

**NEWS NOTES  
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**Boiling Down of the More Important Events Here and There**

**Congress.**

Cabinet officers are submitting to President Roosevelt their reports in order to the Aldrich resolution as to secret service and it is considered probable the president will have ready to hand the reports of all these reports after the re-assembling of congress. It is the president's intention to promptly in this matter.

The request of Senator Brown of Missouri at Madison, Neb., has been added on the list to receive such public as are available for public libraries and college libraries.

Senator Burkett had a conference with the War department officials regarding a bill for enlargement of the corps post at Fort Omaha. There is a good chance of becoming a

is believed the special session of congress for revision of the tariff will be called immediately after the inauguration of President Taft.

The revenue feature of the tariff bill has more difficult problems than the protective or other phases of the tariff revision question. It is believed by some that the government has been deprived of millions of dollars of revenue during the operation of the Dingley tariff because of the changes made in the bill after it passed the house of representatives.

These changes were made especially in the wording of the bill, rather than in the rates of duty.

**General.**

A. W. Clark, superintendent of the Savings Institute, Omaha, has read and accepted an invitation from President Roosevelt to attend a conference at the White House January 12, a discussion of the best methods according dependent children. Dr. Clark's long experience in this field of anthropology will enable him to make a valuable contribution to the discussion.

It is now believed that the loss of life in Italy and Sicily by earthquake each 200,000.

Islands, which were reported in the sea with their 28,000 inhabitants, are safe. The earthquake shook a few buildings, but there was no loss of life.

Craker and Taft have withdrawn from the senatorial field in Ohio.

An Harry Dale Smith, who is accused of murdering Volney Mann of Nebraska several months ago was arrested at Las Animas, Col. State-wide prohibition laws became law January 1st in North Carolina and Mississippi.

General Charles B. Hall, United States army, retired, and his party, including his two daughters, were supposed to have been at Naples during the earthquake, and a cablegram to the effect was received.

Missouri democrats are beginning to quarrel that the result of contests in the legislature will seat enough republicans to elect a senator.

Former State Treasurer Methues of Pennsylvania, who was convicted of bribery in connection with state aid graft, died of pneumonia.

The death list in the earthquake in Sicily may reach 150,000 people with a loss of thirty-five cities in Calabria alone. Scenes of indescribable horror are recorded.

President Roosevelt's last New Year reception at the White House was a brilliant affair.

The suit of Count Boni de Castellor custody of his children was decided in favor of their mother, former Miss Anna Gould, of New York.

Miss Freeman, first homesteader of the United States, died at Beatrice.

George E. Howard of Nebraska recently contends that divorcees are not eligible to hold office.

Taft clubs will be allowed organization at this time according to a decision reached by President-elect and Secretary Hitchcock.

The number of dead in two great Italian cities reaches 110,000.

Senator Bernier who represented Louisiana in the Canadian senate has died.

Pierpont Morgan sent \$10,000 for relief of the earthquake sufferers.

It is feared that vast treasuries have been looted at Messina. The branch of the Bank of Italy had \$5,000 on deposit there and other banks had large amounts.

A number of prominent engineers have been invited to accompany President-elect Taft to Panama.

The will of the late Claus Speckle, a sugar king, which was filed for probate, leaves life interest in the property to the widow. At her death the property is to be divided among three children.

Operations in Cuba will be withdrawn the first day of the year.

A large number of conventions of agricultural and similar bodies are to be held in Lincoln, Neb., in January. The Eastern Illinois road has been abandoned because the British Parliament had no time to consider it.

Eruption of Mount Etna has added to the terror caused by earthquake in southern Italy.

An earthquake at Virginia City, Mont., put the electric light plant out of commission.

The foot and mouth disease among New York cattle is thought to be completely eradicated.

asked shippers to co-operate in maintaining a popular tariff.

President Roosevelt says the family home is the best place to care for dependent children.

Mr. Roosevelt is not opposed to increased salary for presidents.

