

ONLY BRIEF MENTION

MUCH IN SMALL SPACE FOR THE HURRYING READER.

EVENTS COVERING WIDE FIELD

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

Political.

Manager Vorys of the Ohio campaign says there will be no friction among republicans of that state over the election of a United States senator.

Samuel Gompers has denied that he sent any message to Mr. Hearst asking him to support Mr. Bryan.

Judge Taft says that democrats in many southern states are writing to him, declaring their purpose to vote for him and to do whatever may be in their power to secure his election.

Chairman Hitchcock says that the west is to be the battle ground in the national campaign.

Judge Taft has begun work on his address of acceptance. Chairman Hitchcock has selected rooms for headquarters in New York and announced that the campaign will begin August 1.

The democratic national committee called on Bryan to consult him about selecting a campaign manager.

The news of the action of the democratic national convention at Denver including in its platform a plank favoring the exclusion from the United States of Asiatic laborers, is taken in Tokio to be directed against Japanese, and is causing considerable surprise and displeasure.

Senator Warner of Missouri, chairman of the notification committee, arrived at Hot Springs, Va., and talked with Mr. Taft for half an hour. They discussed conditions in Missouri in which Mr. Taft showed interest.

Herman Ridder of the New York Staats Zeitung, will support Mr. Bryan for president.

Judge Taft in an interview at Hot Springs announced that questions of general policy of conduct of his campaign will be turned over to his managers.

Mayor John E. Reyburn of Philadelphia has instituted proceedings against E. A. Van Valkenburg, editor and president of the North American, and six members of the staff of the newspaper, charging them with criminal libel. The charges are based on articles and cartoons appearing in the newspaper during the last two years.

General.

Count Boni de Castellane has formally filed suit for such revision of the decree of divorce obtained against him by his wife, who was Miss Anna Gould of New York, as will give him the custody of his three children.

The prohibitionists nominated Eugene W. Chaffin for president and Aaron S. Watkins for vice president.

Nine people were killed in the explosion of a powder magazine near Cleburn, Wash.

Governor Cummins will not be ready to fill campaign engagements until September.

William Randolph Hearst tells Samuel Gompers he cannot support the democratic platform.

John W. Kern, the democratic vice presidential candidate, has accepted an invitation to be the guest of the Jefferson club of Chicago at a rally to be held on September 15.

The annual report of the Interstate Commerce commission for last year shows that net income of railroads was nearly \$450,000,000.

The completion of the Milwaukee road to the Pacific coast will take more money than has been counted on, though the management says this is provided for.

Invitations to members of the national committee have been sent out to attend the Taft notification in Cincinnati.

The Nebraska State Railway Employees' association has established a headquarters and will go into state politics in earnest.

Judge Taft has been making a complete study of the platforms of the various parties for some years past.

Four New Jersey boys died of lock jaw due to accidents on the Fourth of July. Three of the boys, Harry W. Hall, Arthur Beny and Rollo Terasin, died at North Hudson. All three had been wounded in the hand.

Mrs. S. C. Carter has offered to donate \$50,000 for a new park in Omaha. Gustavus P. English, news editor of the Associated Press, died suddenly at his home in Chicago.

Harry Thaw's case goes over until September.

Over a course nearly 1,000 miles long 2,000 boy athletes, members of the Young Men's Christian association, of New York will race against time in an effort to break all records between New York and Chicago. The boys are to carry a message from the mayor of New York to the mayor of Chicago.

Japanese are indignant over the exclusion clause in the democratic platform.

Advices received in Nicaragua state that the Honduran revolutionists have abandoned the town of Gracias, which they recently captured and have fled into Salvador.

The Standard Oil company secured all the contracts to furnish oil of various kinds at the different state institutions. Its bids were the lowest of any received, but in some instances different prices were quoted on the same quantity of the same article.

Dr. J. W. Simpson was mysteriously shot at the home of his wife in Northport, L. I., and his mother-in-law was arrested on the charge.

The Interstate Commerce commission ruled that elevation allowances shall not be paid longer by the railroads.

Officers of the Burlington going to Wyoming revived the talk of building the Hill line to Thermopolis, regardless of the "tour of inspection story."

Heat in some of the eastern cities has been unusual and many fatalities are recorded.

The presidential elections throughout Panama passed off quietly, without any known disturbances. Senator Don Jose Domingo de Obaldia, formerly minister to the United States, and acting president during the absence of Dr. Amador, was elected president.

Washington.

Judge Kohlsaat decided that railroads, under the Hepburn act, may not dispose of transportation for advertising.

