

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.

Chairman Mack and Bryan conferred over the long distance telephone in regard to special rates to the notification at Lincoln which the railroads are unwilling to grant.

Latest returns give Bristol strong lead for republican nominee for United States senator in Kansas primaries.

General H. C. Corbin in an interview declares Judge Taft was not responsible for the order dismissing negro troops.

Elmer Dover, it is claimed, will resign as secretary of the republican national committee.

Vice Presidential Candidate Kern says the democratic outlook is good. Judge Taft, the presidential candidate, took a forty mile overland trip to a West Virginia horse show.

Bristol defeated Long for the senatorial nomination in Kansas.

Judge Alton B. Parker spoke for the Bryan & Kern ticket at Los Angeles.

W. J. Bryan agrees to speak at the Minnesota state fair. He is assured that John A. Johnson will take the stump in his behalf.

Word has been received by Chairman Mack from William J. Bryan, in which the nominee expresses pleasure at the degree of progress of the democratic campaign and the belief that he will be elected to the presidency.

Senator Allison's funeral at Dubuque on Saturday was largely attended, distinguished men from all over the country being present.

Secretary of State Junkin of Nebraska holds that democrats when endorsed by the populist state convention, may go on both ballots.

Judge Taft has consented to make a political speech at the rally of Virginia republicans.

Neighbors of Dr. P. L. Hail congratulated him on election to the vice chairmanship of the democratic national committee.

Senator Burkett of Nebraska has finished his chautauqua work, and henceforth will devote his time to campaign work.

An important conference to outline a plan of campaign in New York state was held by Norman E. Mack, chairman of the democratic committee, with Charles F. Murphy, leader of Tammany hall.

General.

The monthly crop report shows the condition of wheat and corn below the ten-year average.

A receiver was appointed for the estate of Harry K. Thaw, who filed a petition in bankruptcy at Pittsburgh.

The preliminary test of Captain Baldwin's dirigible balloon was a success. It traveled five miles at a rate of twenty miles an hour and executed a number of difficult evolutions under perfect control.

The Chicago Great Western railway comes to the aid of the Omaha grain market by announcing a cut in rates which will protect the Omaha Grain interests.

Senator Allison died at Dubuque, his home, in his 80th year of age. He had been unwell more or less for the past two years, but his last severe illness was for about two weeks, the senator being unconscious several days before his death. For forty-three years he had been in the public service, serving eight years in the lower house of congress and thirty-five years in the senate. His unexpired term in the senate will be filled out by appointment by Gov. Cummins.

Harriman says the railroad corporations have no choice as between Taft and Bryan.

Congressman J. A. T. Hull says Iowa will be strong for Taft and that sentiment is in favor of postponing the senatorial fight until after the election.

The Chicago Great Western has filed tariffs announcing a cut in grain rates from Omaha to Chicago and St. Paul.

Moses C. Wetmore of St. Louis has been appointed chairman of the democratic committee on finance. Senator Culberson will be chairman of advisory committee instead of D. P. Francis who is in Europe.

Loss of life by forest fires in British Columbia is placed at 125. Several thousands are homeless and great suffering exists.

Bull weather reports sent wheat and corn up 3 cents and caused excitement on the Chicago Board of Trade.

Victor L. Mason of New Jersey has been appointed assistant secretary of the national republican committee. He will have charge of the New York office.

Samuel Gompers denied that he said he could deliver the labor vote.

Dr. Wilbur Crafts of Washington advocates the shutting the gates of freedom, admitting only a select few immigrants, including orientals, the fitness of foreigners to be determined by a commission.

Harriman, the railroad magnate, declares the country is going to settle upon a sounder basis.

Special days are being arranged for agricultural colleges, governors of states, children and Nebraska at the National Corn exposition to be held in Omaha December 9 to 19.

Roy Knabenhus, the aeronaut of Toledo, O., will attempt to break the world's record for a dirigible airship on September 12, when he will start from Denver for Omaha, a distance of 538 miles.

