

SENTIMENT AGAINST FUSION

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Chairman Gaffa Wears a Worried Look and Says the Omaha Hills Are Not Big Enough to Hold the Delegates.

LINCOLN, Neb., July 7.—(Special.)—Chairman Gaffa of the Populist State committee has given it out that on account of the lack of hall in Omaha it is possible the three-ring convention will have to be held in Lincoln. These words are on the lips of everyone who knows that this is not the real reason why the change of location is desired. From conversation that has been overheard and from the extremely worried look that is seen on the faces of the "reform" captains it is now known that the fusionists are afraid to hold the state convention in Omaha. A canvass of the situation has shown them that the local sentiment in Douglas county is strongly against further fusion of the conglomerate forces, and they admit there is a probability that the Douglas county delegations will be in the majority in both the democratic and the populist conventions. This condition, aided by the Omaha crowd that will be on hand to hypnotize the delegates, they feel sure would cause many of the delegates from the other counties to join in the middle of the road movement. This might create a stampede that would spoil all the plans of the leading sham reformers.

Big Douglas Delegation. The populists have realized another danger and that is the appointment which allows such a large delegation to Douglas county. The recent recount of the votes in that county has developed the fact that the populists and silver republicans combined have not as many actual votes as they claim. The apportionment based on the total vote of the fusion forces allows a very large delegation to come into the convention representing Douglas county, and the fact that this delegation may be opposed to the fusion causes the fusion forces much worry.

An immediate effort will be made to take the convention away from Omaha and locate there here at Lincoln, where the entire state house force and other salary drawers can turn out as usual and undertake the rounding up of the mavericks. In the state house today the pending investigation of the state officials was under discussion, and one of the members of the State Board of Janitors asked Secretary Porter if he was going to allow the committee a room in the building. "Well, I should say not," answered Porter with much emphasis. "Why don't you give them a good room and save them trouble?" asked the janitorial statesman.

"I'll give them fellows a lot of trouble before I get through with them," replied the secretary of state. This illustrates the feeling that is sustained by the state officials toward the proposed investigation. Some of them indicate that the movement is a serious insult to the preparation of the report of the committee the memory of the ten-thousand-dollar Mutz committee finds no place.

That Insurance Muddle. It has been intimated at the state house that the attorney to whom Deputy Insurance Commissioner Bryant referred in the letter published in the Bee is the attorney of various insurance companies doing business in this state is the father of a member of the First regiment and that the veto which he refers as being the cause of the opinion is the veto of the vote of thanks to that regiment. A prominent populist was heard to say to one of the members of the party Governor Poynter should instruct his employes to call attention to the veto as little as possible.

Auditor Cornell returned from Omaha this afternoon, but he refused to divulge the name of the attorney to whom he had referred, even intimating that he had received no written opinion on the question of the constitutionality of the Weaver law from any one except the attorney general. He said he told Mr. Bryant that he had a conversation with an attorney on the subject of the law, but he had been advised that the law was defective.

It was learned this afternoon from authoritative sources that an opinion was written for the auditor by an attorney not connected with the legal department of the state and that the opinion was given in general by Mr. Cornell with a request for his opinion. This opinion, or a copy of it, was kept in the file of the attorney general's office until yesterday afternoon, when by request it was sent to C. J. Smyth at Omaha. Either the copy or the original was presented to Mr. Bryant several days ago, but no name indicating the authorship was attached.

The statement that he had acted on the advice of his attorney was denied this afternoon by Mr. Cornell, who stated that he had been induced to do so by the controversy only by his own mistaken opinion and that of the attorney general. He called attention to the fact that the auditor's office is supplied with copies of all laws and of the supreme court reports, presumably for the perusal of the auditor.

The question as to whom mail addressed to the "insurance commissioner" or "department" shall be delivered has been referred by Postmaster Bushnell of the Lincoln postoffice to the third assistant postmaster general at Washington and until his decision is rendered all mail addressed in this way is checked over after on to remain the responsibility Postmaster Bushnell has notified the state house mail carrier to deliver all mail addressed to Mr. Bryant, Auditor Cornell and Governor Poynter, but when it is evident that it is intended for the insurance department it will be held with the rest.

Since July 1 several insurance companies have applied, both to the auditor and to the deputy insurance commissioner for agent's certificates and permission to do business in Nebraska, these requests being granted by both.

The records of the auditor's office show that since the first of the year and up to July 1 8,000 agents' certificates have been issued, being considerably in advance of last year.

Furniture for Governor's Mansion. The following list of furniture and household goods purchased with the Thompson residence, checked over after on to remain the property of the state, is on file in the secretary of state's office, showing how each room is furnished:

Front parlor: One carpet, two divans, four chairs, two lamps, two pairs of slippers, two pairs of pictures, four pairs of lace curtains, two pairs of portieres.

