

Nebraska News

POPULIST STATE CONVENTION

The State Committee Calls State Convention at Lincoln, August 15.

The people's independent state committee met at the Lindell hotel Tuesday the 12th inst. and called a state convention to meet at Lincoln August 15, at 2 p. m. Twenty-five counties were represented and the meeting exhibited much of the old time enthusiasm of the halcyon days of the party.

Reports from the counties represented showed that the party is very much alive in those counties, its members holding many of the important county offices. It seems that fusion between the democrats and populists was successful generally last year in the matter of electing county officers. The members expressed the belief that their respective counties would send full delegations to a state convention.

The representation at the committee meeting in the character and enthusiasm of the members was equal to that of former years when the party was the controlling factor in the politics of the state. The basis of representation to the state convention was fixed at one delegate at large for each county and four additional delegates for each 100 votes cast in the county for J. J. Points for presidential elector in 1904. This will make a convention of about 800 delegates.

The committee was unanimous for Berge for governor and for Bryan for president.

MRS. LILLIE LOSES AGAIN

Supreme Court Turns Down Her Third Request of Rehearing.

The supreme court this afternoon refused to grant a leave to file a motion for rehearing in the Lillie murder case. This is the third time Judge Hamer, attorney for Mrs. Lillie, has asked the court for a rehearing and this is the third time the court has refused the request.

Albion—Albion will celebrate the Fourth of July and it is expected that one of the largest crowds ever seen here will be in attendance. Hon. Geo. W. Berge will deliver the oration.

Albion—The weather for the last few days has been much warmer and farmers say it is just what is needed for the corn. Crops are in good condition, but is somewhat backward.

Beatrice—At a special meeting of the Nebraska City presbytery, held at Lincoln, William Reedy of this city was ordained a Presbyterian minister. He was assigned as pastor of the two churches at Firth and Sterling for the present.

Beatrice—J. A. Barnard, county treasurer, yesterday issued a statement showing the cash on hand and in the banks of the city and county at the close of business May 31 to be \$100,841.56.

York—John Dever, for several years street commissioner of York, who was considered the best and most faithful of city officials, was taken to the hospital for the insane at Lincoln. For some time he has been in ill health.

Columbus—Grace Episcopal church received its new rector, Rev. Arthur J. Wescott, D. D., of Elkhart, Ind., with open arms and glad hearts last Sunday, as it was the first time he had held services. They gave a reception for him at the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. T. Roen.

North Platte—The North Platte fire department for the first time in its history will send a running team to the state firemen's tournament, which will be held at Fremont the middle of

August. The local team will soon go into training.

Beatrice—W. H. Robbins received a letter from G. W. Chandler who, in company with his wife, was reported to have been killed in the San Francisco disaster. Mr. Chandler states that himself and family escaped unhurt and are now living at Seattle, Wash. They resided in Beatrice for many years before locating on the coast.

Beatrice—At the regular monthly meeting of the library board last evening Miss Florence Smith, the city librarian, tendered her resignation to take effect July 17th. She has accepted the position of librarian of the Carnegie library at Walla Walla, Wash., at an increase in salary. She has been city librarian here for the last two years.

Falls City—The library board for the Lydia Brunn Woods Memorial fund met Tuesday night and elected a librarian to fill the vacancy made by the resignation of Miss Morton, who has been elected librarian at Silverton, Colo. Mrs. A. G. Wanner was elected to fill the place during the coming month, after which Miss Lois Spencer will be librarian.

North Platte—The Junior Normal school opened Monday with an attendance of 150, which is a larger enrollment than any previous term. The county institute is being held this week in connection with the normal and the attendance in this branch up to last evening was an even 100, an enrollment that is very gratifying to County Superintendent Trotter, especially as nearly all the institute attendants will remain during the normal course.

Fremont—The Elkhorn river is proving about as erratic as its big neighbor, the Platte, this season. At Herman Schroeder's place, not far from Arlington, it has cut a new channel running across one of the numerous bends for a distance of forty rods. The change, while not very profitable for Schroeder, will benefit other lands in the vicinity and the old channel will soon become dry.

Beatrice—One of the worst rain, hail and electrical storms of the season visited this section. Rain fell in torrents for nearly two hours, during which time considerable hail fell. As there was but little wind, reports are to the effect that crops escaped serious damage. The rainfall is estimated at two inches and farmers say it has insured the wheat crop. The lightning played havoc with the telegraph and telephone service in this city, twenty-five lines of the Bell company, including three toll lines to Fairbury, being put out of commission.

Beatrice—S. M. Blythe, who has been in the grain business at Blue Springs for many years, has sold his elevator to R. E. Simmons of Bradshaw. Mr. Blythe will leave soon for Los Angeles, Cal., where he will make his home.

Albion—H. L. Brooks, secretary of the Boone County Agricultural association, is erecting a commodious dining hall upon the grounds of the association. This is a much-needed improvement and will add to the popularity of the fair.

Plattsmouth—The Cass county commissioners have decided to repair the wagon bridge that spans the Platte river at Louisville.

Tecumseh—Judge W. H. Kelligar of the district court has appointed John R. Pierson, president of the Citizens' National bank of this city, as receiver of the defunct Chamberlain banking house of this city to succeed William A. Campbell, deceased. The appointment gives general satisfaction.

North Platte—A terrific windstorm raged for twenty-four hours and did great damage to trees in this city,

blowing down quite a number and tearing off branches of all sizes from others. It is estimated that the wind also did considerable damage to crops, such as corn and beets. It was one of the fiercest gales western Nebraska has seen for some time.