The New York produce and the New York cotton exchanges will be the first ones investigated by the commission appointed by Governor Hughes to inquire into the conduct of the New York exchanges.

President Roosevelt has issued a statement in which he says he cannot now interfere in the matter of the sentence of the labor leaders because the case is not through the courts.

Prospects are good for a resumption of friendly relations between the United States and Venezuela.

The Mutual Reserve Life Insurance company, is dead from inhaling gas in his home in New York.

Five members of the Smith family landed in the board of aldermen of Somerville, Mass., last election day.

James Corrigan, who has been in financial struggle with John D. Rockefeller for years, died Saturday, following an operation for appendicitis.

President Castro knows nothing of the conditions in his home country.

China wants the legation at Washington raised to an embassy.

The president may return to his first plan of reforming the navy.

The order of Mayor McClellan of New York closing moving picture machines was temporarily suspended by Justice Gaynor of the supreme court.

Twelve members of the lower house of congress have gone to Panama to familiarize themselves with the digging of the big canal.

A new Pompeii has been unearthed on the plains of Arizona. It is by far the most important of the archaeological discoveries that have yet been made in the United States, and promises to enable scientists to throw some light on the remarkable peoples who at one time, in a remote antiquity, inhabited the far southwest.

Many arrests have been made of Pittsburgh councilman for grafting and more are to follow.

**Washington.**

The location in this city of statues of John Paul Jones and Commodore John Barry, both of whom are heralded as the "father of the American navy" by their respective admirers, will prove a difficult task for the special commission charged with that duty.

Germany's black, white and red flag will fly for several days from a local hotel, which temporarily is the home of the new German ambassador to the United States, Count Johann Heinrich von Bernstorff, who arrived in this city from New York last week. He was accompanied by his wife and daughter and by several servants.

United States consuls in China report that imports are largely influenced by the fluctuations in the price of silver.

The resignation of President Newman of the New York Central is taken to indicate Harriman has secured control of that system.

Senator Barrios, the Guatemalan minister of foreign affairs, who was seriously injured in an automobile accident near the Virginia end of the highway bridge, called at the White House and will sail for home December 30.

The Chinese desire to have their diplomatic representatives here raised to the importance of an embassy.

Friendly relations are resumed between the United States and Venezuela.

President-elect Taft will spend only about a week in Panama.

Ways and means committee is working on maximum and minimum tariff schedules and will hold daily sessions until the new bill is finished. Representative Clayton says the position of democrats must not be one of negation.

"The best way to care for dependent children is the family home," says President Roosevelt in a letter made public calling a conference to be held in this city on January 25 next for the discussion of the problem of caring for dependent children. With approximately 150,000 youngsters coming within that classification in the United States the question has awakened the interest of many leaders in thought throughout the country. The president sent his letter to about one hundred prominent men.

**Personal.**

Abraham Ruef, the San Francisco grafter, was sentenced to fourteen years in the penitentiary.

Mayor Dahlman of Omaha announces he will be a candidate for reelection.

Andrew Carnegie believes the joint stock system wherein the laborer shares in the profits of the employer is the solution of the labor problem in the world.

December 28, President Roosevelt's youngest daughter, Ethel, made her formal bow to society.

A State Chapter of the Daughters of 1812 was organized at Omaha.

President-elect Taft will deliver a message to the whole south at a banquet at Atlanta January 15.

**KING ENDS HIS VISIT**

**RETURNS TO ROME FROM THE EARTHQUAKE DISTRICT.**

**A CONTINUANCE OF SHOCKS**

**Guards Having Difficulty in Protecting Survivors and Treasures in Ruined Buildings.**

Rome.—Having done all that it was possible to do in the districts laid waste by the earthquake the king and queen of Italy are returning to Rome. They have passed the last four days among the ruins of Sicily and Calabria, the king directing the work of rescue and relief and the queen ministering to the injured. There is a feeling of relief in Italy that their majesties are coming home.