Secretary of State Junkin of Nebraska heard the protests of Victor Rosewater and others to the use of the name populist by the democrats.

Four Columbus (Ohio) men have offered a finger each for \$200 to A. C. Ballou of Wheeling, W. Va., who lost his digits in an ice cream freezer recently.

It is unlikely that Cortelyou will make the race for the republican nomination for governor of New York.

Dr. Friederick K. H. von Lannan, chief of Emperor William's so-called civil cabinet, died on the 3d.

Foreign.

Said Pasha, the grand vizier, and the newly formed ministry have resigned. The sultan invited Lemaledu Effendi, the Sheik ul Islam and Kiamil Pasha to form a new cabinet.

The engagement of the Earl of Clancarty to Marry Ellis, daughter of a Yorkshire barrister, is publicly announced. The earl has been married before. His first wife, now dead, was Belle Bitton, a beautiful music hall singer.

Notwithstanding frequent denials the Krupp works apparently have acquired the rights to the air torpedo, invented by Colonel Unge of the Swedish army, under conditions that the Swedish government is free to use the device.

Third rank among the navies of the world is accorded that of Japan by the experts of the German Navy League.

In the August Seafilet, which contains information on various naval subjects prepared by specialists, and often derived from official sources.

Estrada Cabrera, president of Guatemala, has released forty-three political prisoners, according to a dispatch received at the state department from American Minister Helmke.

This number thirty-two were Guatemalans, six Hondurans and five Nicaraguans.

The new constitution of Turkey was formally consecrated Sunday, and the sultan walked among his people for the first time since his ascension in 1876.

Washington.

Congressman Hull of Iowa paid a tribute to the late Senator Allison, whose loss, he said, will be felt by the whole country as well as in Iowa. Senator Allison he declared to be one of the greatest leaders any state has ever produced, a man who did more in the last forty years to keep together the republican party in Iowa than any other man.

The governor of Iowa, in his proclamation announcing the death of Senator Allison says: It has become my sorrowful duty to officially announce to the people of Iowa the death of Senator William B. Allison, which occurred at his home in Dubuque on the 4th inst. During the brief life of the commonwealth, Iowa has given many distinguished men to the public service, but no one of them has surpassed in worth or distinction the man whose death we now mourn.

His long career in the senate, full of faithful, patient devotion to duty, made him the most prominent figure in legislative life, and his influence was deeply felt in all the affairs of government. His memory will long be cherished in the patriotic hearts of his countrymen.

Senator Burkett of Nebraska was appointed by the vice president as a member of the committee on behalf of the senate to attend the funeral of Senator Allison. The funeral was held in the late senator's home in Dubuque, Ia., on Saturday, August 8.

Vice-President Fairbanks designated the following senators to attend Senator Allison's funeral: Dooliver, Frye, Culom, Teller, Gallinger, Elkins, Nelson, Bacon, Foraker, Penrose, Beveridge, Culberson, Kean, McCumber, Gamble, Simmons, Heyburn, Long, Burkett, Carter, La Follette, Raynor, Warner, Smith (Michigan), Brown, Johnson and Paynter.

Personal.

Mme. Melba has been engaged to sing in New York and Philadelphia in December next prior to her tour of Australia.

Early returns from the primaries indicate that Missouri democrats have nominated W. S. Cowherd for governor and the Kansas republicans W. R. Stubbs.

E. H. Harriman stopped a few hours in Omaha on his transcontinental trip. He says all that is needed to put business back to a normal basis is co-operation and rationalism.

James Alexander Dowle, brother of the late "Elijah" H. of Zion City fame, will come to Omaha for a five months' mission. He will establish a second Zion City in the Nebraska metropolis.

Governor Cummins has announced that he will be a candidate for the seat vacated by the death of Senator Allison.

Senator W. B. Allison of Iowa died at his home in Dubuque, Ia., in his 80th year. His illness had been protracted. He was a man long active in public life, having been eight years in the house and thirty-five years in the senate.

