JACK FUSHIA ON THE CARPET

Lincoln Police Official Charged with Encouraging a Mob.

QUEER STORY FROM CHEYENNE COUNTY

Cash Williams Alleges that While Located at Lodge Pole Two Years Ago He Was Roughly Handled.

LINCOLN, July 10.—(Special.)—To the Lincoln Excise board a man named Cash Williams has told a rather sensational story. It involves the character of one of the police officers of the city, Jack Fushia. Williams says that some time in August, two years ago, he was selling organs in the northwest, his headquarters being at Lodge Pole, Cheyenne county. He claims that in order to do a thriving business in that locality it was necessary to resort to bribery. Fushia, he says, was acquainted in the neighborhood, and he employed him as an agent to "sugar up" the refractory school board officials, who refused to purchase organs when requested to do so. Fushia had told him where to place money where it would do the most good. As a result of the "sugaring" process he had sold three organs to schools in that locality. Shortly after this he was assailed by a mob, taken away from his boarding house, and furnished with a coat of tar, after which he was relied in a load of wheat. The mob, he avers, also took from him notes aggregating $500 and $75 in cash. These he never recovered, although the amounts of all but one note were subsequently secured by his firm. Williams claims that Fushia was a prominent factor in the mob. He says that when he went to Cheyenne to have the parties prosecuted he was informed by the county attorney that there was an organized gang there, and that an attempt at prosecution would be useless.

Fushia's story to the excise board, it is said, completely refutes many of the alleged causes of this trouble, while agreeing in the main with the details. Fushia says that Williams had manifested an unhealthy penchant for the society of young girls, and that the mobbing was due to that fact. He had been warned to leave town, but had defiantly refused, and supplemented his refusal with a number of vile insinuations against the purity of the women of that neighborhood. Then it was that Williams had been rolled in tar and subsequently in a load of wheat. Fushia denies having had any hand in the affair. The excise board has taken the names of a number of parties living in that vicinity, and will write them for further particulars.

PREFERRED THE PEN.

The boy arrested yesterday for the burglary of J. P. Hendry's store will not go to the penitentiary, as anticipated. He gave his name as Charles Williams when arrested, but today, when he confronted Deputy County Attorney Collins it was discovered that he was none other than George Jacobs, a boy who had been sent to the reform school from this city and had been paroled. At first the boy denied this and pretended that he did not recognize Collins, but it didn't work. He wanted to go to the penitentiary instead of back to the reform school. He will be returned to Kearney.

F. X. Clark and wife have returned from a three months' absence abroad, most of the time having been passed in Germany. But the tour included a visit to the great capitals of Europe.

Hon. C. H. Morrill has gone to Lake Osakis, Wis., to enjoy some sport with rod and line.

The examination of Jesse Fitzgerald, charged with stabbing Marshal Carver of Raymond, was held today before Justice Spencer, Deputy County Attorney Collins appeared for the prosecution, and Paul Clark for the defense. It was not developed who struck the first blow, as the witnesses appeared to argue that both struck at once. The affray occurred at a ball game on the Fourth. Fitzgerald had been ordered to sit down by the marshal, and had refused and given some insulting reply. A struggle ensued, in which the marshal was seriously stabbed. No evidence was introduced by the defense and Fitzgerald was bound over in the sum of $1,000.

CAMP MEETING AT CUSHMAN PARK.

The Seventh Day Adventists of Nebraska will hold their annual state camp meeting, beginning August 26 and closing September 9, in the beautiful grounds known as Cushman's park, about four miles west of the city of Lincoln. A workers meeting, especially for the benefit of the conference laborers, yet admitting all who wish to come, will precede the camp meeting proper, beginning August 26, during which time the tents will be pitched and all preparations made for the general meeting. Cordial invitations are extended to the people of Lincoln and vicinity, and also to neighboring cities and villages. Prominent speakers from abroad will address the people, and services will be in progress each day and evening in the English, German and Scandinavian languages.

OMAHA PEOPLE IN LINCOLN.

At the Lindell—William L. Drew, C. O. Lobeck, Seth C. Drope, W. G. Home, W. C. Wood, Lincoln—H. T. Clarke, J. McSween, W. S. Seavey, W. C. Downell, Charles Soudenbury, Frank Reynolds, Charles F. Strassur, Julius A. Penn, A. M. Jeffrey, Charles T. Rogers.

REPAIRING STATE INSTITUTIONS.

Board of Public Lands and Buildings Has Money to Spend.

LINCOLN, July 10.—(Special.)—There was a busy scene in the vicinity of the Land Commissioner's office today. The Board of Public Lands and Buildings was in session and its principal business was receiving bids for repairs on the Institute for the Deaf at Omaha. The board has $11,300 to spend in this way, $5,000 for plumbing and connection with laboratories and $6,300 for overhauling old buildings, concreting basement, covering steam pipes and general repairs.

