A Boiling Bown of the More Important Events Here and There

Foretan

Consul Olivares at Managua has redepartment a telegram from the United States consular agent at Matagalpa, a town of 9,000 inhabitants, a little north of the center of Nicaragua, stating that the Americans in that city, numbering 100 men, women and chlidren, are apprehensive as to the safety of themselves and their property.

Harold Vanderbilt of New York was condemned by the tribunal of the Seine at Paris to pay \$4,500 damages to a harness maker who was knocked down and injured by Mr. Vanderbilt's automobile near Valence in February, 1907.

Dr. Charles W. Wallace, who is in London on leave of absence from the University of Nebraska, granted last October to permit him to, pursue Shakespearean studies, will have the stories of his research published in the March number of one of the American magazines.

The duke of Abruzzi lectured at Turin before an audience numbering 10,000 and including the royal princes and princesses, on his ascension of the Himalayas, which aroused great enthusiasm, especially his description of his climb of 24,400 feet. The duke will lecture in Rome February 22 before the king and queen.

The English section of the American Navy league celebrated Washington's birthday by a dinner in London. the American society, presided, hav- poria. ing on his right John L. Griffitha, the American consul general, and on his left William Phillips, secretary of the American embassy.

The French Antarctic expedition steamer Pourquoi Pas, with Dr. Jean M. Charcot, head of the expedition, on board, has arrived at Punta Arenas, Chile. The Frenchmen did not reach the South Pole. All the members of the crew are well but during the voyage there were some cases of scurvy among them. The Pourquoi Pas will remain here a fortnight.

General.

Frank V. Dunn, promment for years at his home in Dorchester, Mass. Senator Tillman is improving and it is now believed he will fully re-

The house by a vote of 112 to 88 decided to make provision for all Indian

warehouses now existing. President Taft was the principal speaker at the Washington birthday

banquet in New York. Senator Crawford submitted an amendment to the rivers and harbors

bill proposing to appropriate \$1,000,-000 to secure a permanent six-foot channel between Kansas City and Sloux City. At St. Louis William W. Lowe was

held in \$20,000 bond for the federal grand jury after a preliminary hearing on the charge of robbing the mails after holding up a Missouri Pacific train near Eureka in January.

Vice-President Sherman appointed a committee to investigate the high cost of living.

Fighting has been resumed between government forces and insurgents in

The army maneuvers in the Philippines continue with great interest to all except the natives in the mountains, who are frightened.

It has been learned at Mare Island

navy yard that the cruisers West Virginla and Maryland were both in poor condition when they reached San Francisco from the orient.

Secretary Ballinger has made a temporary withdrawal of lands from the public domain pending an investi- West Point military academy-

explained to a senate committee its activity in Alaska. A bill has been introduced in the

house to bring employer and employed bill failed in the house. in closer touch.

Senator Jeff Davis made a flery speech, attacking Senator Owen and the Standard Oil company.

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a number of person. Senator Perkins of California was in his sent in the senat e for the first time in more than six weeks. His absence had been due to a u injury to his spine, received by fallh 's on the

At Springfield, Ill., the Rev. James R. Kaye, former pastor of a Pa esbytgrian church at Lincoln, Ill., who Was convicted of counterfeiting, was a entenced to six months in the Fe or.

THE PERSON NAMED IN COLUMN TWO

The labor vote is an uncertain quantity in the British parliament.

There is a plan on foot to break the deadlock in the Mississippi legis-

lature. Governor Shallenberger of Nebraska says he will be a candidate for re-elec-

The "grub stake" homestead bill, ermitting homesteading, one person living on the claim and a partner earning money to support his homesteading comrade, was introduced by Senator Burkett.

A general movement toward the gulf coast country is creating heavy demand for emigrant equipment on

the railroads. Joseph A. Graham, a widely known editor and author, died at his some in Salisbury, Md. He was widely known in the west.

Stern measures were adopted by the police to quell the disorders and riot. Five persons were arrested charged with inciting to riot. Two women were shot by stray bullets and many ceived and transmitted to the state injured persons were taken to the hospitals.

Rumors are affoat regarding damage to the winter wheat crop of Nebrasks by cold weather.

Republican leaders in New York are determined to extend the bribery in-

President Taft is dissatisfied with the progress shown in some of the bills in the senate. Mrs. Anna Christian Spreckles,

widow of the late Claus Spreckles, died in San Francisco. Former Vice President Fairbanks was the luncheon guest of Ambassa-

dor Hill at Berlin. President Taft promised a special committee of the military order of foreign wars to go to New York on March 15 to have the insigna of the order conferred upon him.