Mr. Taft says he is satisfied to have the plain title of "Bill."

Richard V. Oulahan is to have charge of all the literary work of the republican national committee.

FUNERAL OF ALLISON

SERVICES IN KEEPING WITH HIS UNOSTENTATIOUS LIFE.

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Entire City in Mourning and All Business Suspended in Respect to the Distinguished Dead.

Dubuque, Ia.—As he lived, so was Senator William B. Allison buried Saturday in a manner devoid of all ostentation. Services were held at the residence of the dead statesman and, while not of a private character, the limited accommodations of the home permitted only the presence of the distinguished visitors, the relatives and the most intimate friends of the late senator. The services were simple and consisted of the reading of the Twenty-third Psalm, the fifteenth chapter of the Epistle to the Corinthians, and a prayer. Rev. J. T. Bergen of the Westminster Presbyterian church officiated. There was no music. The interment was private, and after the Presbyterian committal service had been read by Dr. Bergen the body of the senator was lowered into its last resting place on the hillside which overlooks the Mississippi river.

All Dubuque paid silent tribute to the memory of Senator Allison. During the hours of the funeral not a wheel turned throughout the city and every business house closed its doors. Flags hung at half mast from public buildings and hundreds of homes and business houses were trimmed with crepe. A most effective feature was the winding with black and white of the trolley poles throughout the main thoroughfare of the city.

The body of Senator Allison lay in state Friday afternoon and evening, and thousands of people called to pay a final tribute of respect. The only floral tributes were a blanket of American beauty roses, completely covering the casket, an emblem of the Loyal Legion and the national flag.

The pall bearers were all residents of the city and intimate friends of the senator.

Many distinguished visitors were in attendance at the funeral. Besides the members of the congressional committee named by Vice President Fairbanks and Speaker Cannon, there was a large delegation from Des Moines, consisting of Governor Cummins and other state officers. The Des Moines party brought with it a beautiful floral blanket six and one-half feet long and three feet wide. The border was of white carnations and in the center, wrought in red, was the word "Iowa." In three of the corners were clusters of lilies of the valley, and in the fourth, fastened by a ribbon, were the dates "1863-1908," these marking the duration of his official life in Washington.

The grave of Senator Allison is in the family lot in Linwood cemetery. A modest marble shaft, bearing the single word "Allison," was erected on the lot twenty years ago. The grave is close to that in which is buried the body of the late Speaker David B. Henderson.

Allison will be missed. Death leaves a void in Senate not easily filled.

Washington—The death of Senator William Boyd Allison, while not wholly unexpected, came at a most inopportune time by reason of political conditions in Iowa. His death will leave a void in the senate that cannot easily be filled, for Senator Allison occupied a most unique position, not only in the senate, but in the country as well.

As chairman of the committee on appropriations he has dispensed more millions than any man in the history of the nation, and in his treatment of the great supply bills of congress he ceased to be a partisan and became the statesman invoking all his powers for the public weal.

Although a man of few friendships and, in a large sense, a rather reticent man, William B. Allison had the confidence of both republicans and democrats in the upper branch of the national legislature.

HAYWARD MOVES UP.

New York—Elmer E. Dover of Ohio has resigned his position as secretary of the republican national committee, and will become the secretary of an advisory committee which is to work with George R. Sheldon, treasurer of the national committee.

William Hayward of Nebraska City, Neb., who has been republican chairman in his state for the year last past, has been appointed secretary of the national committee and will be given charge of the western headquarters at Chicago, in the absence of Mr. Hitchcock.

Japan Crowding to Front.

Tiaren, Manchuria—Japan is responsible for the introduction of the American railway system into eastern Asia, but it is rapidly taking to itself the trade in railroad equipment and material was thrown in the beginning to American manufacturers. The reasons for this are, first, the poor quality of the materials and the inferior workmanship used in the American product, and second, the ability of the Japanese to duplicate the American rolling stock at lower prices, even delivering a better article.

NEBRASKA NEWS AND NOTES.

