

IOWA LIQUOR PARTY IS DEMOCRACY'S NEW NAME

State Convention at Ottumwa Takes Determined Stand On the Question and Urges High License and Local Option.

WADE AND WEAVER IN TILT ON FLOOR

Platform Adopted After Party Leaders Grew Warm and Excited During Meeting Held While Heat Was Oppressive.

OTTUMWA, Iowa, July 28.—Such townships and municipalities in Iowa as are willing to pay high license for the sake of dealing in liquor may do so in the event of democratic success in the coming gubernatorial election. At least the platform adopted by the democratic convention here says so, but the pledge was not made without a fight, both in committee and on the floor. Former Congressman Martin Wade, chairman of the resolutions committee, defended the plank against a vigorous assault by Gen. J. B. Weaver. Wade said: "I am tired of belonging to a party which is known as a liquor party. Where a majority of a community desire liquor they should have it and vice versa. This is personal liberty, gentlemen, and it is democracy."

the trusts and monopolies which it fosters. Tariff taxation like other taxation should be for public purposes only and not for private profit, and should be so levied as not to discriminate against any section, class, industry or occupation and it should be limited to the actual necessities of the government, economically administered. Illegal trusts and combinations are intolerable. They are fostered by republican tariff legislation. We favor the vigorous enforcement of the criminal law against guilty trust magnates and officials. We believe the true method of enforcing the criminal statutes of the United States is by the prosecution of the individual, guilty of the wrong. The assessment of a fine against a corporation is inoperative and inspires only contempt for the law. We favor a law providing for fair and just regulation of the rates and service of railroads, telephones, telegraph and express companies and other public utilities. We believe that franchises should be granted only upon consent of the voters and we are opposed to the unjust discrimination in service and the excessive rates which are such a serious detriment to many of the cities and towns of Iowa. We charge the republican party with the reckless expenditure of public funds. The creation of new offices and the increase of salaries is out of all proportion to the public need. It is admitted by the leader of the republican party in the senate of the United States that there is a needless waste of over \$300,000,000 per annum. The government of the United States is a business institution and should be conducted upon business principles and we believe that the people should interest themselves in public affairs to the extent of calling to account a party reckless in its expenditure of public funds and unworthy of continued power. We favor an amendment to the constitution of the United States providing for the election of United States senators by a direct vote of the people. And until such amendment can be adopted we favor a law similar to the law now in force in Oregon, giving to the people the largest possible power in the selection of their representatives in the senate of the United States. We favor an income tax and we most heartily favor the ratification of the proposed amendment to the constitution of the United States authorizing the levy of such tax. We are opposed to any legislation under which there may be established a central bank and we condemn the republican party for permitting in the establishment of the postal savings bank the funds to be withdrawn from the local community and sent to the large financial institutions of the east, and we recommend such legislation as shall prevent this discrimination against the people of the great west. We favor the conservation of our natural resources. The democratic party has always opposed gifts of public property to private individuals. We demand the withdrawal from entry of our remaining timber, oil, coal, and iron lands, and water sites. The republican course of favoritism and the countenancing of fraud in relation thereto have become a national scandal. The remnants of our resources should be preserved in the government for the benefit of the people. We favor the improvement of interior waterways and urge appropriation for such purposes. We believe in strict enforcement of all laws and in the immediate removal of inefficient, corrupt or immoral officials, but we favor a revision of existing laws so as to provide for the recall of such officials by the voters of the locality which elected them. We believe in such amendment of the primary law as will reduce the

HOT WEATHER BRINGS OUT COOK

Original North Pole Man is Announced as About Ready to Come on the Stage Again.

STILL CLAIMS HONOR

Magazines Will Not Settle the Dispute for the Benefit of Science And Subscription List.

NEW YORK, July 28.—Capt. James Osborn, close friend of Dr. Frederick A. Cook, the discredited polar explorer, announced that the rival of Commander Peary in the north pole chase, was within a stone's throw of New York's newspaper offices and that today a defensive magazine article would be started in his behalf. Dr. Cook, the captain said, expects his records from Etah almost any day, and as soon as they arrive he will come out of hiding and lay his claims before the American public, once more defying Peary and charging Peary did not reach the pole. R. H. Schenck, counsel for the magazine which will undertake the Cook defense, said that Dr. Cook would start suits for libel against Peary and others because of the ridicule he has been burdened with since Copenhagen's savants decided the polar discovery honors did not belong to him. The magazine undertaking the defense and exploitation of Cook will challenge another magazine to put the Peary data into the hands of a committee of four experts to pass on the merits of Dr. Cook's claims. The magazine suggests a civil engineer, a hydrographer, a navigator and an explorer for the committee. If such a committee declares the Cook claims to be valueless, Dr. Cook's magazine champion will admit defeat. Captain Osborn refused to say just where Dr. Cook was, intimating he was near New York. Commander Peary's claims to the honor of discovering the north pole have been passed upon and accepted by many geographical societies. He has been fully honored in America and abroad, and is finishing a detailed account of the work he undertook and accomplished on his last expedition. As far as official record is concerned the Peary claim seems fully established in America and England. Commander Peary has accepted almost without question in both countries as the north pole discoverer and has been greeted as such by Lieutenant Shackleton, the English explorer who hopes to find the south pole enormous expense thereof and as will more effectually enable the people to actually control a nomination of their candidates for office.