Architect Fisher of Omaha presented a number of plans and specifications covering the latter appropriation. His proposition was to prepare plans, solicit bids and superintend the entire work for 5 per cent of the total cost. He, however, made his first proposition in a lump sum and left the matter with the board. Architect Ellis also submitted a bid for preparing plans and looking after the work until it was satisfactorily completed. The board will consider the various bids and report its findings later. J. H. Craddock and several other parties submitted bids for the addition to the Soldiers' and Sailors' Home at Grand Island. The last legislature appropriated $12,000 for this purpose.

Warden George W. Leidigh was at the governor's and auditor's offices today, looking up the matter of awards for escaped prisoners. He says that a number of paroled prisoners have taken French leave and their present whereabouts are unknown. He is afraid that the knowledge of this state of affairs coming to the ears of others may result in more levanting and also a lack of discipline at the prison. In a recent search of cells the warden found eight or ten knives secreted by prisoners. Some of them were regularly made, while others were manufactured from bits of scrap iron picked up around the prison.

Today the Board of Public Lands and Buildings ordered fifteen patients at the Norfolk Insane asylum sent to the Home for Incurables at Hastings.

Sent an Editor to Jail.

BUTTE, Neb., July 10.—(Special Telegram.)—D. R. Summers, editor of the Spencer Advocate, was arrested yesterday, charged with assault upon D. J. Harrington, a Butte attorney, and before the justice of the peace of this precinct Summers pleaded guilty and was sentenced by Judge Skuse to thirty days in the county jail. The trouble arose over a law suit in which Harrington was attorney for the plaintiff and the verdict was against Summers.

Drowned in a Well.

BUTTE, Neb., July 10.—(Special Telegram.)—Fred Bethge, an old resident of Fairfax, S. D., about fifteen miles northwest of Butte, was drowned in a well on his place Monday. It is supposed that he was trying to recover a tame duck, which had fallen in the well, and becoming overbalanced slipped over. In falling his head must have come in contact with the stone curbing in the well, which stunned him and before he regained consciousness was drowned. The well has about seven feet of water in it and was about six feet in diameter. The deceased was unmarried, a member of the Ancient Order of United Workmen and was buried today by the members of the order.

QUANTITY OF STOLEN GOODS FOUND

Holt County's Sheriff Uncovers a Nest of Suspicious Characters.

O'NEILL, Neb., July 10.—(Special Telegram.)—Armed with a search warrant, Sheriff Hamilton went this afternoon to search the residence of M. E. Tierney for stolen goods. A lot of stuff, mostly clothing, has been stolen here during the past two years, and while suspicion rested upon the parties whose house was searched today, the officers have never been able to prove them guilty until today. Sheriff Hamilton found the property he was looking for and a lot of other goods that had disappeared. He also found in one of the bed rooms up stairs fifteen pounds of dynamite and over $100 of counterfeit money. It was in $10 pieces all ready to be plated. While the officers were searching the house a son of Tierney's ran into an outhouse and threw $18 worth of the stuff there, which was afterward recovered.

The sheriff claims that he has been watching them for some time, having heard that they were making spurious money. It is thought that some other parties are connected with the affair.

Their bond was fixed at $1,000, which they failed to procure, and Tierney and his wife are now in jail. They will have a preliminary hearing tomorrow. Tierney and family have lived here about fourteen years. They have four children. The eldest son was sent to the penitentiary three years ago for stealing, but was pardoned. He left here about a week ago, and the officers are now looking for him. The county attorney claims that he will be able to locate the materials which the stuff was made with, and also thinks that others will be implicated in the matter. The United States marshal has been notified.

SHUT OUT THE OMAHA DOCTOR

State Board of Health Declines to Issue a Certificate.

LINCOLN, July 10.—(Special.)—The State Board of Health has refused to grant to Dr. Leiber of Omaha a certificate enabling him to practice medicine under the laws of the state. Dr. Leiber was before the state board two years ago on the charge of practicing medicine without a certificate, but the case against him was never pushed. Recently the Omaha Medical society again preferred charges against him, and the secretaries of the state Board of Health took up his case for investigation. He had no diploma, but claimed he was entitled to a certificate on the ground that he had registered under the old law of 1881. The secretaries declined to issue the certificate and the case was taken before the board itself. The board is composed of Governor Holcomb, Attorney General Churchill and Superintendent Corbett. The two first named listened to the arguments for and against Dr. Leiber, Judge Baldwin of Omaha appearing for the doctor and James H. Macomber for the Omaha Medical society. After reviewing the testimony and hearing the argument the governor and the attorney general declined to give Dr. Leiber a certificate.

TO SECURE BOLT COUNTY FUNDS

Relic of the Barrett Scott Case Reaches the Supreme Court.