Items of Greater or Lesser Importance Over the State.

Charley Landroth of Oconto, 16 years old, was thrown from a horse and instantly killed.

The annual Gage County Teachers Institute will be held in Beatrice August 24 to 28.

A bank has been organized at Crookston, a small town west of Valentine. It is capitalized at \$10,000.

The sixteenth annual reunion of the Old Settlers' association of Cherry and Keya Paha counties will be held at Sparks, Neb.

The village board of trustees of Brainerd recently levied an occupation tax on nearly every line of business in the town.

The people of Cook, Johnson county, will call a special election to vote bonds in the sum of \$10,000 for a new brick school house.

Wayne's second annual chautauqua assembly is closed. The session lasted eight days and was a complete success. All expenses were met by receipts.

The Cedar county fair will be held September 16, 17 and 18. The summer races were held July 3 and 4, and the fall fair will be devoted mostly to exhibits.

The executive committee of the Cuming County Old Settlers' association has fixed upon Thursday, August 27, as the date for the annual picnic and reunion.

A stock company to promote a creamery enterprise has been organized at Crab Orchard and a sufficient amount of stock sold to warrant the establishment of a plant.

George Buchila well to do farmer living a couple of miles west of Powell, in Jefferson county, committed suicide by shooting himself. There was apparently no cause for the act.

State Superintendent J. McBrien and his family have been visiting Johnson county relatives. The superintendent says the story that has gone out of the shortage of teachers in Nebraska is not correct.

Threshing has commenced in the vicinity of Sutherland. Much wheat will run about forty bushels, and oats will go as high as sixty bushels to the acre. Corn is considered by the farmers to be "made."

The real estate belonging to Andrew Higgins of Nemaha county, who was killed some time ago in a runaway, has been divided among the three sons and one daughter. There were about 900 acres of land.

At the recent special school election in Sutherland, bonds to the amount of \$2,500 were voted. This sum is to go toward installing a heating plant in the school building and building a two-room addition.

The telegraph instruments have been taken out of the station at Lushon without notice. The patrons of the Burlington route say they will not submit to what they call an outrage. The railroad business of the place is \$20,000 a year.

Mrs. Oliver Starkey, who was shot by her husband near Palmer, is believed to be on the road to recovery. Although her side was riddled with birdshot, she has shown remarkable recuperative powers. It is feared though that she will lose one of her arms.

While Charles Dendinger and George Porter were working on the top of a scaffold around a hay stacker in Cedar county, the machine fell with them. Porter fell underneath the timbers. He was badly crushed and it is thought he will not recover. The other man was badly bruised.

At St. Paul information was filed against Oliver Starkey, charging him with assault with intent to kill his divorced wife recently in Gage Valley, Howard county. The complaint was filed by Miss E. Scott, a sister of the injured woman. Starkey waived examination and was bound over to the next November term of the district court.

Two men, Joy Wright and George Fogis, members of the national guard, encamped near Ashland, were drowned in the Platte river. Both were members of Company C, N. N. G., of Nebraska City. The drowned are George Fogis, aged 21, a farmer living near Nebraska City, and Joy Wright, a clerk in a grain office in that city. Both were born at that place. Neither could swim.

Ben Uhland, a young farmer near Humboldt, reports a curiosity in the shape of an eyesless duck, hatched out a few weeks since. The fowl runs about with the remainder of the brood and seems able to secure food, even without eyes. The freak shows absolutely no signs of eyes, lashes or eyelids, but is otherwise a perfectly formed fowl.

A coyote scalp swindle has been brought out in Buffalo county by Sheriff Sammons. John Bacon, janitor at court house, Lloyd Deets, Abe Swinyer and nine accomplices have been arrested and given preliminary hearings and all except one have pleaded guilty. Bacon secured scalps from the county clerk's office and hid them in the boiler room and Deets and Swinyer would get same and resell them at leisure.

