano. An ordinary piano contains a mile of wire string.

BRYAN IS NO LONGER LEADER

Nebraska Democrats Decide to Do Just the Opposite to What He Wants Them To Do.

COUNTY OPTION ISSUE

Vote at State Convention Stood 710 to 163 on the Daylight Saloon Law Matter.

GRAND ISLAND, Neb., July 27.—Nebraska democrats wrested the leadership of their state organization from William J. Bryan on the issue of county option. By decisive votes they registered their unbelief in his present policies, after listening to an impassioned appeal from Mr. Bryan, who declared the liquor interests were in an organized attempt to secure political control of the state. The minority plank submitted by Mr. Bryan was brief, and his opponents declared was an effort to recede from his former radical attitude. But the workers against the county option plank were unopposed and stood firmly against it.

Mr. Bryan, speaking from the platform in behalf of the minority plank presented by him, was greeted by shouts of applause and was listened to in silence. While the committee on resolutions was drafting its report, Gov. Shallenberger and Mayor Dahlman of Omaha, rivals for nomination for governor, addressed the convention and hurled verbal shafts at each other. Dissension among the membership of the resolution committee delayed the presentation of the divergent reports until long after the hour at which they were to report at the evening session.

A disorderly crowd that packed the tent, preventing many of the delegates from occupying their seats, also delayed the proceedings. At the opening of the evening session former Senator W. R. Patrick, the Bryan candidate for governor, took the platform and openly defied the opponent of Bryan. He declared that failure to adopt the county option plank meant certain defeat at the polls. Despite the howls and shouts of the delegates, he began an attack on Shallenberger and Mayor Dahlman until cautioned by Chairman Smyth. He declared that Bryan was the only man who did or could lead the army to democratic victory and stood with folded arms and defiant mein as the convention again tried to shout him into cessation.

Shouts of "sit down" were ineffectual. Chairman Smyth vainly sought to still the disturbance in the tent. "Hear him out," he pleaded. "You don't have to vote for him, but at least give him a hearing."

The combativeness of the speaker finally won the audience and he was given a round of applause as he concluded.

The committee on resolutions reported at the close of Mr. Patrick's speech, and the majority report was read.

The platform indorsed the administration of Gov. Shallenberger and favored the giving to metropolitan cities and cities of first class the right to make their own charters.

It was declared that there was unanimity of opinion on every phase save one, and its adoption was asked. A protest against the indorsement of Gov. Shallenberger as illegal was disregarded.

The plank in dispute then was read by the chairman. It was: "We heartily approve the daylight saloon law, and we commend the courageous action of Gov. Shallenberger in approving it."

A vote on the plank was then taken and it was adopted by a vote of 710 to 163.

It was then announced that two minority reports would be submitted, one by W. J. Bryan and the other by H. B. Fleaharty. The reports were startling in their brevity.

Killed While Asleep. COUNCIL BLUFFS, July 27.—Axel Monson, a Wabash section foreman, was run down by a freight train near Mineola and killed. His body was terribly mangled. He was exhausted from continuous work at a wreck and was asleep on his railroad velocipede and was met by a train on a curve. The whistle of the engine failed to arouse him from his deep sleep and he was struck by the engine.

Fish Dynamited. STORM LAKE, July 27.—The authorities are on the lookout for the parties who dynamited the lake for fish. Over one hundred fish were found floating on the water this morning.

OHIO REGULARS ARE IN CONTROL

First Trial of Strength Between the Two Factions of the Republican Members in the Presidential State.

BURTON IS CHAIRMAN

Congressman Nicholas Longworth in Vigorous Defense of the Tariff and Praise for Mr. Taft.

COLUMBUS, Ohio July 27.—The first trial of strength between the regulars and progressives in the republican state convention resulted in favor of the regulars by a wide margin. Paul Howland of Cleveland, who has charge of the progressive platform, was defeated by Senator Dick for the chairmanship of the rules committee by a vote of 15 to 3.