LINCOLN, July 10.—(Special.)—The case of the county of Holt against the Holt County bank, John McBride, Timothy Dwyer and Edwin Adams, wherein the plaintiff recovered a judgment for $7,775.23, in the district court of Holt county, has reached the supreme court on petition in error. The suit in the lower court was on the $80,000 bond signed by the defendants, Holt County bank, David Adams, David L. Darr, John J. McCaffery, M. J. Sullivan, John McBride, Timothy Dwyer and Edwin Adams, the consideration being the deposit of this money in the bank. This bond was approved by the Board of Supervisors of Holt county on March 5, 1892. The funds included the county general, county bridge, county bond and soldiers' relief funds. The money remained on deposit and was on deposit on June 30, 1893, to the amount of $7,512.31. The bank failed and on August 1, 1893, neglected to render to the treasurer of Holt county a statement showing daily balances as provided by law. This money was deposited in the Holt County bank by Barrett Scott.

Nebraska City News Notes.

NEBRASKA CITY, July 10.—(Special.)—Yesterday, during the absence of the family, the residence of Mr. W. Black was entered by burglars, who secured a gold watch and other jewelry, together with a small sum of money. The robbery was not discovered until late in the evening, and was then reported to the police, who later on arrested two boys and two girls, claiming to be brothers and sisters, and lodged them in jail. None of the articles were found, however, but this morning H. Meyerhoft, living south of town, identified a pair of pants and shoes worn by one of the boys as his property, which was stolen yesterday. They will be held to await developments.

A petition has been filed in the district court by Frank Landis of the firm of Landis & Krebs, job printers, praying for the appointment of a receiver, and that the existing partnership be dissolved. Plaintiff avers that the defendant has usurped the management of the business and is fast running it into the ground. The stock is valued at $2,000.

Colonel Frank P. Ireland, while running a lawn mower at his residence this afternoon, accidentally stepped off of the terrace, and in falling broke his left arm near the elbow. He will be laid up for some days.

At the meeting of the school board last evening the subject of a new High school building was taken up. Hon. John C. Watson spoke at length in favor of the proposition, and a motion was passed ordering that the High school subject be made a special order of business for Friday night. The board is generally in favor of it, and the only question now seems to be in voting the bonds.

Mr. Eb Northcutt and Miss Dillebrandt were married at noon at the residence of the bride's parents in this city. Both are popular and highly esteemed young people. They will spend their honeymoon at the lakes and will then reside here.

Fine Rain in Dundy County.

BENKELMAN, July 10.—(Special.)—A gentle rain fell here all day yesterday. There will be ample wheat raised here to feed the people nicely, and corn prospects were never better, although not so forward as in former years, but a better stand and better color and condition. Weeds grow abundantly and the farmers are busy as bees. Business has greatly revived the past month and everything looks promising.

There is considerable inquiry for lands in Dundy county at present, and shrewd investors seem to realize that now is the time to buy western land cheap, and so it is, when farm land can be bought all the way from $3 to $7 per acre. Farmers have only to cite the enormous productions from their soil in 1891, 1892 and 1893 to prove the assertion that this is as prolific a county as ever produced, with a fair rainfall.

Frank T. Israel, who holds a position in the Treasury department at Washington, D. C., is visiting his parents and family this week.

Quite a number from Benkelman are in attendance at the National Educational association meeting in Denver.

Hall County Coroner Resigns.

GRAND ISLAND, July 10.—(Special.)—Coroner A. J. Sanders, who contemplates moving to the south, sent his resignation to the county board yesterday and Dr. H. D. Boyden was elected to fill the vacancy.

The Pukwana Cycle club is arranging a series of races for local wheelmen only and has set Thursday, July 25, for the first event.

The sheriff of the county of which Bay City, Wis., is the county seat arrived last night with requisition papers for W. H. Buntin, the Milwaukee & Northern freight conductor who is implicated in car plundering, and took his prisoner away today.

Caring for Pierce County Paupers.

PIERCE, Neb., July 10.—(Special.)—Today Pierce county paupers will be removed from the county poor farm, which is located about two miles east of town. The place has been very comfortably furnished for the accommodation of the poor of this county.

FIGHTING FOR SAND HILLS

Settlers Send a Startling Communication to Governor Holcomb.

CLAIM THEIR LIVES ARE ENDANGERED

Edward Able and Joseph L. Fletcher Say a Band of Ranchmen Are Endeavoring to Drive Them from Their Claims.

