NORTH PLATTE. NEBRASKA

MUCH IN SMALL SPACE FOR THE HURRYING READER.

ONLY BRIEF MENTION

EVENTS COVERING WIDE FIELD

Something of Congress, Political Gossip Here and There, and News and Notes of General Character.

Political.

Full returns from Iowa are not yet in, but enough is known to show the choice of Allison for United States senator, by probably 10,000 majority.

The Idaho democratic convention divided over the Mormon question and two sets of delegates to the Denver convention were elected. Democrats are aroused by disclos-

ure of contribution of money by Wall street to the democratic campaign fund and are demanding why money was asked.

Mr. Bryan's week's tour through Nebraska was a great success, large crowds greeting him at all stopping

Governor Chamberlain of Oregon, who is a democrat, was endorsed by the people of Oregon for United States senator, and a republican legislature was chosen with instructions to elect him.

John Hays Hammond has announce ed his candidacy for the republican nomination for vice president.

Nevada democrats declare for Bryan, first, last and all the time. A plank for control of the trusts will

be placed in the republican national Democrats of Arkansas will be for

Mr. Bryan in the national convention. It is said the national platform to be put forth by the republicans will emphatically stand for the vigorious policies of President Roosevelt.

Hon. W. J. Bryan made eight speeches in one day in western Nebraska during his recent tour of the

Hon, Geo. W. Berge of Lincoln has doubts of the story that Mayor Dahlman of Omaha spent \$15,000 to elect the former governor of Nebraska, and must be "shown" in what manner the money was spent.

General.

Cashler Montgomery of the failed Pittsburg bank bought 4,000,000 shares of mining stock with money of the depositors.

Friends of other candidates have formed an alliance against Secretary Taft and a united effort will be made of Taft dele gates whose places are contested.

Perry A. Yeast, a former politician and stockman of northwest Nebraska, must serve three months in the Hall county jail at Grand Island and pay a fine of \$1,000 for conspiracy to defraud the government out of land in Grant county by means of fictitious filings.

The secretary of the interior has approved the indemnity school land selection made by the state of Wyoming in the Lander land district, aggregating 2,438 acres.

The divided democracy of Idaho will carry its fight to Denver.

A rabid enemy of the Jews tried to kill Major Dreyfus following exercises for Emile Zola.

The report of the condition of the Pennsylvania road shows an increase in net earnings for the year. Forty million dollars of Union Pa-

cific bonds have been sold, it is reported, to foreign investors. Secretary Taft delivered the memor-

ial address at Grants tombs.

The United Presbyterian Assembly decided to abandon the movement for the union with the Presbyterian church for the present.

Senator Dolliver, when seen concerning a rumor from Washington saying that he is Taft's choice for vice-president, declared he had heard

nothing about the matter. Lower postage rates will obtain after October between the United States and England and Ireland.

The federal grand jury at St. Paul, returned three indictments against James L. Lovering, publisher of the Mail Order Monthly and of Successful Agriculture, charging him with using the mails for the purpose of promoting a lottery and a scheme to defraud.

The New York Journal of Commerce, in its monthly grain crop review, says: Present conditions point to a splendid wheat harvest. Both winter and spring wheat is in unusually good condition, which, if maintained during the remainder of the season, would probably give the largest crop on record.

Eight persons were killed and a score injured in a car collision near Annapolis, Md.

Life insurance organizations dis tributed in 1907 in the United States and Canada, \$351,115,592, according to computations by the Insurance Press.

The republican national committee disposed of the Alabama contest cases

in favor of Taft. The explosion of a steam pipe on the crusier Tennessee killed four and guilty.