The American ambassador, Lloyd C. Griscom, has appointed a committee of Americans to which where the money received from the United States to the best advantage of the earthquake sufferers.

Both at Messina and Reggio the guards are having difficulty in protecting the survivors and the vast treasure in the ruined buildings from the bands of thieves that are swarming everywhere. It is reported that six Russian sailors have been shot by looters at Messina and that sixteen criminals have been killed at the same place within the last twenty-four hours. Six hundred persons engaged in pillaging have been arrested. In an engagement at Reggio between the police and bandits two of the police were killed.

Reports still reach here of the continuance of earth shocks, some sufficient to do further great damage. According to these reports new shocks yesterday at Pellaro precipitated the entire population into the sea, including both the dead and living victims of the first quake.

Premier Giolitti received a long despatch from King Victor Emmanuel, dated Messina, saying that he would leave for Rome. As to the conditions in the earthquake district, the king said:

"I visited the Calabria coast, south of Reggio. I found Pellario literally destroyed, but Metto seems slightly damaged.

"It has stopped raining. At Messina the municipal archives were burned. Troops are arriving and by little by little order is being restored and the public services re-established.

"As I have seen the worst damaged points and have arranged for the work of rescue and as the wounded requiring attention are diminishing in number, I shall leave for Rome. With me come minister of Marine Mirabello and ex-minister of Public Instruction Orlandino.

"I again recommend to you the isolated villages on the Calabrian coast."

Sunday.—The king and queen arrived in this city tonight, coming by motor car from Naples. Their early arrival was unexpected. The queen looked tired and depressed, but the king was energetic as usual.

**FLEET REACHES SUEZ.**

**American Battleships Arrive Two Days Ahead of Time.**

Suez.—The United States Atlantic battleship fleet, completing two days ahead of its schedule the next to the longest run of its world-girdling cruise, arrived here Sunday morning from Colombo, a distance of 3,440 knots, from which place the fleet sailed on December 20. The loss of a seaman from the battleship Illinois, who fell overboard and was drowned, as previously reported, was the only accident to mar the voyage from Colombo. The Illinois remained on the scene to search for the sailor and is a little behind the fleet. The stately array of battleships was an impressive sight. The weather was splendid and the bay was crowded with craft, the occupants of which gave an enthusiastic welcome to the ships.

**Army Tournament.**

Toledo, Ohio.—That the annual tournament of the United States army, department of the great lakes, will be held in Toledo in June or July was announced by General Frederick D. Grant Sunday. Five thousand troops will take part.

**Deep Waterway Fight.**

Springfield, Ill.—The deep waterway project, involving the expenditure of \$20,000,000, will be one of the most important matters to come before the Illinois general assembly, which meets next Wednesday.

**Hot Fight Ahead.**

Sacramento.—That United States Senator George C. Perkins will be elected by the California state legislature, which convenes next Tuesday, is considered practically certain by the members of both houses who have arrived at the state capital.

**FLEET TO AID ITALY.**

**President Formally Tenders Use of Battleships to Stricken Nation.**

Washington.—President Roosevelt announced that he has sent two supply ships with \$300,000 worth of supplies to Italy, that he will ask congress for additional aid and that he has offered the use of the battleship fleet to Italy. The announcement is made in a telegram made public at the White House which he sent to Patrick McGowan, chairman of the American Italian general relief committee, New York city.

**THE STATE CAPITAL**

**MATTERS OF INTEREST TO ALL CITIZENS.**

**REPORT OF HEALTH INSPECTOR**

**Gives Record of Busy Year, Telling of Many Trips Made and Much Business Transacted.**

**State Health Report.**

Dr. W. H. Wilson, inspector for the state board of health, has filed an annual report for the year ending November 24, 1908, containing an itemized list of expenditures and trips made to various parts of the state. He made sixty-three trips, some of them to the extreme northwestern and western parts of the state. He spent \$269.30 for railroad fare. The total expense, including his salary of \$1,800 a year, was \$2,174.38.