The lowa supreme court of Iowa upheld the constitutionality of the Ceson removal law which provides that public officials may be removed for intoxication.

learning the death of Representative Lovering of Massachusetts The French steamer General Chanzy

Congress adjourned promptly on

was wrecked off the coast of Minorca and one hundred and fifty-six lives were lost. The dedication of a new gymnasium

building was the chief feature of the celebration of founders' day at the R. Newton Crane, former president of Kansas state normal school at Em-

The house concluded consideration of the Indian appropriation bill, which it passed practically in the form ecommended by the committee on in-

General Sickles is 88 years old and the oldest living corps commander in the union army. It is now proposed that he be placed upon the retired lieutenant general. The general lost a leg in battle.

Washington.

Regulations extending until May 15. the time for homesteaders to establish as a theatrical and sporting man, died residence on lands in several western states, were issued by the interior department, in accordance with an act recently passed by congress.

> To make Jamaica bay the greatest harbor in the world, the rivers and harbors appropriation bill provides \$550,000 as an initial sum and authorizes the expenditure by the federal goverment, as needed from time to time, of \$7,000,000 for this project alone, conditional upon the city of New York spending an additional \$10,000,000.

The house committee on military affairs reported a resolution re-electing the following members of the board of managers of the home for disabled volunteer soldiers: James W. Wadsworth of New York; Henry E. Palmer, Nebraska; John M. Halley, Wisconsin and Henry H. Markham of California.

A bill making eligible for pensions widows of the c'vil war, married since 1890, was reported to the senate from the committee on pensions.

The sending of half a dozen senators by Peary was suggested by Representative Butler (rep., Pa.), a member ing the last three months the chanof the naval affairs committee of the house. He advanced the idea bedefer action regarding the promotion nished congress with proofs that he did indeed find the pole.

The senate passed a bill designed to deal with the question of hazing at

An effort by the upper Missouri The Morgan-Guggenheim syndicate river delegations, including Nebraska, Iowa, the Dakotas and Montana, to river needs in the river and harbors

> Personal. Farmers all over Nebraska are tak

ing up the corn test. The present year will see some notable contests for senate seats. President Taft called Senators Smoot and Aldrich on the carpet.

Critics scoff at the statue of Senator Harlan, recently set up in statuary

W. J. Bryan was given a reception at Santiago and dined with President Washington's birthday was quite

generally celebrated throughout the country. Officials of packing companies declare competition and not combina

tion fixes prices of meats. Six hundred policemen listened to an address from President Taft at the Waldorf-Astoria, New York.

SEED TIME IS NEAR

ALL CORN FOR PLANTING SHOULD BE TESTED.

By Observing Carefully Directions Fol lowing Farmers May Reap Where They Have Sown.

The best way to test seed corn is in germination box. This is a simple affair and can be made by anyone in an hour's time.

Take a box six inches deep and about two by three feet in size. Fill the box about half full of moist dirt. sand or sawdust. Press it well down so it will have a smooth, even surface. Now take a white cloth about the size of the box, rule it off checkerboard fashion, making squares one and a half inches each way. Number the checks 1, 2, 3, and so on. Place this over the sand, dirt or saw-

Take the ears to be tested and either lay them out on the floor and his chickens sold for an average of mark a number in front of each or \$1 each. attach a numbered tag. Now take off about six kernels from each ear (not eral points on all sides.) Put these kernels on the squares corresponding of corn. Be careful not to get them rive from Illinois. mixed. Keep the ears numbered to correspond EXACTLY with the numbers on the squares of cloth.

After the kernels have been placed carefully on the cloth which covers the moist sand, dirt or sawdust, cover them with another cloth, considerably larger than the box; cover this cloth with about two inches of the same moist sand and keep the box in a warm place. It must not get cold. The kernels will germinate in four

to six days. Remove the cover carefully to avoid misplacing the kernels. Examine them carefully. Some will have long kernels from ears which will produce after they have had the experience. corn if planted will have both sprouts and good root systems.

Compare the numbers on the squares with those on the ears. Put back into the feeding corn bin the the numbers on the squares where ably causing a hemorrhage. the kernels did not grow or where they showed only weak roots.

strong signs of life are the ones to these ears should produce a stalk, every stalk an ear.

Suppose one dead ear is planted. The planter fails to get one thousand stalks of corn-almost twelve bushels of corn lost.

A number of house will know where to get them.

of the death of O. Bergstrom in Ten- ing to the top of the water. nessee, Mr. Bergstrom was the active interest in its growth.

been my opinion that corn which reear of corn before we plant it."