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Result of an Autopsy. HUMBOLDT, Neb., July 7.—(Special Telegram.)—Theodore Thompson, the man who was so badly injured in the fight at the railroad camp Sunday, died at the Pilsen house at midnight. Thursday night after lying unconscious since Sunday noon. The coroner, Dr. J. A. Waggener of Dawson, held an autopsy and inquest over the remains. The physicians found a fracture of about four inches in the skull and a blood clot of enormous size on the brain. The county attorney, E. Loyda of Falls City, was present to assist in getting the evidence in the case. The skull was preserved, as was also a photograph of the brain, to be used in securing the conviction of the murderer, who now lies in jail at Falls City. The jury closed its labors at 2 o'clock and brought in a verdict that the deceased came to his death as the result of a blow from a wagon spoke in the hands of one Dick Savory, delivered with felonious intent.

Boy Drowned. HUMBOLDT, Neb., July 7.—(Special Telegram.)—While swimming with companions this afternoon about 2 o'clock, Thornton, the 8-year-old son of Rev. and Mrs. W. S. Pryse, was swept into a rapid current and drowned in Long Branch. The companions gave the alarm and a search was instituted, something like 200 people joining in the effort. The body was not found until about 8 o'clock this evening. When it was located on a pile of drift wood in the Nemaha, a search was made where the accident occurred. Long Branch had been considerably swollen by recent rains, but was falling rapidly at the time the body was found. Rev. Pryse is pastor of the Presbyterian church of this city.

Harvey at Tecumseh. TECUMSEH, Neb., July 7.—(Special Telegram.)—Possibly 200 people listened to what W. H. Harvey had to say in regard to the supposed death issue of first avert at the court house here today. Mr. Harvey made a strong appeal for his pet theme and waxed quite warm at the idea that any party should have the audacity to assert that the silver cause would not cut quite a swath in the next national campaign.

Butcher Meets with Serious Accident. LEMARS, Ia., July 7.—(Special Telegram.)—George Kradwick, a butcher, fell from a tall stepladder while repairing a book, which grasped him below the floating ribs and held him helplessly swinging until help arrived to lift him off. The book penetrated the bowels and he will probably die.

Small Grain is Promising. PLAINVIEW, Neb., July 7.—(Special.)—A very heavy rain fell last night. Some wind and hail was in the storm. Small grain, if it does not rust, will make a big crop.

Description of a Nebraska Cyclone. JOHNSTOWN, Neb., July 7.—(Special.)—The cyclone which was the cause of the heat was extreme and as I drove to town a cloud in the west, which promised rain by night, rapidly developed and spread over the sky like a dark pall. From its northern edges rain was falling, while muffled thunder came from different parts of the flat mass of cloud. Almost overhead I noticed a space where the clouds assumed the form of rays around a center, which pierced to the blue depths of the summer sky above and which played a conspicuous part in the terrible culmination of the coming storm. Wind, hail and rain which followed. By the time I reached Johnstown the cloud had spread far east and north and from there a very heavy rain was falling. Then all at once small clouds marshaled themselves around the center spoken of, forming a ring upon the ground, consisting of gray and indigo, revolving in a circle and each ring revolving upon an axis of its own. Perhaps I can best convey the idea by saying that the clouds were in a state of ebullition, or boiling, turning and whirling in every direction. The whole looked like a dome, or inverted vortex, every part of which was in motion and blazing with electric fire.

Then about two miles north a lofty dunce-shaped pillar of dust arose, driven by a hurricane and making a noise as if it sat and looked with awe and dread at a phenomenon which I knew to be carrying destruction, perhaps death, in its course and with a swiftness and fury no human power could resist. For several minutes this scene lasted, when the dust settled and a long, light-gray column of dust, rising several miles away, extending from the vortex of the storm to the earth. From a distance it appeared to be about the size of the standpipe of ordinary waterworks, perpendicular and uniform in size from top to bottom. At top of the column a circle of clouds like inverted cones, the bottom I could not see because of a slight elevation between it and the point of observation. Its progress, east, appeared to be slow, but with wind and hail and a deluge of water the destructive waterspout swept on.

At the end of about half an hour its power seemed spent and it first of all assumed the appearance of a long, narrow sack, ending in a point, and finally it melted away, or withdrew into the clouds which had congregated around it. It passed just north of Anselworth to the joy and gratitude of the people and had no power for harm when it reached Long Pine. Along its track are ruined crops, dismantled or shattered homes, dead, or dying, cattle and human beings. The financial loss is estimated at hundreds of thousands of dollars.

James Morris. Willard E. Baker Still at Large. SAKA JAWA, Neb., July 7.—(Special Telegram.)—The police detectives who have been endeavoring to capture Willard E. Baker, who escaped from his guardians last night, were today looking for him on board the ferryboat enroute to Boston, where he is wanted for embezzlement, but has not been successful in their efforts to apprehend him. A reward search is being prosecuted and the police have hopes of capturing him.

The Realty Market. INSTRUMENTS placed on record Friday, July 7, 1899.