Injured ten. Floods in Montana have practically cut off Helena and Butte,

ALLIES BACK DOWN NEBRASKA NEWS AND NOTES. Emperor William gave King Gustav and Queen Victoria of Sweden a magnificent military show, the occasion

garrisons of Berlin and neighboring Former Sepator James K. Jones of

Arkansas died in Washington after an liness of a few hours. The United States supreme court has decided the copyright cases, giv-

being the annual spring parade of the

stations.

ing dealers the right to cut prices on copyright books. Twenty-one business houses of the

business center of Hooker, Okl., forty

miles west of Liberal, were burned. Frederick L. Woods, an 18-year old aeronaut, who was giving an exhibition at Hillside park near Passiac, N. J., dropped 2,000 feet into the Passiac

river, where he was drowned. Eighty women and children were slaughtered by Turks on the island of

Congressman Lilley says he has nothing to retract from the charges he made in the submarine boat case.

Japan is declared to be making a sincere effort to stop immigration. Louisiana democrats endorsed Mr.

Bryan for the presidency. Socialists and labor men in the

house of commons protested against the king's visit to Russia. Charles M. Brown beat Hoke Smith for governor in the Georgia primaries.

Police chiefs at Detroit will discuss the question of dealing with members of the Black Hand. The concerted movement of the prosperity association at St. Louis re-

sulted in putting 17,000 people to work. The Madrid Official Gazette announces that the accouchement of

Queen Victoria is expected the end of The United States Steel corporation has cut the price of steel bars \$4 a ton and the Iron Trade Review pre-

dicts a reduction on other lines. C. S. Francis, the American ambassador to Austria-Hungary personally conveyed to Emperor Francis Joseph President Roosevelt's congratulations on the sixtieth anniversary of his ac-

cession to the throne. Three thousand grain dealers in the west will organize to compete for pre-

miums at the National Corn show. The government will make valuable improvements at Forts Russell and

Washouts have caused a tleing up of a Northern Pacific train in Montana

A telegram from Washington says that Omaha is the only city in the United States to have two members on the honor list of the 1908 class of the United States Naval academy, which numbers over 200,

The United State supreme court has granted the request of the water board for a review of the Omaha case.

Rev. Guy W. Wadsworth, D. D., president of Believue (Nebr.) college, has definitely decided to resign and go to Pueblo, where he has accepted a call to become pastor of the First Presbyterian church.

Mr. Bryan is opposed to the currency act and says he is sorry the demands did not defeat the measure.

Much wool is being rushed toward the Omaha storing house. One Wyoming shipper offers 5,000,000 pounds. Nebraska, Iowa and South Dakota

will be represented among the graduates of George Washington university at its commencement.

A conference began at the White house looking to the framing of a republican platform.

In Kansas, Oklahoma and the southern states tremendous damage has been done by floods.

Washington.

Miss Nellie Stevenson of Lincoln has been appointed laboratory aid of seed testing located at Lincoln.

The senate committee on finance, which was authorized to make an investigation of the tariff during the recess of congress, to be in readiness to take up a review of the tariff next winter, will hold its first meeting for this purpose about the middle of July.

Important significance in connection with President Roosevelt's determination against a third term is contained in the admission, that the president is making definite plans to leave the United States in April next year for Africa, where he will spend a year hunting big game.

After consideration of the suggestion of his western friends, John Hayes Hammond has decided to enter the contest for the nomination of vice president on the republican ticket. He is being urged by his friends on the ground that he is a

Californian by birth. A postoffice has been established at Gardiner, Dallas county, Ia., with Joseph R. Gardner as postmaster.

Michael F. Ferrell has been appointed regular and Edward Walsh substitute rural carriers for route No. 1 at Whittemore, Ia.

That Japan is making a sincere offort to check immigration to this country was asserted in an interview given out by Baron Takahira, the Japanese ambassador.

Captain Charles Chandler of the signal corps, in addition to his other duties, will assume charge of construction work at Fort Omaha, relieving Captain William H. Oury of the signal corps of that duty.

Personal.

At Iola, Kas., the jury in the case of Samuel Whitlow, charged with the murder of May Sapp September 27. 1907, brought in a verdict of not

Senator Allison says the next congress, whether republican or democratic, will revise the tariff.