Although scarcely more than a month has elapsed since President Roosevelt appointed the national conservation commission, the work of taking stock of the nation's national resources has begun. This work will be carried on vigorously in order to enable the commission to make its report to the president by January 1, next.

Chairman Frank H. Hitchcock, of the republican national committee will open the campaign of 1907 in the far west. Practically the first movement for the election of William H. Taft and James H. Sherman, respectively to the presidency and vice presidency will be made at Colorado Springs, Colo., Monday and Tuesday, July 20 and 21.

Somewhat concerned over the situation at Porto Cortez and at Ceiba, on the northern coast of Honduras, because of the threatened operation of the revolutionists and a possible menace to American interests, the administration is considering the advisability of dispatching a naval vessel to that coast.

Foreign.

The emperor of China is sick and many physicians have been called to his bedside.

It is said the new premier of Japan will pursue a peace policy.

A news bureau has received a private telegram from Sosnovice, Russian Poland, stating that a plot against the life of Emperor Nicholas has been discovered there.

The French national fete was celebrated throughout the country in the traditional manner. The review of troops at Longchamps, which was the feature of the celebration in Paris, was a brilliant success.

Prince Zu Eulenborg, who is being tried on a charge of perjury in connection with the scandals revealed last year by Maximilien Harden, rested on an ordinary hospital bed with Dr. Gennrich sitting at his side during the court proceedings in Berlin.

Vice President Fairbanks will call on the Prince of Wales on the afternoon of July 22, the day on which the prince arrives at Quebec.

Personal.

The Rt. Rev. William Awdry, Anglican bishop of South Tokio, in a long letter to the London Times repudiates the idea that the Japanese have any aggressive intentions toward the United States or elsewhere.

Proceedings in Harry K. Thaw's application for a jury trial to determine his mental condition, were adjourned until the September term of the supreme court of Westchester county.

Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, will support Mr. Bryan for president.

According to Charles M. Schwab, steel conditions look much better. Irish unionists in Dublin have formed an organization to work for home rule along new lines.

When Commander Robert E. Peary boards his steamer, Roosevelt, at Cape Breton, and starts on his expedition in search of the North pole, an international race to the uttermost ends of the earth will be on. Peary expects to plant the stars and stripes at the north pole.

Chairman Hitchcock of the republican national committee reached Utica, N. Y., and was at once driven to the home of Representative Sherman, the vice presidential candidate. Mr. Hitchcock said he had come to talk over campaign matters.

If Mr. Bryan is elected it is said he will share the white house with Vice-President Kern.

President Roosevelt has received an invitation to be the guest of Camp Dawson of the Arctic Brotherhood at the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition, which will be held in Seattle next year.

Berlin—Professor Paul Haupt, of Johns Hopkins university of Baltimore, gave a dinner to introduce the American ambassador, David Jayne Hill, to university and literary circles.

ADVANCE IN STOCKS

RISE OFFERS ENCOURAGEMENT FOR TAKING PROFITS.

FEW SECURITIES ARE OFFERED

Sales Sufficient to Cause Only Occasional Wavering, but New High Level is Reached.

New York.—The market for securities last week showed a degree of vitality that offered encouragement for marketing holdings, accumulated from time to time in consequence of the attractive higher level of prices established. At the level attained, the highest point of the year in the case of a number of conspicuous stocks, and in consequence the highest touched since the spring of last year. There were sales sufficient to cause an occasional wavering of the price movement and an irregular market where new advances accompanied the set-back in stocks previously advanced. The characteristic feature of the transactions, however, was the comparative paucity of offerings for sale and the relative ease, therefore, with which operations to advance prices were made effective. Those operations were admittedly largely professional and showed the manipulative devices usual in the professional conduct of leadership in speculation. For the success which attended these efforts the strong technical position of the market and the general improvement in speculative sentiment must be allowed credit. This sentiment found expression from many sources in the financial, industrial and commercial departments of affairs. There was an unusual number of statements of hopeful views and opinions on the part of prominent financiers and capitalists in the form of interviews to the newspapers. These were the more effective in inspiring confidence because of their agreement on the main points of the situation in which the expressed hopefulness were based, and which are safely obvious to the ordinary observer to be confirmed in the news of the day.

Much attention was attracted throughout the week to the question of advances in freight rates by the railroads. Much remains to be settled, both as to the policy in this respect to be followed by the railroads and as to the effect of such policy on the general business prospects. Outspoken arguments have come from prominent railroad officials in behalf of an increase, the contention being that advances in freight rates have not kept pace with the rise in price of materials and labor, so that profits on the present basis are not sufficient to establish credit such as will secure the use of capital for expenditure in extension and betterments. Much of the stagnation in demand for international output is held by this argument to be traced to the paralysis of credit under which the railroads have been suffering.