Beatrice—Davis & Mayne, proprietors of the stone quarry at Blue Springs, shipped 202 carloads of stone from that point during the last month.

Plattsmouth—A sad accident occurred at the home of Joe Tague, east of Plattsmouth. Mrs. Tague was doing the family washing, but stepped out of the room a minute, and in her absence her eighteen-month-old son pulled the plug out of the washing machine and the scalding hot water fell on the child. A physician was summoned and arrived within thirty minutes, but the little one was beyond medical skill, and soon after died.

Beatrice—At the annual meeting of Elizabeth Montague chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, held at the home of Mrs. C. H. Van Arsdale, these officers were elected: Mrs. G. H. Brash, regent; Mrs. M. V. Nichols, vice regent; Mrs. Samuel Rinaker, recording secretary; Miss Minnie Davis, corresponding secretary; Mrs. B. H. Begole, treasurer; Miss Anna Black, registrar, and Miss Maria Upson, historian.

Falls City—The district court is still in session at this place. The case of Mrs. Cynthia Berard against the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railroad was taken up Wednesday morning and occupied the attention of the court until 6 o'clock Thursday evening, when it was given to the jury. It was out all night and returned Friday morning with a verdict in favor of the plaintiffs for \$345. Mrs. Berard, who lives between Falls City and Rulo, was suing the company for the value of a crop destroyed.

Fremont—The city council held a special meeting and made the levy for the payment of the Fifth street inter-sections. The petition for the paving of Broad street thirty-four feet in width between Military and Seventeenth streets was presented and discussed at some length. The opponents of paving the street objected to the driveway being narrowed and some of the Board of Public Works were of the opinion that money could be saved by postponing the work until later. The cost to the city will be \$13,000. A petition for a special election for the issuance of \$50,000 bonds for enlarging the water and light plant is being circulated and quite generally signed.

Auburn—Edward Comstock, better known as Dad Comstock, for over fifteen years a conductor on the Missouri Pacific railway between Auburn and Crete, is dying at his home in Kansas City from blood poisoning. He is over 70 years old and is very popular.

Humboldt—Rev. Emil Lehrer, pastor of the Dry Branch German Reformed church, left for Amazonia, Mo., to attend the annual conference of the organization. It is probable that Rev. Lehrer will be returned to the local pastorate, which he has held for about three years.

Plattsmouth—After failing to agree on satisfactory terms for repairing the Platte river foot and wagon bridge near Louisville, the Cass county commissioners will have the bridge put in passable condition and then proceed to collect one-half of the cost for the same from Sarpy county. Mr. Hawksworth stated that the Sarpy county commissioners were like the man from Missouri and would "have to be shown."

Beatrice—Prof. J. A. Eastwood has been elected principal of the Barnes school for the coming year. He was principal of the McCook schools last year.

Humboldt—The local cherry crop is the best for several years and has just commenced to reach the market. The yield has been larger in some former years, but the quality promises to be unusually fine this season.

West Point—Nine girls and five

boys made their initial bow to the public Tuesday evening in graduating from the eighth grade of the city schools into the high school. Rev. J. Scherbacher, pastor of the German Evangelical church, presented the diplomas.

Beatrice—A. M. Strawhacker, a farmer living near Diller, shipped nine carloads of cattle and hogs from his place to Kansas City the other day. The shipment amounted to about \$11,000.

Humboldt—The west end of Richardson county has been very well covered with rain during the last few days and crops are showing up very well, with pastures greatly improved.

York—Prospects for a large crop of winter wheat are the very best. Corn is a little late and is growing nicely. Oats need moisture and prospects are not good for a large crop. The acreage of oats in York county is small. The first crop of alfalfa is cut and mostly in stack.

West Point—The Cuming County Independent Telephone company is again knocking at the door of the city, asking for permission to enter, equip and operate a telephone line at West Point. A petition to this effect has been filed and at the last meeting of the city council it was referred to the committee on ordinances. The sentiment of the citizens of West Point seems to be against the admission of a second telephone company to the city. Opinion is divided, however.

McCook—McCook has just carried a sewer bond proposition by a vote of 5 to 1, and the contractor, F. S. Dobson of Lincoln, Neb., already has a force of men on the ground and at work excavating trenches for the main sewer. Ten thousand dollars will be expended on this main sewer, and the work of excavating the lateral sewers will be energetically carried forward by the individual citizens, who are interested deeply in maintaining McCook one of the healthiest cities in America.

Wayne—Wayne County Teachers' institute held a successful session last week, the success being largely due to the efforts of Superintendent A. E. Littell. The enrollment passed the 100 mark. The instructors were Prof. F. H. Gregg, formerly of the Nebraska Normal college of this city, but now of the State Normal of Peru; Superintendent E. F. Wilson, of the Wayne city schools, and Mrs. M. C. Phillips. The lecturers were N. J. Abbott, principal of the Tekamah schools, and Dr. Ross, late of the university of Nebraska. Graduation of eighth grade students took place Friday afternoon, the address being delivered by Ernest E. Sias of Lincoln.

Fremont—The Dodge County Sunday School association closed a profitable session. G. J. Burdick of this city, president of the association, presided, and pastors and Sunday school workers from throughout the county were present. The sessions were held at the Methodist Episcopal church. Following are the newly elected officers: President, G. J. Burdick, Fremont; vice president, G. P. Davis, Fremont; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Agnes Ferguson, Fremont; superintendent of normal work, Grace Harrison, Scribner; primary work, Minnie E. Sauers, Hooper; home department, Clemmie Smith, Fremont.

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