ANTI-TAFT FORCES DECIDE NOT TO BOLT.

FORMAL STATEMENT ISSUED

Presentation of Evidence in Contests Will Continue in Regular Way Until the Close.

Chicago.-Representatives of the 'allies have recalled their statement that they will belt the republican national committee so far as the presentation of evidence to support the claims of anti-Taft delegations from southern states is concerned. There is evidence that the announcement made Saturday night upon the authority of Representative Francis J Burke, manager of Senator Knox, after he had been in conference with Senator Hemenway of Indiana, J. B. Kealing of Indiana and others identified with the campaign being made by the "allies" created dissension. Some of the other spokesmen for the "allies" declared the announcement to be ill advised and they busied themselves Sunday to counteract its ef-

After numerous conferences the following, which was headed, "Statement from the allies," was issued:

"Upon the authority of the representatives of all presidential candidates other than Secretary of War Taft it was announced today that they would continue to present their side of the contested delegate cases to the national committee. The decision of the national committee will not be taken as final by the candidates known as the 'allies,' but an appeal will be taken in cases where it is believed injustice has been done, first to the committee on credentials and later to the convention itself.

"The determination of the representatives of the 'allies' to continue the presentation of the contests to the national committee is not to be taken as an indication that they approve of the manner in which these contests have been decided. But in order to be in the position to present all of the cases in proper form to the committee on credentials it is deemed advisable to comply with the form of procedure laid down by the national committee.

"It is the firm determination of the representatives of the 'allies' to first give the national committee an opportunity to consider all the contests on their merits."

STORM VICTIM DEAD.

Mrs. E. Arganbright of Shickley Dies of Injuries.

Davenport, Neb .- The results of the tornado Friday night east of here, at Carleton, are just being realized. The wire of E. Arganbright, who was killed at his home two miles east of Shickley, died, and the loss to property east of Shickley is conservatively estimated at \$50,000. The loss at Carleton, where two were killed, will reach \$60,000. Following is a partial list: New school building, \$6,000; G. W. Bailey, residence and out buildings, \$5,000; Lutheran church and parsonage, \$2,500; United Brothren church, \$2,500; W. C. Bates, \$700; D. M. Smith, \$1,000; E. E. Lichty, \$1,000; Philip Mall, \$400; Mrs. Bristow, \$500; Lester Carter, \$500; William G. Chen, \$500; Frank Kochrow, \$600; John Edwards, \$300; W. F. Bradley, \$300; Mrs. Yearnshaw, \$300; Thad Easterbrook, \$300; Frank Fitzsimmons, \$500; Dr. Westerhoff, \$200; Frank Sissell, \$500; J. G. Bader, \$500.

President Names Commission.

Washington-Carrying out his declarations to the conference of governors that should congress fall to provide for the continuanse of the Inland Waterways commission, he should continue it by executive act, and congress having failed to take action on the subject, President Roosevelt has re-appointed the members of that commission.

Great Crowd of Teachers.

Cleveland, O .- Thirty-one thousand members of the National Educational association have signified their intention of being present at the convention of that organization to be held in this city June 29 to July 3, inclusive. The attendance may swell to 60,000 or more.

NAVAL BILL BEATEN.

Russian Duma Defeats Appropriation for Four Battleships.

St. Petersburg-The Duma by a vote of 194 to 78 rejected the item in the naval budget appropriating \$5,-500,000 to lay the keels of four battleships during the current year. This vote is tantamount to a vote of lack of confidence in the present officials of the ministry of marine and wholesale resignations from the ministry are expected to follow.

Calls Uncle Sam Bad Names. Caracas-El Constitutional, the official organ of President Castro, publishes a New York letter stating that it is rumored that the United States will secretly support Colombia in case of war with Venezuela. In an editorial article that paper discredits the report, but says President Castro will fulfil his duty, whatever that may be. The paper also publishes a partisan speech in which the United States is called "the Cain of America, which stimulates fraternal cordiality in order to disguise trutal instincts."