Immediately prior to the vote Mr. Howland announced that while he would not quibble over phraseology, if the platform were in substance unsatisfactory to the progressives, he would submit a minority report on the floor of the convention. Nine of Ohio's republican congressmen are members of the resolutions committee, and all nine, including Congressmen Howland and Cassidy, supported the tariff bill, which is one of the issues in the convention. Gen. Warren Keifer, member from the Seventh district, has since maintained that the schedules were not high enough.

As soon as the committee had gone into session word was sent to James R. Garfield, leader of the progressives, that he would be heard.

Senator T. E. Burton was selected as permanent chairman of the convention.

Walter F. Brown of Toledo was unanimously elected to his third term as chairman of the state central committee.

The convention opened with a vigorous defense of the tariff law by Congressman Nicholas Longworth, the temporary chairman. He coupled it with high praise of President Taft.

REMINGTON SHOT SELF FATALLY

Son of Typewriter Inventor Was Too Proud to Ask for Financial Aid.

CHICAGO, July 27.—Physicians at the Chicago Eye and Ear hospital today despair of saving the life of Carver Remington, son of the inventor of the Remington typewriter, who shot himself yesterday through the left breast in an attempt to take his life.

Business reverses and pride which barred him from asking assistance are the causes. In a letter to the undertaker, he asked him to procure a cheap coffin. His wife is with him at the hospital.

Moving Picture Spooning Scenes. C. E. of Missouri Wants to Bar All Kisses Excepting By Relatives.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., July 27.—A statewide movement to prevent the exhibition of moving pictures of "improper tone" has been started by the Christian Endeavor Union of Missouri. The crusade embraces all films which depict what are called demoralizing scenes, and ranges from elopements to robberies and prize fights. It is proposed to put the ban on "spooning" scenes and any that depict kissing by any but relatives or the married.

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River Forecast. The river will remain nearly stationary, or fall slightly. FRED Z. GOSEWICH, Observer.

WILD PANIC ON HIGH TRESTLE

Big Picnic Party Saw Electric Car Rushing Toward Them and Frenzy Seized the Crowd.

ONE MAN WAS KILLED

Car Was Stopped Before it Reached Bridge But Not Until Many Had Been Injured.

ELGIN, Ill., July 27.—Caught on a high trestle, with an electric car bearing down on them at a speed of sixty miles an hour, eighty men, women and children, returning from a picnic were placed in peril of their lives.

Frenzied with fear, many threw themselves from the bridge into a creek in the gully below and one man was killed. Others were knocked from the trestle by the frantic struggles of those who sought to escape imminent death in a wild dash across the ties.

With the headlight of the rapidly approaching car blinding the maddened picnickers, its white flash lighting up the wild mass of struggling persons, a husband fought with his wife who was about to hurl herself and two children from the trestle in a frenzied effort to save them from death under the car wheels. On the very edge of the bridge the man managed to throw his wife to the ties and save her and their children.

Just as an awful tragedy seemed unavoidable, the car was stopped. A few of the picnickers had run to the approach of the trestle and signaled the car.

File at Lokonta. OSKALOOSA, July 27.—Fire at Lokonta, a mining town ten miles southwest of here, burned two barns a warehouse and ice house in connection and the big store of that place.

Aged Man Dead. OSKALOOSA, July 27.—Ezra Rogers, aged 89, a resident of this county for forty years, died.

The Difference. Forgiveness doesn't rush around and show the same disposition to violate the speed ordinances which characterizes revenge.—Atchison Globe.

THE WEATHER.

For Keokuk and vicinity: Generally fair and continued warm tonight and Thursday.

For Illinois: Generally fair tonight and Thursday. Warmer extreme north-east portion Thursday.

For Iowa and Missouri: Generally fair and continued warm tonight and Thursday.

Weather Conditions. High temperature has prevailed from the Rockies to the Mississippi with the western area of low pressure drifting slowly eastward.

Depressions have formed in North Dakota and in Colorado, and the pressure is low from thence to another depression in New England.

A field of high pressure, moving down from Alberta, is causing lower temperature in Montana.

The southeastern field of high pressure is diminishing and remains in the Gulf and southeastern states.

There have been widely scattered light showers in some portions of the lake region, the Missouri and Mississippi valleys and the Gulf coast, the heaviest rain falling in St. Louis.

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