Hill to Be at Lincoln.

address the Commercial club at its annual banquet this spring. A telegram to this effect was received by Secretary Whitten.

Chancellor Cancels Dates.

A severe attack of throat trouble has forced Chancellor Samuel Avery of the State university to cancel a large number of engagements for addresses over the state. He was and half a dozen representatives to booked to deliver fifteen speeches durthe north pole to look for records left ing the next two weeks, but will not be able to deliver any of these. Durcellor has been on several speaking tours and the strain of speaking cause the committee had decided to every day has proved too great a strain on his endurance. His physiof Peary until the explorer had fur- clan has advised him to cancel all speaking engagements.

Boy "Flunkers" Predominate. A list of failures in the various departments of the state university for the last semester shows that of the total number of "flunkers" 80 per cent are boys and only 20 per cent girls. secure consideration for the Missouri Five boys failed to pass in one or more studies during the semester for every co-ed that could make a percent of 60-the passing grade-in her clases. In other years the failures among the boys have always outnumbered those of the co-eds, but the variance has never been so startling as that revealed by figures for the first semester of the present school year.

> Claims of Foreigners. From the assistant secretary of

state Governor Shallenberger a few days ago received a copy of the claims filed by the foreign citizens of South Omaha for damages sustained by the riot there in 1909. The government official asked the governor what he believed would be the attitude of the state in the matter. The claims are as follows: Austria-Hungary, \$3,134; Turkey, \$454; Greece, \$6,900, personal injuries; \$11,368.20 personal property and \$226,562.64 bustness property, a total of \$248,418.84.

NEBRASKA NEWS AND NOTES.

Yems of Interest Taken From Here and There Over the State.

The armory of Company F at Madison was considerably damaged by fire Five buildings in Edison were destroyed by fire. Loss \$20,000 to \$25,

Dunbar's new bank building was opened with a general reception of the citizens.

Edwin R. Todd, a pioneer of Cass county, died last week from a stroke of apoplexy.

J. B. Smith, a dairyman of Beatrice, sold fifteen head of fine Jersey milch cows to a dairyman in Utah.

Three men were killed at Omaha by an explosion at the smelting works. They were all terribly burned by molten lead.

The principal business block at Hemingford burned. The building loss is \$15,000; the stock loss \$20,000. The insurance was for \$14,000. The Womans' Commercial club of Scotts Bluff delightfully entertained

bachelors at the home of Grant Shum-Prices for poultry in Cuming county are soaring. At the sale of J. J. Byrne, north of West Point, last week,

For the first time in many years a woman secured a marriage license at all from the same place, but at sev- the county judge's office in Beatrice. The purchaser was Mrs. Carrie Washburn of Tecumseh. She is to be marin number to those placed on the ears ried to Edward Jones, who will ar-

The Home Savings bank of Grand Island, organized less than six months ago, has already such a number of accounts that the success of the undertaking is assured and the stockholders contemplate erecting their own

building in the near future. Arthur Anderson, the negro youth who killed Henry Newell, a white boy of Hastings, by striking him over the head with a billiard cue, is at large, with a price upon his bead. Adams

county will pay \$250 for his capture. Between the Auburn Telephone company and some of the farmers there is a move to secure government weather sprouts, but almost no roots; others forecast by telephone, the forecast by will not have grown at all, but the mail generally reaching the farmers

George Harrett, aged 18, a barber, recently of Grand Island, was found dead in his shop at Alda. Harrett was in good spirits the evening before and with other boys of the village was ears which correspond in number to practicing high kicking, this presum-

More school room is needed in Grand Island, despite the fact that The ears numbered corresponding about five years ago a \$60,000 high to those on the cloth which showed school building was erected and is now occupied by some over 200 scholars. list of the army with the rank of preserve for seed. Every kernel from The board is considering the purchase of another block of real estate five or six blocks from the present high school building.

That oil has been struck by the borers of the deep well at Nebraska measure do not care to bring them City is an assured fact, but just what up until the postal savings bank bill manufactured for sale. They are all the well is cased further down and good-any implement dealer or seed the cavings stopped and the water pumped out. The drill is now down Word was received at Gothenburg over 1,400 feet and the oil keeps com-

Horses are in great demand around founder of Gothenburg and took an Dorchester and are bringing high prices at public farm sales. A young tained too much moisture. It has mare sold a few days ago brought \$300, while Henry Nelson received mained in the field would be in the \$290 for one. E. G. Maxfield got \$290 best condition, but I may be mistaken for a 4-year-old mare, \$386 for a team in this and we are going to test every of 8 and 9-year-old mares and \$115 for

a 19-year-old mare. News has reached Fremont that Lester L. Carter, who formerly trav-James J. Hill, empire builder, will eled on the road for the Hammond Printing company, has been sentenced at Russell, Kas., to serve a term of seven years in the Kansas state penitentiary. Carter is charged with passing checks bearing the name of the