John H. Dwyer, of McCook, a white man, married, with wife and two children, was bound over to the next term of district court in and for Red Willow county, charged with an attempt at committing rape on two young Russian girls in this city each aged ten years.

Following is the mortgage report for Gage county for the month of July: Number of farm mortgages filed, 10; amount, \$30,887; number of farm mortgages released, 6; amount, \$16,600; number of city mortgages filed, 26; amount, \$27,560; number of city mortgages released, 16; amount, \$8,230.

THE STATE CAPITAL

MATTERS OF INTEREST TO ALL CITIZENS.

AS TO LAND ASSESSMENTS

The State Board of Equalization Has Agreed on Raises Which May Increase the Roll.

The state board of equalization has agreed upon several sweeping changes in the land assessments returned from the several counties which will stand unless representatives from these counties come before the board with good reason why they should not. The proposed raises will make a considerable increase in the total assessment roll.

Several counties have been left as they were and eight have been granted reductions, most of them slight. The raises are all the way from five to sixty per cent. The following statement has been issued by the board, indicating its position and giving comparison of the average land values as returned by the several counties and it is proposed to raise them by the board. Following is the statement by the board:

The state board of equalization has found that it is necessary to make a good many changes by counties in order to make a uniform assessment. This is true not only in regard to the several classes of personal property, but also as regards the assessment of real estate.

It is the judgment of the board that it will be necessary to raise the value of land in thirty-nine counties and to reduce eight, thus leaving the assessment as far as land is concerned in forty-two counties the same as was returned by the county assessor. Owing to the importance of the real estate assessment the board has determined to notify the assessor of the counties of the proposed changes and request them to appear before the board if they have any objections to the changes proposed by the board. Final action on the land assessment will not be made until sufficient time has been given for the assessors to appear before the board.

Governor Offers Reward.

Governor Sheldon has issued the following proclamation of reward for the apprehension of the murderer of Mrs. Jasper Blowsnake, killed by Jasper Blowsnake in Thurston county on July 18, 1908:

"Whereas, Upon good and sufficient showing made by the county coroner of Thurston county, Nebraska, that on or about the 18th day of July, A. D. 1908, in the county of Thurston, state of Nebraska, Mrs. Blowsnake was brutally and feloniously assaulted by Jasper Blowsnake, which resulted in her death, and

"Whereas, The said Jasper Blowsnake is a fugitive from justice and is secreting himself in some place unknown and

"Whereas, As a protection to society, as well as the enforcement of the criminal code, and as a means of leading to the prompt apprehension and punishment of such an act, the law provides that upon receipt of such information the governor shall issue his proclamation offering a reward for the arrest of the person committing such crime. Said reward to be payable on a certificate given under seal of the court that the person arrested and indicted committed the act charged in the indictment, now.

"Therefore, I, George Lawson Sheldon, governor of the state of Nebraska, by virtue of the authority vested in me by law do hereby, by this my proclamation, offer a reward of two hundred (\$200.00) dollars for the apprehension of the murderer of said Mrs. Blowsnake, conditioned as aforesaid, and said reward continuing for a period of six months from and after this date, and I do especially enjoin upon all sheriffs, constables and peace officers of this state diligent effort to bring the murderer to speedy justice."

To Equalize Standard.

The presidents of the two state normal schools held a conference with the state examining board to determine on some standard of requirements for the private schools which are allowed by the Nebraska law to grant life professional teacher's certificates.

The board of examiners is made the inspection body of these private schools, and just now they are turning out several hundred graduates at the close of the summer session. The state normal schools have a certain standard of excellence which they require of graduates. The examining board is desirous of making the maximum of the private schools as high as the minimum of the state schools. This, under the law, is all they can do.

Petition for a Telephone.

J. E. Hart, A. L. Clem, J. H. Nebergall and A. A. Hawley, all of York county, have petitioned the railway commission to make the Northwestern a telephone in its passenger station at Gresham. A large proportion of the citizens of York county are on the lines of the York County Telephone company, an independent concern which does not pay toll to the telephone trust. The railroad company has a trust phone in its place, but refuses to recognize the independent concern.