Items of Greater or Lesser Importance Over the State.

The Catholics will put up a fine school building at Elgin. Adams voted 15 to 28 in favor of

an issue of \$15,000 in bonds for the erection of a school house. The saloon fight at Leshara has been won by the liquor element, the

town board having granted a license for one saloon. County Judge G. C. Marshall of Washington county has announced his intention of resigning his office, to

take effect July 1. He has bought an interest in the Arlington State bank at Arlington. John Smith, a Burlington detective, has been at Wymore investigat-

consequence warrants will be issued for the arrest of several persons. A number of farmers in Cass county have recently been swindled by a well dressed and good talking insurance agent, who claimed to be representing the Bankers' Accident Insur-

receipt for the premium on the policy. The fees collected by Secretary of State Junkin during May aggregate \$4,205.69. This is about double the usual amount and far exceeds the \$60,000 estimate for two years made by the secretary of state when the fees of his office were increased by legislative enactment. The \$1 fee for motor vehicles during the month amounted to \$354.20.

The general opinion seems to be that Nebraska has a chance to make an excellent showing at the Grand American handleap, to be held at Columbus, O., June 23 to 26. At the state shoot a series of records were made that cannot be duplicated in any other state, fifty-four of the men entering making a score on 600 birds, or better than 91 per cent.

Mr. Croker, a well-to-do farmer living about ten miles southwest of Mc-Cook, threw himself head foremost and fifteen feet deep, on his farm and was instantly killed. He leaves a wife the foreclosure by suicide route,

A petition liberally signed by citifiled with Governor Sheldon, asking for the release of Alber Crigger, sen- and loan associations for which fees tenced to the penitentiary for two and a half years from Red Willow county for horse stealing. The petition says Crigger is the sole support of an aged father and mother, is only 23 years old the ownership of a chain of banks as and owes his predicament to had com- follows: pany.

Opinion seems to differ among the farmers of this section, says a Fairbury dispatch, in regard to the condi- to be remedied or serious trouble will tion of the wheat crop since the re- follow-I refer to a chain of small cent heavy rains. Some contend that banks owned, operated and controlled wheat has been damaged, while others by the same management, or used as hold to the belief that no damage has feeders for some larger bank. This is been done unless the sun comes out a practice that will require more than too bright and hot and causes rust to ordinary skill to avoid disaster sooner follow the soaking caused by the

Mrs. John Knox of Palmyra is at the Pasteur institute in Chicago under treatment for rabies communicated opinion the interest of the depositors by a pet cat. The cat was a house- demands it." hold pet and was kept in the house all of the time. While Mrs. Knox had it on her lap stroking its back the cat suddenly sank its teeth deep into her right hand. Her hand began to swell and she was advised to at once fore John Rober, who sought to have go to the Pasteur institute.

The season for destructive storms is at hand. WIND and LIGHTNING will destroy and damage buildings and kill and maim stock in barns and pastures. Protect yourself by insuring them in the Nebraska Mutual Ins. | the pioner thought he was getting lo-Co., home office, 141 South Twelfth street, Lincoln, Neb. Write us for particulars.

One of the oldest farmers in New York county, who has watched the great improvement made in recent years in the preparation and planting of corn by York county farmers, stated that never before has he seen farmers pay so much attention to the preparation of corn ground and that the seed this year is the best. Owing to the great work done in preparing the corn ground and the fine rains of which every ounce of water was scaked in and is still held in the subsoil, the prospects have never been better.

Nebraska crop bulletin says: The week was cool and cloudy, with an excess of rain in most parts of the state. The daily mean temperature was between 60 degrees and 64 degrees in the eastern and southern counties, which is two to three degrees below the normal. But in the northwestern countles it was about 56 degrees, which is six degrees below the normal. Tuesday was the warmest day, with a maximum temperature quite generally above 85 degrees. Friday and Saturday mornings were the coldest, with minimum temperatures about 50 degrees in the castern sections and five to ten degrees colder in the western.