LINCOLN, July 10.—(Special.)—Edward Abel and Joseph L. Fletcher have submitted a remarkable document to Governor Holcomb in the shape of an affidavit made before United States Commissioner Robert J. Graham. In their sworn communication, which is dated from township 29, range 38, sections 1 and 2, Cherry county, Nebraska, they say:

"I, Edward Abel, made a homestead filing on government land on June 27, 1895, at Valentine, Neb., and I, Joseph L. Fletcher, have located on government land adjoining Abel on the east. Have not made my filing yet because I have not been able to get the correct number. Will make filing as soon as lines can be established. Have built a house and am living with my family on the land.

"Now, we demand protection from you against about fifteen ranchmen who appeared on July 5 and tried for half a day to force us to vacate our claims and leave the country. When we refused to go they threatened our lives, and fired as many as twenty shots at us from a distance, some of which came within six feet of us. The following morning, July 6, they fired two shots at the wagon in which we were sleeping. Both shots came close. This mob of men has been operating here for several years, and has intimidated and driven out a number of settlers, and forced several small ranchers to sell their stock and land at a sacrifice in order to escape the vengeance of this gang. Now if we can receive any aid from the state, the same immediately, to protect our property and our lives, we would like to make our homes in the sand hills if we can have protection. If not we will be forced to abandon our house or else be killed.

"EDWARD ABEL.
"JOSEPH L. FLETCHER."

The communication has been referred to the attorney general by Governor Holcomb.

TRAVELING PHYSICIAN FINED.

Fremont Citizens Force Abram Goldstein to Surrender Several Dollars.

FREMONT, July 10.—(Special.)—Abram Goldstein was arrested by the police yesterday on the charge of not having paid his occupation tax as an itinerant physician. Goldstein's plan was to find out the names of people who were sick and go to their houses representing that he had been sent there by some particular friend of theirs, and try to sell them medicine which he guaranteed to cure them. He seemed to be an old hand at the business and was meeting with success when arrested. Judge Holmes fined him $20 and costs, which he paid. One of the parties he sold his medicine to compelled him to refund the money.

Leslie Truesdell of this city and Miss Lucy B. Myers of Salina, Kan., were married in Salina, July 4, and returned to Fremont yesterday. The wedding was a complete surprise to Truesdell's friends here. The groom is the youngest son of Arthur Truesdell of this city. He is a young man of excellent business ability, prominent in secret society circles, and has a large number of acquaintances. The parties became acquainted while attending college in Kansas six or seven years ago.

The county board held its regular session yesterday and today. Dr. W. J. Davies was elected county physician in place of Dr. L. J. Abbott, resigned.

W. C. T. U. Convention at York.

YORK, Neb., July 10.—(Special.)—The Women's Christian Temperance union of the Sixth district of Nebraska convened yesterday for a three days' convention. A number of delegates are in the city. The exercises today were held in the Congregational church. The convention was opened by devotional exercises conducted by Mrs. Wellman. At 3:30 p. m. there was a general business meeting for the appointment of committees, credentials, courtesies of convention and resolutions. After this Mrs. Anna Wellman of York greeted the convention with a short address. Mrs. Anna Steel of Hampton made a response. After an address by the president, the meeting adjourned until evening. Last night a union prayer meeting was held, conducted by Rev. R. T. Cross of York.

Raising Funds for Advertising Purposes

LINCOLN, July 10.—(Special Telegram.)—The adjourned meeting of the executive committee of the Atlanta Cotton exposition delegation convented today in the rooms of the Board of Transportation. The governor met with them. He had suggested that circulars be sent to each of the ninety counties in the state, soliciting contributions from $100 up to aid in preparing a Nebraska exhibit at the exposition. This plan was adopted by the committee and the circulars will be dispatched at once. It is likely that Douglas county will be asked for $1,000 and Lancaster for $500. The committee then adjourned to meet at the call of President Heaton.

Used a Horsewhip on a Tramp.

CENTRAL CITY, Neb., July 10.—(Special Telegram.)—This morning a tramp called at the residence of W. E. Barber and asked for a cup of coffee. A small dog began barking at him. He grabbed a hoe and threatened to kill the dog. Mrs. Barber informed him that he had better not. He at once turned his attention to her and began cursing her and swore he would split her head open. A gentleman passing heard the remarks and drove him away. Later a number of citizens took horsewhips and whipped him out of town, and from talk all tramps are liable to be treated in a similar manner under like circumstances.

Interesting Chautauqua Program.

CRETE, Neb., July 10.—(Special Telegram.)—The attendance at the assembly today has been very large and the program of special interest. Prof. Taylor's afternoon lecture was a general expose of police corruption. Miss Gifford, the brilliant soprano of Chicago, who was so much admired here last year, gave her first recital tonight. Miss Gifford will be a prominent figure in the concerts of Thursday and Friday evenings. These concerts are to be by the whole talent on hand, including the chorus, Misses Gifford and Chandler, Mrs. Jones, the Adelphian quartet and Miss Robinson, the harpist, representing the Lyon & Healey company.

Despondent Man Kills Himself.