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ANOTHER DROWNED AT HANNIBAL

Latest Death Was Also of a Showman Who Lost His Life in the Treacherous River There.

THE BODY RECOVERED

Was Unable to Swim and Sank in Deep Spot While in Bathing Yesterday Afternoon.

HANNIBAL, Mo., July 28.—Within fifteen feet of the point in the Mississippi river where the two carnival men were drowned recently on the river front at Hannibal, another unfortunate man met his death in much the same manner yesterday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock, and but for the presence of mind of a woman, this also would almost certainly have been a double tragedy. The man was Jas. Baker, a resident of Pennsylvania, who has been with the Skerbeckt Wild West show for the past eight weeks as a hostler and rider. Baker had gone into the river to bathe and was accompanied by Mr. Skerbeckt and the latter's little daughter. Baker was unable to swim well, and it is thought he stepped into the water beyond his depth. Skerbeckt made an heroic attempt to rescue the drowning man and almost lost his own life in the effort. Grappling with his rescuer as is usual in such cases, Baker pulled him into the deep water with him. Both had sunk beneath the water twice, when Mrs. Skerbeckt was attracted by her husband's calls for help. A long pole was within easy reach and she stuck this out to them to take hold on. Mr. Skerbeckt caught it and was hauled in safely. Taking but a few moments rest he again went into the water to rescue Baker. The young man had sunk to the bottom of the river and was beyond aid. Other men were soon attracted by the calls for help and expert divers began search for the body, which was recovered in about half an hour after the drowning. The funeral will be held today. Baker was about 27 years of age, and was one of the steadiest men in the show company. He was popular among his associates, even though of a rather quiet character. He has a sister who resides somewhere in Missouri but her name is not known, nor is the city of her residence.

TODAYS WHEREABOUTS OF DR. CRIPPEN

Is Reported Still on Board the Montrose and Also May Be Hiding in France.

FARTHER POINT, Quebec, July 28

—That the police are in possession of facts not hitherto made public, regarding the whereabouts of Dr. Crippen and Miss Leneve, were intimated today following the arrival here of the provincial police who were ordered here by the attorney general of the province of Quebec. These higher officials bear warrants for the arrest of Dr. Crippen and Miss Leneve. Their orders are to board the steamer Montrose with the pilot off Farther Point and arrest Crippen and the woman. The wireless station has not yet been able to pick up the Montrose but expects to at any time.

PARIS, July 28.—Police stations throughout France were today placarded with pictures of Dr. Crippen and his stenographer. Notice of reward also was posted. This action is taken to mean that Scotland Yard is not overly confident that the couple are on board the steamer Montrose.

Another Jack Pot.

CHICAGO July 28.—None of the principles named in the latest legislative scandal that a jackpot of \$35,000 was raised to purchase democratic votes for the re-election to the senate of former senator Hopkins, have been reached as yet today. Senator Hopkins is away from his Aurora home on a business trip. Speaker Shurtliff was not at home but inquiries were made and Roger C. Sullivan declined to discuss the charges at this time.

Town Has Big Blaze.

HERRETT, S. D., July 28.—Flames of unknown origin wiped out the entire business district of this city early today, finally dying out for lack of members of Co. F, as they were waiting for a train to convey them to Columbus. The loss is estimated at \$50,000, with little insurance.

Soldiers Were Assaulted.

HAMILTON, Ohio July 28.—Strike sympathizers threw iron bolts at members of Co. F, as they were waiting for a train to convey them to Columbus. The militiamen had no ammunition and made no resistance.

MOST GIGANTIC DEAL HAS FALLEN TO PIECES

Efforts of Foreign Capital to Buy Rock Island, Wabash and Other Railroads to Merge Into a Great Transcontinental Line.

THE DEAL INVOLVED MILLIONS OF DOLLARS

Pearson Came to Grief After Dealing in Railroad Stocks to a Heavier Extent Than Had Ever been Done Before.