Eli A. Barnes, the newly elected commander of the G. A. R., department of Nebraska, has reappointed A. M. Trimble assistant adjutant general and quartermaster general and has sent his first official orders to the

posts in the state. According to the report of the county recorder of Otoe county there were eleven farm mortgages filed during the month of May, amounting to \$31,750. and five released, of the value of \$9,-550. On town and village property thirteen mortgages filed, whose value was \$7,810.46, and seven released, to the amount of \$8,156.

THE STATE CAPITAL

MATTERS OF INTEREST TO ALL CITIZENS.

THE CONVICT LABOR CONTRACT

Broom Company to Continue as Now Until June Seventeen, at Fifty Cents Per Convict.

Labor Contract With Convicts.

The State Board of Public Lands and Buildings decided to permit the Lee Broom and Duster company to use ing the disappearance of grain from convict labor until June 17 at 50 cents the cars while in the yards, and as a a convict per day. After that date the labor is to be paid for at a rate of 75 cents a day for each convict. This notice was served on C. R. Lee, manager of the company, so that he would know he is expected to vacate the penitentiary by June 17 unless he agrees to accept the convicts at the ance company, and would collect and higher rate of pay. The action of the board was reported to Governor Sheldon, who approved it.

The Lee company objected strenuously to paying a higher rate for the convicts and Mr. Lee said he would recommend to the next legislature that the state install some kind of manufacturing plant and use the convicts itself, "This," he said, "will show the people that little money is made out of convict labor. The state will never be satisfied, however, until it has tried the experiment of using the convicts and the quicker this is tried, the better I will be satisfied."

While he said he had several offers from other prisons to use their convicts, Mr. Lee said if he finally conclued to quit the penitentiary here he hoped to quit prison labor entirely.

Report on Nebraska Banks.

Te annual report of Secretary Royse of the State Banking board, now in down an abandoned well, one hundred the hands of the printers, will shortly be issued to the public. Notwithstanding the recent panic the report shows and seven children. He had a hallu- the state banks to be in good sound cination that the world was about to condition and only one failure during come to an end, and sought to defeat | the entire year, the Citizen's bank of Firth. This failure was due to heavy speculation on the board of trade by zens of Knoxville, Tenn., has been the cashier. During the year there were examined 689 banks and building were collected to the amount of \$12,-440; forty-seven banks were chartered, for which fees were collected to the amount of \$1,175. Mr. Royse condemns

"There is one practice that exists to some extent in this state which, in my opinion, sooner or later will have or later. I am firm in the conviction that some legislation is necessary, to enable the State Banking Board to meet this practice, when in their

River Too Quick for Courts.

The supreme court has admitted its jurisdiction cannot keep up with the changes in the Big Muddy and theretitle to land on its banks quieted in him, will have to go to the Iowa courts, for the last reports were to the effect that the farm was now camping on that side of the river. The land was settled back in 1855, when cated in Washington county, Nebraska, and patent was sued for it in 1860. During the civil war the river got to flopping about and finally settled down on top of the farm. Accretions attached to the astern bank and the farmer waked up one morning over in Iowa. In 1873 the river took a sudden notion to go over into Iowa itself, and it cut a new channel, leaving the farm in question high and dry, between the river on the east and the old channel on the west. The court holds that in cases of that kind, where the changes in the river are sudden and not gradual, the boundary of the state remains in the old channel and does not follow the new river as in the case of a gradual change.

Street Railway Sale Void.