FAIRBURY, Neb., July 10.—(Special Telegram.)—Albert Blaco, a photographer, shot himself in the head this afternoon. He was in his gallery at the time and was dead when parties who heard the shot reached him. He leaves a wife and one child, who are in Washington, Kan. He was a cripple and is supposed to have been despondent over business affairs.

Wheat Harvest Well Advanced.

DUNBAR, Neb., July 10.—(Special.)—Wheat harvesting is over and many are threshing. Corn will all be laid by this week and oats harvesting will be finished by the middle of next week.

Mrs. Jane Wilson, born at Killray, Ireland, twenty-five days after Napoleon met his defeat at Waterloo, celebrated her 80th birthday today.

Bitten by a Rattlesnake.

RESCUE, Neb., July 10.—(Special.)—While Charles Polensky's little girl was running through a potato field she was bitten by a large rattlesnake. Her life has been in great danger, but she is thought to be recovering now.

Burned Herself to Death.

OSKALOOSA, Ia., July 10.—Mrs. Phil Corklin committed suicide in a horrible manner by saturating her clothing with kerosene oil and lighting it today. She leaves three small children.

Bright Reform School Candidate.

FAIRMONT, Neb., July 10.—(Special.)—Sheriff Porter passed through here yesterday on his way to the reform school at Kearney with little Jesse James Dewitt, the 8-year-old boy that stole the horse and buggy at Geneva last week and was arrested here. When asked why he took the team he said he was going to see an older brother in the reform school.

DELEGATES AT A RECEPTION

Members of the Patriarchal Circle Welcomed at the Commercial Club.

Last evening the delegates to the supreme temple of the Patriarchal Circle of America were tendered a reception at the Commercial club. Many were accompanied by their wives. Owing to some misunderstanding there was not as large an attendance of club members as was expected, in fact, there was scarcely enough of the Commercial club people present to form a quorum.

W. A. L. Gibbon, president of the Board of Trade, made one of his characteristic good addresses of welcome and apologized for the seeming lack of local interest in the convention, but he assured the plumed visitors that the people of Omaha were with them heart and hand in a welcome to the Gate City of a progressive west. He regretted unavoidable circumstances prevented President Weller and Commissioner Utt from being present to personally receive the delegates. In conclusion he extended to the visitors the freedom of the club.

J. W. Houder, who acted as chairman, also spoke apologetically for the absence of so many Commercial club members, who were busy attending committee meetings pertaining to the state fair and autumnal festivities incidental thereto. He introduced Supreme Oracle Lovewell of Chicago, Past Supreme Oracle Van Vechten of Milwaukee and Patriarchs Ridings and Roundy, all of whom expressed gratitude at the sentiments of Mr. Gibbon, and they eulogized Omaha with polite and eloquent unanimity. The speakers particularly spoke in a complimentary manner of the solidity of the architecture in Omaha, the excellence of the paved streets and general progressive complexion of the city. They regarded the growth of Omaha as marvelous.

A number of patriarchs from the local branch, Irene temple No. 1, were in attendance and the evening was completed in a sociable manner.

Tonight there will be a dinner party in honor of the delegates at the Millard hotel. The session today will be secret and devoted largely to legislation pertaining to the organization. The delegates complain bitterly at the refusal of the railways to grant a reduced rate to this convention, which has greatly impaired the attendance.

Alcova Hot Springs Sold.

CASPER, Wyo., July 10.—(Special Telegram.)—Today Humphrey R. Lloyd, a young Pennsylvania capitalist, bought in the Alcova Hot Springs, situated about twenty-five miles west of Casper. Lloyd will at once commence improvements at the springs. A large number of people are at the springs at the present time.

TELEGRAPHIC BRIEFS.

The smallpox epidemic at Nogales, Ariz., is about ended.

The wholesale saddlery dealers are in session in New York.

P. Lorrillard & Co. deny that they have entered the Tobacco trust.

Hon. W. D. Bynum spoke on sound money at Bloomfield, Ind., Tuesday.

The National Association of Bill Posters is holding a meeting at Detroit.

Two distinct shocks of earthquake were felt at Shawneetown, Ill., Tuesday.

Three thousand weavers in the carpet mills at Philadelphia are out on a strike.

The national division of the American Sons of Temperance is in session at Cleveland.

A fund is being raised for the relief of the sufferers from the storm at Winona, Mo.

The State, a new afternoon republican newspaper, has been started at Albany, N. Y.

It is reported that John Cudahy made $500,000 on the slump in wheat, corn and pork.

The Pullman employes at Ludlow, Ky., have been given a 10 per cent raise in wages.

Legal proceedings have been taken to oust Labor Commissioner Bird of Kansas from office.

In a fit of drunken rage James McGowan, a New York variety actor, shot and killed Rose Finn.