NEW YORK, July 28.—One of the boldest ventures in American financial history and particularly in the history of American railroading came to grief, when there was transferred to Kuhn, Loeb & Co., of New York, and a syndicate headed by them, the bulk of a large block of American railroad securities, acquired in the last nine months by a British and Canadian syndicate, headed by Dr. F. S. Pearson. The project was a reminder of Harrison in conception, however unlike him in execution. The men behind it, from the manner in which they carried on their operations, contemplated nothing more nor less than obtaining a dominant interest in a chain of railroads extending from the Atlantic to the Pacific Coast. Dr. Pearson, a Canadian, who is said to have been a professor of engineering at Tufts' college, is an engineer; as well known to British and Canadian financiers from the success of his operations in Spanish-American railroads as is that other Pearson, Sir Westman, from the profit derived from tunnel building in Great Britain and America. Dr. Pearson, who is not related to the other engineer of that name or associated with him in business, attracted the attention of British and Canadian investors principally by the organization and operation of tramway companies in South Africa and Mexico. Investors and bankers derived remarkably handsome profits from these enterprises, so that, on embarking in business in America, he had powerful financial backing. The first big venture of Dr. Pearson and his assistants in this country was made in the latter part of last year. It was in the stock and bonds of the Rock Island company, which owns the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railroad company, one of the best of the granger lines. Dr. Pearson made a physical examination of the company's properties, and on his report the Canadian and British financiers who had long followed him and profited through him, bought heavily of Rock Island securities. Seemingly Judge W. H. Moore and D. C. Reid, the men then in absolute control of the Rock Island, were willing to sell them. In the early part of this year Dr. Pearson and one of his associates, Percival Farquhar, said to be an Englishman, were elected directors of the Rock Island company. It was given out at the time that the syndicate represented by them had acquired about 20 per cent of the company's capital stock. The company has outstanding \$90,000,000 common and \$50,000,000 preferred. The syndicate bought more heavily of the preferred than of the common, and also bought heavily of Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railroad collateral trust bonds. So here was a tidy investment to be in with. It was also announced at that time that Dr. Pearson and his associates were associated in harmony with Judge Moore and Mr. Reid, the other dominant persons in the Rock Island company. These old Rock Island men had long cast their eyes on Lehigh Valley, and presently directed Dr. Pearson's attention to that property. Dr. Pearson made an examination of that property, also; recommended it to his Canadian and British friends, and got their money into it just as it was put into Rock Island. Lehigh Valley stock, which sold as low as 67 in the early part of last year, soared up to 121 1/4, as a result, in part, of these purchases. Here the paths of the old and new Rock Island men seem to have diverged. The others were content with the expansion they had already made. Dr. Pearson and his assistants went further, until, as it became known today, they had bought into companies with a stock capitalization of fully \$485,000,000, par value and controlling 1,377 miles of road extending from the Atlantic to the Pacific. These other operations were conducted secretly. It was known and publicly announced that the syndicate had acquired heavy interests in Rock Island and Lehigh Valley; not until yesterday did it come out that Dr. Pearson and his friends had gone further and made purchases of American railroad stocks on a scale undoubtedly never paralleled by any one group of foreign capitalists at any one time. Lehigh Valley runs from Chicago west to Denver. Here was a big gap between Buffalo and Chicago, and the syndicate bought into Wabash, a road loosely controlled by the Goulds, which connects these two cities. From Denver to the Pacific Coast the best available route was by the Denver and Rio Grande, which owns two-thirds of the stock of the recently completed Western Pacific. But 40 per cent of the Denver and Rio Grande stock is owned by the Missouri Pacific, so that in order to acquire substantial influence in Denver and Rio Grande it was necessary also to acquire substantial influence in Missouri Pacific. From east to west the contemplated transcontinental system was then conjured up, as may be seen by the following table, giving the railroads, mileage and capital stock: Lehigh Val. . . 1,441 \$80,000,000 com. Wabash 2,514 53,000,000 com. 40,000,000 pref. Rock Island . . . 3,118 30,000,000 com. 50,000,000 pref. Mo. Pac. 3,773 83,000,000 Den. & Rio Gr. 2,598 38,000,000 com. 50,000,000 pref. Western Pacific 927 Ow'd by D.&R.G. Totals . . . 19,377 \$484,000,000

A Suspect Held. GLENWOOD SPRINGS, Colo., July 28.—A man answering the description of Ray Scriver, charged with the murder of the city marshal of Fairbury, Ill., last May, was arrested at New Castle.

THE WEATHER.

(Until 7 p. m. Friday.) For Keokuk and vicinity: Thunder showers tonight or Friday. Cooler Friday. For Illinois: Partly cloudy with thunder showers tonight or Friday. Warmer central portion tonight. For Iowa: Thunder showers tonight or Friday. Cooler west and central portions tonight. For Missouri: Thunder showers tonight or Friday. Cooler Friday and northwest portion tonight.

Weather Conditions.

The northwestern field of high pressure is extending eastward to the upper lake region, causing cooler weather in that section to follow scattered light showers. The western depression is central over Kansas and southern Kansas where the day temperature has exceeded a hundred degrees. There have been showers in portions of the northeastern states, where yesterday's depression has remained stationary, and the pressure continues high on the gulf coast. Conditions indicate thunder showers for this section tonight or Friday, followed by cooler weather.

Daily River Bulletin.

Table with 4 columns: Station, Stage, Height, Change. Wea't'r. St. Paul . . 14 0.5 0.0 Clear La Crosse . 12 0.4 -0.1 Clear Davenport . 15 0.8 x0.2 Cldy Galland . . . 8 0.4 0.0 Keokuk . . . 15 0.4 x0.1 Cldy St. Louis . . 30 7.5 x0.9 Pt.cldy

Local Observations.

Table with 4 columns: Time, Bar, Ther., Wind, Weather. 27 7 p.m. . . 29.80 86 NE Cldy 28 7 a.m. . . 29.80 70 SE Cldy Mean temperature, 80. Maximum temperature, 91. Minimum temperature, 70.

River Forecast.

The river will remain nearly stationary. FRED Z. GOSEWISCH, Observer