AVERAGE WAGES ARE HIGHER.

Bureau of Labor Reports Decrease in Average Number of Hours.

Washington.—The average wages per hour in 1907 were 3.7 per cent higher than in 1906, the regular hours of labor per week were four-tenths of 1 per cent lower than in 1906, and the number of employees in the establishments investigated was 1 per cent greater than in 1906. These are some of the facts of interest in the statement issued by the bureau of labor as the result of an investigation of the principal wage-working occupations in 4,169 estimates representing the principal manufacturing and mechanical industries of this country. The article is entitled "Rates of Wages and Retail Prices of Food, 1890 to 1907."

Abductor is Returned.

San Diego, Cal.—When the steamer St. Denis arrived from Esanada on Sunday it had on board William F. Walker, the New Britain, Conn., abductor, who was in custody of State Superintendent of Police Egan of Connecticut and H. F. Hoffman, a detective. Walker was rather a pitiable object as he stepped ashore, stoop-shouldered and haggard. The newspaper men who sought to interview him could get little more than a shake of the head and the remark, "It is a very fine day."

Prince's Condition Serious.

Berlin—Prince Philip Zu Eulenborg was either insensible or in a condition of semi-consciousness for several hours following the suspension of his trial on charge of perjury in connection with the court scandals of last year.

When duty calls from ease it always will be found easier to obey than to refuse.

For Campaign of Education.

Chicago.—A campaign of education among shippers and the general public looking toward a readjustment of freight rates throughout the country was decided upon at a meeting of the executive committee of the National Association of Railway Agents held here on Saturday. The plans contemplate public discussions of the question by members of the association before commercial bodies and similar organizations in every city and town of considerable size in the United States.

THE STATE CAPITAL

MATTERS OF INTEREST TO ALL CITIZENS.

COMPLAINT ON ASSESSMENT

Judge Edgar Howard, Citizen and Taxpayer, Wants the State Board to Make an Investigation.

Little Matter of \$9,000,000.

Judge Edgar Howard of Columbus, as a citizen and taxpayer, appeared before the State Board of Assessment to remind the board that the Union Pacific railroad had omitted to return an item of \$9,000,000, the value of ties, material and other stock. As evidence that this property existed Mr. Howard submitted a certified copy of a statement made by W. L. Park, general superintendent of the road, at a hearing before the railway commission. This statement was as follows: "We have in our stock supplies at Omaha, Council Bluffs and along the road nearly \$9,000,000 in ties and material and other stock which it is intended to add to this property."

The Board of Assessment has notified Mr. Park to appear Monday if he has anything to say why the amount should not be added to the valuation of the road.

To Mr. Howard the board said the assessment of railroad property had already been made, but the judge insisted that if it were true that the Union Pacific had failed to return so much of its property, certainly the assessment could be opened and the new property added to the valuation. After some deliberation the board concluded to request Mr. Park to appear and give his side of the story.

The Union Pacific made a return on this class of property, but it is figured its value was in the neighborhood of \$2,000,000 instead of \$9,000,000.

LUMBERMEN PAY THE COST.

Settle \$3,154 Expenses in Trust Litigation.

Secretary Bird Critchfield gave his personal check for \$2,722.33 to Clerk H. C. Lindsay of the supreme court and presented receipts from witnesses for \$431.70 in payment of cost amounting to \$3,154.09 in the lumber trust suit recently decided by the court. Mr. Critchfield is secretary of the Nebraska lumber dealers' association which was defendant in an injunction suit instituted by the state on the ground that the association was being conducted in restraint of trade under the anti-trust laws of Nebraska. The supreme court did not enjoin the association from continuing in existence but enjoined its officers from continuing to permit unlawful acts to be committed by Secretary Critchfield or others connected with the organization. The retail lumber dealers constituting the membership were by their own officers assessed to pay the court costs. Of the \$2,733 paid in cash by the association, most of it will go to the state as reimbursement for costs paid by Attorney General Thompson from public funds at his disposal for conducting prosecutions of this nature.

Weather and Crops.

The week was partly cloudy, with both temperature and rainfall somewhat below normal in most of the state. The daily mean temperature was between 70 degrees and 74 degrees, which is about one degree below normal. Friday was generally the warmest day, with a maximum temperature very generally near 95 degrees. The last four days of the week were warm, with maximum temperatures near 90 degrees. The rainfall was above normal in several eastern and northern counties, but was below normal in rather more than half of the state. At a few places light showers occurred Monday, but nearly all of the rain of the week fell Saturday night and Sunday. The rainfall exceeded an inch in a number of eastern counties, but in a large portion of the central and western parts of the state it was less than half an inch.