John Roberts, proprietor of a Neenah, Wis., summer resort, fell down stairs Tuesday and broke his neck.

Alexander Simms was hanged at Jacksonville, Fla., Wednesday for the murder of Policeman Miner.

Cornelius Bliss, Platt's chief lieutenant, has resigned from the New York republican county committee.

At the meeting of the Retail Clerks' association it was decided to adopt an insurance and sick benefit plan.

W. H. Colvin, a lawyer of Indian Springs, Ind., Tuesday shot and killed Josiah Stevens. Stevens began the attack.

A convention of negroes is in session at Columbia, S. C., to consider questions for the advancement of the race.

A telegram from the Elkhorn mining district in West Virginia is to the effect that trouble may break out at any time.

Secretary Herbert has been detained in Washington by press of business, but hopes to leave on his summer vacation soon.

Fire in Chicago Tuesday night destroyed George Perry's furniture warehouse. Goods belonging to 500 people were burned up.

Buck English, who robbed the Calistoga and La Porte stage, plead guilty at Napa, Cal., and was sentenced to life imprisonment.

Colored men in Kansas are taking steps to assist in pushing the claim of ex-Consul Waller for release from a French prison.

At the longshoremen's convention at Milwaukee it was decided to establish a journal to be printed in the interests of the craft.

The executors of the Fair estate have withdrawn the reward offered for the stolen will. Duly attested copies will be used in its stead.

Large crowds continue to attend the Edmond murder trial at Bowling Green, O. No sensational testimony has yet been adduced.

Wash and Rufus Lines shot and instantly killed a colored man at a dance at Russellville, Ky., and escaped before they could be arrested.

A formal order has been issued directing Receiver McNulta of the Whisky trust to sell the property of the trust with'n the state of Indiana.

The bondholders' protective committee of the Cordage trust objects to the reorganization plan proposed and another plan will probably be substituted.

The Navy department is getting as many vessels ready as possible for the fleet maneuvers of the North Atlantic squadron, which commence August 1.

General Alger and ex-Senator Platt held a long conference at the latter's residence in New York Wednesday. Both deny being presidential candidates.

The Leather trust has declared a dividend of 1 per cent on preferred stock, leaving action on the regular dividend to be taken at the August meeting.

The report that the American Wire company of Cleveland intended to import negroes to take the place of striking workmen is denied by the company.

Two former inmates of the Lane lying-in hospital at Detroit testified at the trial of Dr. Seaman that the latter performed a criminal operation on them.

The fifty-first annual session of the National Sons of Temperance is in session at Cleveland. The opening day was occupied with hearing the reports of officers.

Deputy United States marshals have arrested Oliver Hayworth, an ex-convict, on the charge of counterfeiting. He has been operating in Nodaway county, Missouri.

The chairman of the Missouri democratic committee has decided to call that body together for the purpose of deciding as to the advisability of calling a silver convention.

Mrs. Clarence Chaffin, a well known woman of Huntington, W. Va., became incensed at a woman named Jennie Overall Wednesday and shot her three times. Miss Overall is dying.

Francis Whittaker & Sons of Wichita have given a mortgage of $300,000 on their packing house plant at Wichita to secure their creditors. The plant has not been operated for some time.

General Harrison denies the remarks attributed to him concerning women riding bicycles. Instead of being opposed to it, he thinks to the contrary and his daughter, Mrs. McKee, is a wheel advocate.

BANKERS DISCUSS BANKING

President Cornwell Delivers an Interesting Address to New York Association.

PREVENTING LOSSES FROM BAD DEBTS

Collection Fees for the Handling of Country Checks—Money Question One of Primal Importance to the Banking World.

SARATOGA, July 10.—The New York State Bankers' association began its second annual convention at the Grand Union hotel this afternoon with 150 delegates present. The annual address was made by William C. Cornwell of Buffalo, president of the association. He said in part: "Losses from bad debts are by far the most dangerous of all those things which tend to sap the surplus and dividends of banks. The estimated figures of losses from this source are appalling and would be still more so if they could be definitely ascertained. The confidential statement of his condition by the borrower is a long step toward that close relationship which should exist between the banker and his client.

"A committee on country clearing houses has been appointed to take up the question of collection of country checks. Bankers everywhere are aroused to the fact that this important source of profit, the charge for collection, has been neglected and revenue practically given away. While the low margins of profit from interest continue, the expenses of running the business keep up. Charges for collection should be enforced in justice to all. We expect from the committee referred to substantial progress in this direction. The field is ideal. A state divided into groups to be subdivided into clearing houses for country checks—uniform schedules of rates, with pro rata participation in profits.

"I think our association is now large enough and strong enough to begin to cooperate with other state associations systematically on the broad questions which interest us all and I suggest this for your consideration as a part of next year's work.

THE MONEY QUESTION.