Hammond Advertising company. Dan F. Kiser, a prominent Cass county farmer, gave his experience in testing corn for seed this year, which was grown last year. He made three different tests. The first was from 120 ears of corn and only the corn from twenty-four grew. Out of the next 120 ears only fourteen ears came up to the requirement. He stated that some of the kernels showed life enough to start, but failed to have sufficient vitality to continue to grow.

medical inspection of all pupils in the city schools. Aphysician has been employed at a salary of \$250 a year. Some forty or more laymen of Tecumseh, representing all church denominations, attended a meeting at the Commercial club rooms in the interests of the National Laymen's Missionary Movement. The convention for that section of Nebraska will be held at Lincoln March 15, 16 and 17. J. S. Peckham, who is nearly 80 years old, received 960 post cards on

his last birthday, February 11. "Uncle Joshua," as he is known, lives ten miles southeast of Gothenburg and in spite of the fact that he is approaching the century mark, he may be seen coming to town, driving his own automobile.

George Boulton, a well known farmer of Adams county, dropped dead while unloading grain. He had been stricken with apoplexy.

A large number of the farmers in siderable corn still in the fields. They are paying huskers from 6 to 10 cents versity club. per bushel. At a public farm sale a few days ago forty acres in the field sold for \$6 per acre.

A six weeks' religious service has just closed at Ruskin, during which a great change was wrought in the moral tone of the town.

LABOR IN CONGRESS

NATIONAL BODY IS MAKING SLOW PROGRESS.

NO TALK OF ADJOURNEMENT

It is Believed, However, That the President's Measures Will Finally Receive Favorable Action.

Washington-Although congress has been in session nearly three months none of the leaders of either party has come forward with a prediction of when final adjournment may be expected. The uncertainty is due chiefly to the opposition that has developed against some of the administration measures and the fact that debate is likely to continue for many weeks in connection with nearly every one of the president's bills.

their husbands and a few lucky Regardless of the fact that the discussion probably will be extended over a long period on most of the bills on which the president has his heart set, it is believed they will ultimately be enacted into law. This is true as to the interstate commerce bill, two of the conservation measures, court injunction legislation and postal savings banks. Statehood bills, It is feared, will be made the objects of severe attack, but Senator Beveridge, who will report the senate measure, expresses the opinion that it will not fail.

The sensational testimony given by former Chief Forester Pinchot before the secret investigating committee appointed to sift the charges and countercharges between Mr. Pinchot and some of his associates and Secretary Ballinger and some of his assistants in the Interior department is attracting unusual attention. Mr. Pinchot will continue on the stand when the committee resumes its session Tuesday. The committee will meet Tuesday, Friday and Saturday of this week and the indications are no other witnesses will testify during that

The senate cost of living investigation committee has completed its working program and it is likely that day and night sessions soon will be held. There is still a minority vacancy on the committee, no democrat having been found willing to succeed Senator Chamberlain. It has been suggested that Senator Percy may have this important task thrust upon him when he arrives this week to succeed Colonel James Gordon of Mississippi. Practically no business will be done in the senate except the consideration of appropriation bills until after the vote on Thursday on the postal savings bank bill. Senators having charge of the administration is out of the way.

The next bill of importance to be considered is the interstate commerce measure. Already it has been reported from the committee, but the report of the majority has not been prepared. The fact that it will be accompanied with the views of the minority forecasts a bitter fight. Whether the democrats will join Senators Cummins and Clapp in opposition to the Taft Wickersham bill is not yet clear. The democrats themselves say it probably will be necessary for them to hold a conference before any party program can be announced.

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Secretary Wilson Authorizes Placing of Seven Hundred Thousand Head.

Washington.-The amount of stock which will be authorized to graze on the national forests during the season of 1910, in accordance with the decision of Secretary of Agriculture Wilson, shows an increase in the total number, as compresed with last year, of approximately 200,000 cattle and The Hastings Board of Education horses and 500,000 sheep and goats. has formulated plans for periodical The total allowance for the coming grazing season is 1,957,000 cattle and

horses and 8,323,000 sheep and goats. Bryan on the Way Home. Buenos Ayres.-William Jennings Bryan left here Sunday for the United States by way of England.

Tariff Issue, Says Mack.