Seven Days Without Rain.

The week was warm and dry, with an excess of sunshine. Clear weather prevailed, except on Tuesday and on Thursday, when partly cloudy weather was quite general.

The mean temperature for the week was between 74 degrees and 78 degrees, which is an average of about 2 degrees above the normal. The daily maximum temperature exceeded 90 degrees very generally, except on Thursday and Friday, when it was 5 to 10 degrees lower. At a few places the weekly maximum was 100 degrees, or slightly above.

Druggists Are Willing.

A delegation of Lincoln druggists visited Food Commissioner Johnson to consider the proposition of prosecutions under the pure food laws of sales of headache powders which have the ingredients not stamped on the package. Under the law an exception was made in the labeling of drugs wherein goods on hands April 1, 1908, did not have to be branded. Hence it comes about that headache powders are usually branded "O. H. April 1, 1908." More than 200 suits have been instituted already against dealers regardless of the brand mark, signifying that they were on hands. It is the attitude of the food commissioner that the merchant must prove that the goods were in his stock before the law went into effect. The Lincoln druggists asked that prosecutions be held in abeyance until the druggists of the state could get together and agree to brand all materials, regardless of whether they were on hands at the time the law went into effect or not. The druggists declared that they had no disposition to avoid the law but had not understood the full import of the commissioner's attitude. They have called a meeting at which local druggists will formulate a plan preparatory to a call for a meeting of druggists from all over the state. Meanwhile prosecutions that have been started will be continued.

Hotels Expecting a Rush.

The hotels of Lincoln are expecting big crowds in town from now until after the state fair. The assembly crowd which is now here, is not much of an asset for the hotels, except for the few meals the campers buy at the lunch counters and dining rooms of the hotels, but there are a few who attend the assembly from city hotels, preferring them to the uncertainty of camp life. The big crowd is expected during the state fair. Preparations are being made to entertain crowds bigger than ever this year.

Dirty Bakeries.

Mrs. MacMurphy, inspector in the pure food department, is getting together a voluminous report on the condition in the bakeries of Omaha. In general, of the sixty bakeries, one-third are found to be dirty and in need of renovation before patrons can hope to get sanitary products from them. This is a better showing than was made in Lincoln, where of thirteen bakeries examined eight were found to be unclean and unsanitary.

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Fight on Prison Contract.

The central labor union of this city is making a fight on prison made goods and in this effort attempted to influence state officers while the contract for the prison labor was under discussion. At the last meeting of the central union, since the contract was made, resolutions were passed denouncing the state officers for entering into this contract without inviting representatives of organized labor to appear before the board. This is termed in the resolutions "an insult to organized labor."

LOCAL TROUBLES TO FORE.

State Board Find This Causes Difficulty in Assessment.

Another bunch of assessors appeared before the State Board of Equalization to protest against an increase in the value of real estate. The representatives from Cherry county made a vigorous protest against a 40 per cent boost. Land in this county is assessed at 69 cents an acre and the board contemplates an increase to 95 cents. A member of the board did a little figuring and reported that the 40 per cent increase would mean the payment of \$1.08 in taxes on a section of land more than last year, or 27 cents increase on a quarter section.

At this time it is impossible to tell what will be done with the contemplated increase in lands in several of the counties. While there have been protests against any increase over the return of the assessors, some of the returns have been rather feeble. One protestant admitted that as a general proposition the increase was deserved, but the trouble had been with the county board in not properly equalizing between the various townships.

The schedules this year used by the assessors have proven superior to the blanks of last year and previous years, especially in the forms used for the assessment of live stock, horses and mules. This year there is space reserved for listing the age of the animals. Heretofore the live stock was returned by number and value, and the board had no way of knowing the age of the animals. This made equalization between counties practically a guess, as some assessors included right young animals while others did not.

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The rainfall was below the normal in all parts of the state. Local showers occurred Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, but the rainfall was generally less than a quarter of an inch.

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