Warranty Deeds. DeWitt Fisher to H. A. Cook, 10 acres, \$50. Herman Kouzma to Robt. Doherty, lot 3, block 6, and 6 feet in 2, block 6, Forest hill, \$2,500. Elizabeth Redman and husband to Sarah Lenhart, in 22 feet lot 1, block 2015, Omaha, \$3,500.

Storm Passed Over Burwell. BURWELL, Neb., July 7.—(Special.)—On the evening of the 4th of July a heavy wind passed over town, demolishing outbuildings and moved one large residence from the foundation. Yesterday a heavy wind passed about ten miles northeast of town, doing considerable damage, and about the same time a severe hailstorm, which completely destroyed the crops, passed over a portion of the north part of the county.

Harris Dead Not Guilty. PLATTSMOUTH, Neb., July 7.—(Special Telegram.)—John W. Harris, who shot and killed George Jones and wounded two others at Elmwood last Sunday, was arraigned before Judge Ramsey today, charged with murder in the first degree. He pleaded not guilty and was remanded to jail to await trial in the district court here next November. County Attorney Root had hoped for a trial sooner.

Tecumseh School Board Changes. TECUMSEH, Neb., July 7.—(Special.)—At a meeting of the school board last night C. N. Anderson was elected to the superintendency of the city schools to succeed Prof. G. W. Ellis. Mr. Anderson was a teacher in the high school last year. Prof. Ellis has secured a very desirable position in the Kansas normal school at Emporia, hence his resignation.

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Question of Brand Fees. PIERRE, S. D., July 7.—(Special Telegram.)—The case of the State against Poirer is being argued before Judge Gaffey today. The case is one brought on stipulation to decide the question of brand fees, which was made an issue by the populists in the campaign last year. Certificates of nomination of the republican nominees for the supreme court were filed with the secretary of state today.

A diseased stomach surely undermines health. It dulls the brain, kills energy, destroys the nervous system and predisposes to insanity and fatal diseases. All dyspeptic troubles are quickly cured by Colman's Peppermint Cure. It has cured thousands of cases and is curing them every day.

Hit Him with Bricks. Arnold Levin appeared at the police station yesterday and lodged a complaint against Harry Hill, whom he accused of assault and battery with bricks. Levin says he was driving along Thirteenth street, between Harmon and Howard streets, about noon, when Hill's car blew off and whirled under his horses. Levin stopped them as

quickly as possible, but he thinks not soon enough to keep the wheels from passing over the hat. It made Hill angry and he ran for some miles to a building that had been erected, three of which struck him in the back. Levin kept him in sight until an officer appeared. As soon as the bluescoats have in sight Hill ran into a store at Thirteenth and Jackson and tried to hide. The officer followed and arrested him.

ELLIOTT NOT PROSECUTED. No Exposition People Appear to Have Disturbance of Peace Punished.

When the case against Tammie Elliott for disturbing the peace was called on one appeared and prosecute and thereupon Judge Gordon discharged him. Elliott is the young colored fellow who smashed a couple of soldiers over the head with a beer bottle the other night at the exposition grounds. After the soldiers had dislodged him from the position and robbed him of ammunition he ran to the headquarters of the guards and requested protection. It was given him until he could be turned over to the local police, who lodged him in the city jail.

Elliott said that when the soldiers were attacking him several of the exposition guards stood around and made no attempt to quiet the disturbance or to assist him. A similar action upon the part of the guard occurred Wednesday night, when George Douglas was followed from the grounds by half a dozen waiters who pummeled him at the entrance until several citizens intervened. Some of these citizens were handled roughly, while at least two of the exposition guards stood by and watched the troucing.

HEARD ABOUT TOWN. Some person whose name has since appeared in the death column of the daily papers walked into the office of one of the freight agents the other day and unwittingly expressed his disapprobation of the condition of the weather. "It's too hot to be here," he asserted the complainant. The freight agent grasped the sides of his chair and turned on his visitor with blood in his eye and roared in his voice. "My dear sir! Do you know that you are finding fault with the finest weather in the history of the great state of Nebraska? Do you know that this very weather means millions to the people in the course of the coming year. It's just such a class of idiots as the one you belong to that has counter-balanced the prayers and supplications of the freight agents for years and I would as soon hear another word from you condemnatory of this beautiful weather, can't for the life of me understand why people go to summer resorts when they can enjoy the balmy breeze and radiant sunshine in the city?"

The visitor left the office of the freight agent and went to his friend to inquire about Mr. X's mysterious actions. "Oh," answered a friend, "he has slipped mind fixed on the heavy freight shipments this fall and is sanguine about the condition of the corn."

The facts in the case are these: When the corn and grain were late in the planting this year every freight agent tore his hair, but now that the corn, thanks to the excellent weather, has picked up and flourishes, they are all jubilant. "Only to think," said one of the freight men, "that the corn was planted three weeks late and is now three feet high. Why, it's wonderful!"

And now when any one desires concessions from the freight department he walks into the office with the exclamation