Governor Offers Reward.

Governor Sheldon offered a reward of \$200 on behalf of the state for the arrest and conviction of Ralph Nienen, who is accused of murdering Emile Sandoz, sr., who was killed July 3, at his ranch twenty miles south of Rushville. Nienen is said to have shot and killed Sandoz. The reward will be offered for a period of six months.

Constitutional Amendments.

Secretary of State Junkin has just completed giving out \$14,490 worth of newspaper advertising for the state. The two constitutional amendments that are to be submitted to a vote of the electors this fall must be published in at least one newspaper in each county for thirteen weeks prior to the primary election.

Oil Dealer in Court.

State Oil Inspector A. B. Allen went to South Sioux City to be present at the prosecution of Valentine H. Amthor of Sioux City, Ia. Amthor has been driving a wagon that supplies oil to merchants on the Nebraska side of the Missouri river in Dakota county. As he has not had his oil inspected in Nebraska or paid the inspection fee in this state, he is subject to a fine of not to exceed \$300. He alleges that his oil has been inspected, but does not claim inspection in Nebraska.

Readjusts Milling in Transit.

The Burlington road has been permitted by the railway commission to revise its milling in transit taxes. At a meeting at which Freight Agent Johnson appeared for the road and millers from many towns appeared the new rates were satisfactorily adjusted. The readjustment was brought about by a complaint from Superior that other towns were given superior advantages. The millers at Superior asked for an extension of the privilege previously granted them, including a long "back haul." As a result of the meeting the Burlington will grant no back haul privileges free. Where this is allowed the rate will be from 1 to 2 cents a hundred. Otherwise there is no charge for milling in transit but each town interested is limited to certain territory so as to give all an equal chance. Competition between millers may thus be stimulated in some parts of the state. The towns that are represented in the readjustment and which get milling in transit privileges under the new regulations are Falls City, Wahoo, Superior, Crete, Beatrice, Bertrand, Adams, Clay Center, DeWitt, Fairbury, Firth, Fremont, Friend, Geneva, Hastings, Hebron, Humboldt, Kearney, Milford, Oxford, Ravenna, Schuyler and Seward.

Pierce County First.

The first county superintendent's annual report for the school year 1907-8 was received by special delivery at the home of State Superintendent McBrien. The report was sent in by Superintendent Frank Pilger of Pierce county. This is the only report on file to date. Superintendent Pilger led the ninety county superintendents of the state last year in filing his annual report.

Among the items of interest from his report are the following: Fifty-two districts complied with the provisions of the new library law, in spite of the fact that the law did not become operative until after the annual meeting for 1907. The law provides that the school board in every public school district shall set aside annually from the general funds of the school district the sum of 10 per cent for every pupil enumerated in the district at the last annual school census, which amount shall be annually invested in books other than regular text books.

Under the provisions of the new free high school law the town of Plainville collected \$408.75 tuition. Complete reports were not received from other towns in Pierce county qualified to collect free high school tuition until after the annual meeting hence no definite information can be given.

Candidates Plan for Race.

Chairman T. S. Allen of the democratic state committee called on Secretary of State Junkin to inquire into the law governing the filing of nominations for candidates for presidential electors. He asked whether or not eight candidates could file on one blank. This inquiry is supposed to mean that the democratic party leaders intend to carry out the endorsement of the democratic state convention, which recommended eight men for presidential electors. The republican state committee did not endorse anyone for elector, but some of the republican district conventions did so.

The School Census.

The school board has completed the census of children in the school district of the city of Lincoln. A total of 11,894 is recorded between the ages of five and twenty-one. This is an increase of 171 over last year, not as decided an advance as had been expected. Of the whole number it is estimated that 2,900 are Russian children. More than 700 of these are now in the beet fields. Their names were taken prior to their departure in the spring. One of the problems of Secretary Morris is to prevent these families leaving without having given in their census.

Irrigation Board Meets.

Secretary Dobson's action dismissing the application of H. G. Stewart for an appropriation of water from the North Platte river to irrigation lands covered by the Farmers Canal company, was approved by the state board of irrigation. Mr. Stewart recently filed a protest against the Tri-State company acquiring the rights of the Farmers' canal, but the state board refused to assume jurisdiction over the protest. He later asked that his application for an appropriation be dismissed to give him better standing in court in case of an appeal.

Autocrats Want Legislation.