An appropriation of \$10,000 was made by the last legislature for the state board of health. Of that amount \$6,400 was appropriated by the board for the expense of collecting vital statistics, office furniture and traveling expenses of one inspector. In addition to the sixty-three trips made, a large number of contagious disease disputes were settled by telephone and by letter.

In his report Dr. Wilson says: "Many calls have come in from over the state for assistance in the matter of improving sanitary conditions, impure water, etc. Most of such calls had to be declined from lack of funds for traveling expenses, also from lack of jurisdiction in such cases. However, advisory letters were sent out in each instance and in this way frequently improved the situation. In my opinion, if the powers of the board were enlarged and the expense fund more liberal, the inspector might materially assist in bettering the sanitary and health conditions of the state."

Dr. Wilson believes the state board of health ought to have jurisdiction under the control of local boards of health. Forty-four of the sixty-three calls were for the investigation of small pox cases.

**Statement of Bryan Volunteers.**

Members of the Bryan Volunteers are receiving a pamphlet containing a complete financial statement of the officers of the organization. The statement shows a complete list of the membership who have paid all or a part of the \$10 pledged, arranged by counties. There is also an itemized list of expenditures.

The statement shows that a total of \$12,936.15 was collected by the organization, \$11,468 having been paid by members and \$568.15 having been received from miscellaneous sources which are shown. A total of \$11,421.80 has been paid out. In addition there are outstanding bills for nearly \$225. The books show a balance of \$614.35, but the actual balance on hand is \$559.35. This is explained by the fact that in the excitement of the state convention \$45 more was booked than was received and a similar mistake, amounting to \$10, was made at the Denver convention.

**Senator Volpp Has a Bill.**

Fred Volpp, senator from the Tenth district, has prepared a bill for the "organization and control of banks and the protection of depositors." Mr. Volpp has sent out copies of the proposed bill and he will offer it at the first session of the senate.

Discussing the proposed measure its author gave the following features as in his opinion of special importance:

"The law follows the general lines of our present law, thus avoiding confusion.

"The changes that have been made are in the direction of more rigid regulation and control.

"The bill provides for payment to depositors of failed banks within thirty days.

"The bill provides for 'depositors' protective fund' and nowhere is the word 'guaranteed' used.

"There is very little question of the constitutionality of the various measures. We force no bank, state or national, into the protective system, and we keep none in longer than they wish to remain.

"I believe that a thorough inspection and a rigid control of the banks under the plan I outline will prevent failures and that it may be many years before the protective fund is ever called on for a dollar."

**Three Guards Disciplined.**

Warden Beemer had a case of insubordination at the state penitentiary and as a result three guards were discharged. They were, Thomas Kokley, Michael McNeal and Captain Morgan. According to Warden Beemer, the three men concluded the days' of the warden were numbered and proposed to have things their own way.

**The Convention Season.**

Lincoln's convention season will begin early in the year. The first one to take place will be the Lancaster county good roads convention on January 4. This meeting is to be practically a state affair, as many members of the legislature, officials of different counties, automobile dealers and owners will be present. January 13, 14 and 15, as the dates have been previously fixed, the Nebraska Independent Telephone association will hold its annual session in Lincoln. Then follow others in February.

**NEW STATE NORMAL SCHOOL.**

**Wayne College Offers to Sell Out for \$100,000.**

The Nebraska normal college of Wayne offers to sell to the state buildings and property valued at \$150,000 for use as a state normal school for a consideration of \$100,000 in hand paid. The proposition will be presented to the coming legislature. In the past when plans for a new state normal school have been before the legislature many of the strongest hearted members of that body took to the woods. In the present session Senator Tom Majors, the founder of the Peru state normal and friends of the Kearney state normal are expected to stand the brunt of the fight. Mr. Majors wants an appropriation for a new building at the Peru normal and friends of the Kearney school also want a new building. The Kearney men will show that Governor Sheldon cut their institution out of an appropriation two years ago, by his veto power and that they need and demand a new building now. The friends of the Peru normal will present good and sufficient reasons why a new building should be built at that state institution. On the other side the northeastern part of the state will try to convince the legislature that it is greatly in need of a state normal school, one not conducted for private gain.