The United States court of appeals at St. Paul, Minn., has set aside the sale of the old Home Street Railway company to the new Citizens' company of Lincoln. The effect of the decision is to deprive the Citizens' company of the franchises permitting use of the streets of the city. A defect in the confirmation of the sale of the old company is the basis for the ruling. The Citizens' company claims that this merely sets aside the sale, but that under a decision of the supreme court of Nebraska it cannot be driven from the streets.

Bequest Goes to Widows.

By reason of a decision of the supreme court handed down the widows and servants of fishermen in the kingdom of Norway will be permitted to participate in the division of a trust fund left to them by Nils O. Nilson of Boone county, who died some time ago. Nilson's only relatives were brothers and sisters. He left to two churches in Norway \$6,000 and \$5,000 and two-thirds of the remainder of his estate to be kept in trust for the benefit of the widows of fishermen and servant girls of his old home town.

NO NEW CLASSIFICATIONS.

Railway Commission Likely to Stop by Changing Specific Rates.

It is by no means certain that the State Railway commission will issue, an entire new classification of freight rates, but it is probable that the commission will make reductions in the rates for the shipment of certain commodities and from time to time make still further reductions on other commodities. This practice may be kept up until the commission feels that the Nebraska rates are just and not exorbitant.

Since the hearing granted the railroad officials, followed by the hearing granted the railroad employes, together with its investigations along other lines, the commission has decided the making of a new classification of rates is a big task and one that will require a long time and lots of study and investigation. On the other hand, one member of the commission believes that by picking out here and there certain commodities upon which the rates seem high and making reductions in those instances it probably would accomplish more for the people than if it made a sweeping reduction of a certain per cent in all rates.

The commission received a letter from the secretary of the Wisconsin commission which disputes the statement made by a railroad representative that the Wisconsin commission has made a ruling that the railroad: should be entitled to earn a dividend upon 80 per cent of its property accredited to that state.

The Weather and Crops.

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In most of the state the rainfall was above normal. It exceeded an inch in most of the northern and eastern countles, and in several southeastern counties ranged from two to nearly four inches. In some central and southwestern counties the rainfal was less than half an inch. The total rainfall from April 1 to date averages slightly above normal in the eastern counties, while in the central and southwestern it averages about 85 per cent of the normal.

Decision in Liquor Cases. The supreme court handed down an opinion in three liquor cases in Lincoln that will probably have wide signincance in the state, the court holding that an excise board may not only restrict saloons to certain districts, but that it may restrict the total number of saloons to which licenses are to be granted. In consequence no saloons will be run on C street, the main thoroughfare, this year, and only twenty-five will be conducted.

Discharging Harmless Insane. Superintendent Hay of the insane hospital located here received permission from the board of public lands and buildings to discharge harmless and incurably insane patients to make room for others yet to come. Dr. Hay told the board he had fourteen persons who might just as well be discharged, inasmuch as the institution is overcrowded.

Park Board in Supreme Court.

Whether the district court or the mayor shall appoint the Omaha park board will be settled by the supreme court. In the name of the attorney general quo warranto proceedings have been started, the contestants being John Latenser, appointed by the district court, and John L. Nebles, appointed by the mayor.

Nebraska Got \$2,404,648.

Life insurance organizations distributed in the United States and Canada during the year 1907 in claims, dividend payments and surrender values \$474,115,592, according to a statement which will be made public by the Life Insurance Press, a New York insurance publication. Of this amount Nebraska got \$2,404,648.

Express Companies Report.

The express companies which some time ago agreed to report to the State Railway commission the amount of business done at each station in the state every month, are not keeping to that promise. Secretary Perkins mailed out letters to the companies who have falled to come across telling them reports had not been received.

Courts Will Settle lit.

Attorney General Thompson has filed suit in the supreme court to determine the proper authority of park commissioners in Omaha. The mayor has made appointments and commissioners have also been appointed by the district judges. The court will determine with whom the power really rests. One suit is against John D. Neble, appointed by Mayor Dahlman, the other against John Lantenser, appointed by members of the district judiciary. A petition on behalf of the state has been filed.