The Omaha Automobile club has entered the social, political and commercial arena by incorporating for the purpose of good fellowship, the betterment of roads and streets and the passage of "reasonable and sane legislation" governing the running of automobiles in streets and highways. The club filed articles of incorporation with the secretary of state. It was a modest capital stock of \$1,000 but has many wealthy and influential members.

Autos Must Slow Down.

The new automobile ordinance drawn along lines coincident with the state law is now in effect. A driver going faster than ten miles an hour on well traveled streets is breaking the law, and if he turns corners or crosses intersections even that fast.

Norris Will Go to Europe.

Congressman G. W. Norris of the Fifth Nebraska district has received his credentials as one of the American members of the Inter-Parliamentary union, which holds its next sessions in Berlin, Germany, beginning September 10.

NEBRASKA POINTERS

STATE NEWS AND NOTES IN CONDENSED FORM.

THE PRESS, PULPIT AND PUBLIC

What is Going on Here and There That is of Interest to the Readers Throughout Nebraska.

A special election is soon to be held in Valentine to vote bonds for water works.

The Wymore opera house has changed hands, F. E. Crawford becoming owner and manager.

The next term of the federal courts for Omaha will begin the fourth Monday in September, when both federal grand and petit juries will be assembled.

The old settlers reunion will be held in Union August 14 and 15. Excellent programs consisting of oratory, band music and sports have been prepared.

Fifty dollars reward will be paid for the arrest and detention of Fred Gardner, who broke jail at Valentine on the night of July 10, stealing a black horse and saddle to get away on.

J. W. Brooks, northeast of Beatrice, brought a small limb from his peach orchard to the city which contained 100 peaches. He says he will have 1,000 bushels of this variety of fruit for sale this year.

In anticipation of the early establishment of the free delivery system of the Postoffice department in McCook, the city officials are arranging for a new system of naming the streets of the city.

Secretary of State Junkin has received a jar of bugs. These insects came from Hershey and along with the consignment was a note stating that the bugs ate up everything in sight. Prof. Bruner will be given a chance to catalogue the pests.

Solomon Rowe, residing east of Plattsmouth, stated that during a storm a bolt of lightning struck his residence and blew out one end of the building and ruined almost everything in it and the carpets and rugs were burned and discolored. Mrs. Rowe was badly stunned, but not injured.

The flouring mills at Genoa owned by H. E. Fonda & Bros., a plant valued at \$15,000 was burned to the ground. Mr. Teelme and E. T. Christy, the two millers, were the only occupants of the building at the start of the fire. Christy was burned to death.

As a result of the recent litigation between Clifford C. Pierce and Lester F. Wakefield of Sioux City against the Omaha, Decatur & Northern Railway company, Judge T. C. Munger of the federal court has appointed L. R. Stonecker of Omaha receiver for the railroad.

The York High school has lost a number of its most efficient teachers. Mr. Dallas, the principal, has accepted a position as principal at Sheridan, Wyo. Charles Wray, teacher of mathematics, has accepted a similar position in the High school at Ogden, Utah, and Miss Gertrude Rowen will go to Milwaukee, Wis., as teacher of history.

Charles Johnson, a young fellow about twenty-seven years old, was drowned in the Blue, between the two mill dams at Crete. In company with Fred Maccia he was rowing down the swollen stream when the boat was carried by the current into a tangled clump of willows. Johnson attempted to swim ashore and was drowned.

The first annual exhibit of the Thurston County Agricultural society will be held at Bedford, September 17, 18 and 19. It is noticed that a very liberal premium list has been prepared by E. F. Chittenden, pioneer homesteader and printer of Thomas county, covering a wide field of industry and productiveness, and those who visit the fair on the dates mentioned will no doubt be as much surprised as they will be pleased by what that rapidly developing section of Nebraska is able to show.

The members of the order of the Knights of Pythias in Nebraska are planning to celebrate at Omaha on the 23d of November next, the fortieth anniversary of the organization of the first lodge west of Pennsylvania—"Nebraska No. 1"—which was instituted at Omaha in 1868. The famous "Dayton Team," consisting of 100 well drilled and uniformed Knights, has been engaged at an expense of \$4,000 to give a dramatic rendition with beautiful electrical effects of the famous play of Damon and Pythias upon which the Order is founded, and during the celebration upwards of 1,000 men will be initiated. Lodges from nearly every western state have signified their intentions to attend, and it is conservatively estimated that not less than ten thousand members of the Order will visit Omaha on that occasion.

The farmers of Adams county are jubilant over the fact that wheat yields in that section are exceeding all expectations. One farmer residing ten miles west of Hastings threshed and marketed his poorest piece of wheat, it producing twenty-five bushels per acre, which he marketed at 70 cents per bushel.

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