**Alliance Wants Better Coal Rate.**

The Commercial club of Alliance has appealed to the Interstate Commerce commission to compel the Burlington railroad to cease discriminating against that city in the matter of coal rates from Sheridan, Wyo. In its showing the Commercial club set up that the rate from Sheridan to Alliance, 333 miles, on lump coal is \$3 a ton and other coal \$2.50; from Sheridan to Deadwood, 330 miles, on the rate is \$2.25 on lump and \$2 on other coal from Sheridan to Omaha, 749 miles, on lump the rate is \$3 and on other coal \$2.50.

**Trouble Over Treasurer's Bond.**

The fight between bonding companies for the privilege of signing State Treasurer L. G. Brain's one million dollar official bond may become so fierce that the treasurer will be obliged to make a canvass among his friends for a personal bond. The latter course will take some time and trouble, but it will save the state a premium of \$5,000 which is paid every two years for a guaranty company bond.

**Charters for Cities.**

City attorneys from second-class cities were here to talk over amendments in the charters of these cities. These were C. E. Abbott of Fremont, W. F. Button of Hastings, A. H. Kidd of Beatrice and T. H. Pollock of Plattsmouth. They will probably hold a series of conferences before it is time to take up the charter for these cities and arrive at an agreement which will be satisfactory to all.

**Omaha Telephones Reduced.**

Omaha gets a New Year's present from the Nebraska Telephone company in the shape of a reduction in rates. Residence phones are reduced 50 cents a month, while the discount is reduced from \$1 to 50 cents. Reductions of \$6 a year are also made on two party line telephones.

**Bryan to Join the Eagles.**

William J. Bryan will be initiated into the Order of Eagles here this week and the local aerie promises to have a big time over the event. Col. John J. Ryder, president of the Eagles, telephoned invitations to all of the grand officers and he expects some of them to attend. A banquet will follow the initiation.

**Deputy Treasurer Resigns.**

Henry Lehr, deputy state treasurer, has resigned. His resignation is to take effect January 7. State Treasurer L. G. Brain has appointed his son, Frank Brain, aged 22, to the vacancy. Young Mr. Brain has been employed in the treasurer's office for one year.

**E Sillick Gets a Pardon.**

Jesse C. Sillick of Omaha is a free man. Governor Sheldon issued a pardon to Sillick. While a convict in the state prison he escaped some years ago two months before the expiration of his term. Since his escape he has served several years in the army and has an honorable discharge.

**Pardon Asked for Pumphrey.**

Miss Anna Pan of Omaha has a sweetheart confined in the penitentiary and she has asked Governor Sheldon to pardon him. The man in the case is Charles Pumphrey, confined for life for the murder of a Chinaman in Omaha.

**State Press Association.**

At a meeting of the executive committee of the Nebraska State Press association it was decided to hold the next meeting of the association at Grand Island, February 22, 23 and 24. The program has been only partially mapped out.

**Capitol Building Dangerous.**

State School Superintendent McBrien notified Commissioner of Lands and Buildings Eaton that he regarded the east wing of the state capitol building criminally dangerous, and that it would be a menace to safety to permit the coming inaugural ball to be held in the hall of the house of representatives, which is located in the east wing. The board of public lands and buildings accordingly will not permit the ball to be held there and it will probably be in the senate hall or some other safe place.

**NEBRASKA IN BRIEF**

**NEWS NOTES OF INTEREST FROM VARIOUS SECTIONS.**

**ALL SUBJECTS TOUCHED UPON**

**Religious, Social, Agricultural, Political and Other Matters Given Due Consideration.**

Ex-Senator Millard of Omaha has purchased a \$65,000 residence.