"In the great question of the day, the question of currency, the question of money, the association has shown a wholesome though not yet aggressive interest. I am of the opinion that our group meetings should hereafter include discussions of the currency and of the public events affecting commerce, to which the public will be invited. The bankers may thus do their part toward the education of the people, and be instrumental in bringing about that stability and scientific character so sadly lacking in our banking and financial system, and without which a vast part of our wealth, of products and of labor, are constantly wasted, and our whole commercial structure subjected to periodical disaster. The subject of the currency has been discussed at the various group meetings, the members have been studying upon it and the horizon has been clearing.

"The banker is trained from his earliest inception in the business to regard strict honesty as the one qualification, without which nothing else is for a moment to be considered. If the bank clerk at the very lowest round of the ladder shows the least symptom of its lack he is, or should be, dropped from his position. As he advances, trustworthiness becomes more and more the element to be looked for, and when he reaches officership the trust of the community and of his associates in his strict integrity is the gauge of his advance.

"Honesty is the bulwark of permanent prosperity. Kingdoms not founded upon it are swept away by adversity. Enterprises which seek to avoid its stringent provisions are forced into dissolution. The nation whose currency lacks the element of honesty is doomed to commercial and monetary miasma and disease throughout the entire period during which that lack continues. Dishonest currency is the hotbed of poisonous sedition, revolution and bloodshed."

PROFITS OF THE SYNDICATE.

Reports were presented by Treasurer James L. Cannon of New York, Secretary Charles Adsit of Hornellsville and also by the council of administration. An address was made by Brayton Ives, president of the Western National bank of New York City, on "The Bond Contracts."

Referring to the profits of the syndicate Mr. Ives said: "It is not likely that under the most favorable conditions the expenses will be less than ½ per cent, so that the cost of the bonds will be $1.06 and the measure of profits will be the difference between this price and $1.12½, the figure at which the bonds were sold. Inasmuch as 5 per cent is a customary banker's commission for the placing of a large loan, it can not be considered that 6¼ per cent is an excessive profit in this case, especially in view of possible additional expenses.

"It is true that a considerable portion of the syndicate subscribed for the bonds when they were issued at public sale and bought such amounts as were allotted to them. But they were simply exercising the same privilege as was given to all."

A paper by Mr. E. B. Walker of Toronto, president of the Canadian Banking association, was also read. In it comparison was made of the Canadian system of banking with that of the United States, as well as the Baltimore and Carlisle plans, Mr. Walker holding that the Canadian plan was more advantageous to bankers, merchants and the general community at large than the others.

WAS WILLING TO LEND HIS GOLD

Russia's Ruler Made a Friendly Offer to the United States.

CHICAGO, July 10.—A special from Washington to the Post says: Discussion of the gold reserve in the treasury and the action past and probable of the Morgan-Rothschild bond syndicate brought to light today that Czar Alexander III. of Russia offered to loan the United States all the gold necessary to maintain the reserve at any figure desired. The friendly tender was declined by President Cleveland because, after several weeks of consideration and telegraphic correspondence back and forth between Washington and St. Petersburg, it was decided that the president had not the authority to issue bonds or otherwise incur indebtedness on behalf of the government. Since then the power of the president and the secretary of the treasury has been determined and if the offer were again made by the present Russian ruler it might be accepted.

The story of the proposition made by the czar and the way it was received by the president and his advisors was one of the best kept secrets of the white house. Although the incident occurred some two years ago, no hint of it has reached the public until now.

It was some time in May, 1893, that the State department was surprised by the receipt of a communication from Andrew D. White, the American minister at St. Petersburg, stating that the czar had, through M. De Giers, offered to the president of the United States any amount of gold required to carry the treasury over through the pending crisis. Help was needed at that time. The new administration had been in power but a few months and the financial question was pressing on Mr. Cleveland for solution. The Wilson bill had been framed but not passed and the business of the country was already suffering from the depression which later grew into a commercial and financial panic. The gold reserve in the treasury was being depleted steadily and rapidly by the monthly purchases of silver bullion under the Sherman law, and the receipts of gold from customs had fallen off so that each month saw the treasury drained of its gold. The country was clamoring for relief and the president was considering the advisability of calling congress together in an extra session—which he did subsequently—to legislate on the financial situation and to repeal the Sherman law.

OFFER FORMALLY MADE.

It was in the midst of such a situation that Secretary of State Gresham presented at a cabinet meeting one morning the letter he had received from Minister White. The czar's offer of assistance was direct but simple. Mr. White stated in his official communication to the State department that he had been called upon by M. De Giers, who said the czar had instructed him to confer with the American representative at the court of St. Petersburg and to inform him that the czar stood ready to make a personal loan to the president of the United States of gold to the amount of $50,000,000, or as much more as might be desired, at a nominal rate of interest and for an indefinite period of time. The interest asked was a fraction more than 2 per cent. Nothing was said about security, and it was evident that Alexander III. believed that the president could take this money and apply it to the needs of the United States treasury with but little formality and that he had the power to do so.