Buffalo.-Chairman Norman Mack of the democratic national committee makes it evident in the March number of his magazine, the National Monthly, that he believes the tariff and the high cost of living are to be two of the principal issues of the democratic congressional campaigning of the present year.

Still Believes in Cook.

Washington.-"I shall believe that Dr. Cook, the explorer, is an honest man until there is definite proof to the contrary," declared Maurice F. the vicinity of Dorchester have con- Egan, minister of Denmark, in an address here to members of the Uni-

> Another Bamb in Chicago. Chicago.-"Bornb No. 36" was exploded Sunday night in a West Side grocery gtore. It was said the bomb

followed letters demanding money.

TEST OF SEED CORN.

What is Shown by the Omaha Commercial Club.

Results of First Test of 200 Ears. Number germinating strong with good roots..... 55 Number not growing and showing no signs of life..... 40

Number alive, but weak, small roots and sprouts........ 63 Number mildewed, some sprouting before rot started 42

Actual number fit for seed .. 55

Ears worthless for seed 145 If all the seed corn which Nebraska farmers intend to plant this year is in as poor condition as 200 samples tested by the Omaha Commercial club, just 271/2 per cent of it will grow and the state will have just a little better than one-fourth of a crop. It was really a sad sight when the

was opened recently. Six kernels had been taken from each of two hundred ears last Thursday and placed in the box which was kept in the steam heated rooms until this morning. Forty of the little cups were with-

Commercial club germination box

out a sign of life, which means twenty per cent of the corn will not grow at all. In sixty-three cups the kernels had sprouted, but some had no roots and

others had roots so weak they were not worth consideration. But the worst looking cups were the forty-two which were filled with rotting corn-some cups almost full

of mildew. Thus the result of the test shows that 145 out of 200 ears are unfit for seed. Some might produce stalks, but would never give the farmers ears.

While this percentage is low, it would have been lower had not one sample of ten ears come from a professional corn grower who tests his seed, and the sample was either previously tested or taken from stock which had tested high. All ten of these ears grew and showed their ability to produce strong roots.

Other than these the best samples of corn came from the Watson ranch

near Kearney. The samples tested were from Petersburg, Blair, Kearney, Newman Grove, Waterloo, Norfolk, Hadar, Clay Center, Clarkson, Concord, Wakefield, Colridge, Omaha and two samples from grain companies which did not give information as to where the seed

was secured. As low as the Nebraska corn tests, it gave in this test three times as many strong ears as a test of Iowa corn made by the Des Moines Capital, which showed only eight ears in 100 would produce strong roots and sprouts, indicating its ability to produce corn.

In a sample of twelve ears from Petersburg but two ears were fit for From Clay Center came a sample lot of ten ears, all of which sprouted and threw out roots, three ears of which were weak.

Three lots of ten ears each from Newman Grove gave this result: 13 strong, 12 weak and worthless, 5 no

sign of life. One of the best samples came from Clarkson. It was in two lots, seventeen ears altogether. Only one failed to show life; nine were good strong ears and seven rather weak-too weak to plant. No mildew was present in any of the samples from Clarkson. Samples from Kearney and vicinity were also free from mildew, while from Concord, Wakefield and Colridge came samples which mildewed badly and would rot in the

ground if planted. Douglas county samples showed 52 per cent good seed, but some samples of yellow corn mildewed quite badly.

This test was made in one of the patent testers, but said by experts to be one of the best which can be used. More than 100 banks in Iowa have used the tester the last month in demonstrating that Iowa corn must be tested.

The kernels were taken carefully from each ear, four from around the center on various sides, one from near the tip and another from near the butt of the ear.

Placed in the tester, water at 90 degrees was placed entirely over the corn and it was soaked for fifteen hours. All the water was drawn off -not a drop being allowed to remain in the cups with the kernels. After twenty-four hours the trays were sprinkled and all the water drawn off. The room was from 65 to 88 degrees during the three days the samples were in the germinator.

Salem Essy, living in northern Garfield county who has been considered a harmless lunatic for some time, became violent and killed his brother, Thomas Essy, at whose home he was staying. Some few weeks ago Salem Essy was before the insanity board. but the commisioners did not find him serious enough, as they thought, to send to the asylum and his brother and sister agreed to care for him,

Prevent Crop Failure.

Corn growers face a crisis this year n account of the severe early frosts which seriously impaired the seed corn, says Prof. Holden.

If this frost bitten seed is planted this year, the yield will fall far below what it was last season and will be a serious loss to the farmers. If I could give but one order to be

carried out by every corn grower in Nebraska and Iowa it would be this: Make a thorough germination test of all seed corn to be used for planting this season.