Reports have reached Miller from the outside that a bank was robbed at that place, but these reports are wrong. There has been no bank robbery there.

Central City is preparing to make a strong bid for the proposed Old Fellows home which is to be located somewhere in the state soon after the first of February.

Over \$6,000 has been raised in the \$8,000 fund for the purchase of an abandoned convent property at Hastings for a girls' academy, which the Dominican sisters propose to establish if the property is deemed to them.

As a result of the wholesale burglaries in Fremont, the police are rounding up "undesirable" citizens, and deporting them, under penalties of vagrancy charges upon their being seen again in the city.

Farmers should all have telephones. Write to us and learn how to get the best service for the least money. Nebraska Telephone Company, 18th and Douglas streets, Omaha. "Use the Bell."

Governor Sheldon has commuted the sentence of J. D. Adkins of Omaha from five years to three years, six months and eighteen days, which releases him December 31. Adkins was sentenced for statutory assault. He is 64 years old.

Prof. George Carrington, county superintendent of public instruction of Nemaha county who was a candidate before the primaries for the office of state superintendent, has tendered his resignation, to take effect on the first of January, and will move to Lincoln.

While out hunting about one mile north of Plattsmouth W. D. Messersmith heard the report of a gun and soon after saw a large gray wolf, which one of the other hunters had partially filled with shot, jumped the fence, and make a straight line for him. "Posy" fired and the wild animal fell dead.

O. W. Brandt, a brakeman on a southbound Burlington freight, was killed near the coal chute in the Burlington yards at Onkand while coupling cars. The first attempt to couple the train failed and in adjusting the couplings for a second attempt in some way Brandt was caught between them, the coupling penetrating his abdomen, mangleing him terribly.

On complaint filed by Miss Blanche Udey, Bert Haynes was arrested on the charge of assault. Both parties are well known in Neligh. The preliminary hearing was held before County Judge Nelson and when all the evidence had been heard, the judge bound the young man over to the district court in the sum of \$500.

John Innerman, from a ranch south of Johnston, was in Ainsworth to get some medicine for his horses. He says there is a disease among the horses in his neighborhood resembling swamp fever, which is a puzzle to all. A horse will be walking along apparently all right, and shortly, the ears will commence to droop and in a few hours the animal is dead.

A housebreaker entered the home of Frank Moore at Miller, betraying his presence by a light, and was discovered by Moore as he returned home at a late hour. Citizens surrounded the house to prevent escape and the sheriff was telephoned for. On his arrival it was discovered that the thief had outwitted the watchers and escaped. No booty was secured.

Dr. K. Koontz, a well known dentist of Alliance, was arrested at Bridgeport on a complaint charging him with assault upon a young woman patient. The charges are of a most revolting character. The victim is in a critical condition. The offense was committed in the dentist's operating room in a public rooming house. It is charged that the young woman was drugged.

The state railway commission will have a general round up with telephone officers from all over the state on January 15, for the purpose of gathering a lot of miscellaneous information with reference to some of the details of the telephone business, the services rendered by them, methods of classification of subscribers and system of accounting.

Secretary of State Junkin has received a letter from the Union Pacific railroad regarding that \$50,000 fee supposed to be due the state from the railroad on account of the adoption and amendments to the articles of incorporation of the road, which under the law must be filed with the secretary. The railroad has the matter under consideration and its decision in the matter will be known shortly.

City Clerk Bratton and City Attorney Button of Hastings, are preparing a measure for submission to the legislature providing for registration of voters in Hastings and other cities of from 7,000 to 25,000 population after the manner of that now provided for Lincoln and Omaha.

Henry Linenbrink, a young man residing west of Callaway, thinks that he has broken all corn husking records in the state for this season. During six continuous days of husking Mr. Linenbrink averaged just 105 bushels per day, or husked 630 bushels in the six days.