It was a generous manifestation of the good will of the Russian czar toward the United States and a striking illustration of his desire to assist this country in any way.

As it may be supposed, the letter produced a great sensation in the cabinet. The president was much affected by this evidence of esteem on the part of so powerful a personage as the autocrat of all the Russias. There was something besides the friendly relations of the two nations involved in the offer. The czar intended his tender of financial help as a personal compliment to the president of the United States. The president and the cabinet debated the proposition long and earnestly. Secretary of the Treasury Carlisle was in favor of accepting the loan, but he doubted the power of the president and himself to make debts for the government without special authority of congress. The matter was discussed at every cabinet meeting for a week or two and meantime there was much telegraphic correspondence between Washington and St. Petersburg relative to the conditions on which the Russian emperor proposed to make the loan of this enormous sum.

After all communications had been received and the Russian monarch's offer had been laid before the cabinet, it was evident that the czar was not bothering himself about the manner or method of the transaction. Reduced to its simplest terms, the czar's offer was that he would advance as much gold as the United States treasury might require and would accept as security therefor President Cleveland's personal note until such time as congress should convene and authorize the issue of bonds.

SIMPLY THROUGH FRIENDSHIP.

In short, the czar wished to help the United States with a loan of $50,000,000 or more and he was not particular whether he received any security or not. It was to be a personal matter with him and it was plain that he did not quite understand why the president did not treat it in the same way. One nation needed money and the ruler of a friendly country proposed to lend the chief executive of the distressed people money to help them. It was just a friendly act requiring in the opinion of the czar no red tape or circumlocutory officialism. But President Cleveland and his cabinet felt, after carefully considering the proposition in all its aspects, they could not accept it. The State department therefore so notified Minister White, who in turn informed M. de Giers that the American president, while profoundly grateful for the czar's kind offer, was prevented by law from incurring obligations of this kind without the consent of congress. The majority of the cabinet was in favor of taking the czar's loan and the president looked kindly upon the proposition. There is no doubt but for the legal objections raised by one of the lawyers in the cabinet the loan would have been accepted and one probable result would have been the reduction in the rate of interest on large loans, especially to nations.

It is not improbable that when the arrangement with the Morgan-Rothschild syndicate shall have expired the government may apply to the Russians for a loan should one be necessary. Alexander is not on the throne now, but it is said that Emperor Nicholas is quite as ardent an admirer of the United States as was his distinguished father.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

E. K. Valentine of West Point was at the Millard yesterday.

J. H. Buckstaff, a contractor of Lincoln, registered at the Millard yesterday.

F. C. Zehrung of the Lincoln opera house was at the Millard yesterday.

John Peters, wife and child of Fremont are registered at the Millard.

Dr. Claude Watson of Nebraska City is stopping at the Dellone.

Ex-Senator A. S. Paddock and wife of Beatrice are registered at the Dellone.

William E. Himan of Red Lodge, Mont., is one of the guests at the Paxton.

Mrs. W. H. Treynor of Council Bluffs is the guest of Miss Wolcott on Chicago street for a week.

At the Mercer: H. A. Taylor, Chicago; H. M. Lee, Tacoma, Wash.; L. N. Gindon, Tacoma, Wash.; E. A. Becker, Sioux City; L. H. Bearon, Portland, Ore.; J. M. Buck, Holdrege, Neb.; T. S. Cartwright, Fort Wayne; A. C. Keene, St. Louis; J. H. Cryer, Cremora Farm; C. D. Parmlee, Chicago; L. H. Bougham, Topeka; George Reynolds, Glenwood, Ia.

Nebraskans at the Hotels.

At the Arcade—Emil Heller and wife, West Point; Ben Roberts, Gordon; Mrs. L. W. Shannon and daughter, Waterloo; John Smith, Lincoln; T. J. Morrow, Norfolk.

At the Millard—Andrew Adden, West Point; J. Sidney Goodmanson, Pender; N. D. Jackson, Neligh; W. W. Wood and daughter, Rushville.

At the Dellone—Ad Bischof, Nebraska; R. D. Stearns, Lincoln; W. M. McColl, Grand Island; E. J. Babcock, North Loup.

At the Paxton—J. M. Johnson, Wakefield; C. J. Anderson, Neligh; H. C. Andrews, Lew Robertson, Kearney.

At the Merchants—E. Wright, Scotia; Mrs. O. M. Needham, Miss Emily Bull, Albion; T. C. Erickson, Brewster; A. E. Fisher, M. Wolz, Trenton; H. M. Winslow, Columbus; O. W. Davis, Salem.

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