

NEWS OF THE WEEK

CONDENSATIONS OF GREATER OR LESSER IMPORTANCE.

A BOILING DOWN OF EVENTS

National, Political, Personal and Other Matters in Brief Form for All Classes of Readers.

Washington.
Approximately 679,656 acres of land in Arizona and New Mexico, eliminated from the national forests by President Taft as being chiefly valuable for agricultural purposes, have been opened to settlement under the homestead laws by authority of the secretary of the interior. The lands will become subject to settlement November 22, but not to entry until December 21. Twenty national bank examiners, about one-fifth of the force employed by the government, were transferred to new fields by an order from Lawrence O. Murray, comptroller of the currency. The object of the changes, it was said at the treasury department, is to throw the examiners into fresh fields where personal acquaintance or possibility of influence is lacking. Prince Tsai Tsu, head of the Chinese naval establishment, will be given a rousing reception at San Francisco upon his arrival there on the steamer Manchuria on September 16. The navy department ordered Rear Admiral T. S. Phelps and Lieutenant Commander I. V. Gilles to meet the Chinese prince and his suite and to extend to them the usual courtesies that are given foreign potentates.

Foreign.
Sixty-eight Chinese students arrived at Honolulu on the steamer China on their way to San Francisco to enter various American universities. Thirteen deaths from cholera and twenty-five new cases of the disease were reported from the infected districts of southeastern Italy during twenty-four hours.

During the dinner at Berlin Emperor William toasted King George and afterward detained Lord Roberts for several hours in animated conversation. King George's shooting party at Balmoral was thrown into excitement when Lord Kilmarnock, second secretary in the British diplomatic service, received four pellets through the accidental discharge of a gun. The secretary was not seriously injured.

At Paris, George Chavez, the French aviator, broke the world's record for height, rising in a monoplane 8,792 feet. The best previous record was made by Leon Morane, whose mark was 8,471 feet, made on September 3 at Beauville. Chavez flight was made at Issy and occupied forty-one minutes. The ponderous and impressive wheels of English justice will begin to grind Monday in the now internationally famous Crippen case, when Dr. Harvey Hawley Crippen and his pretty young stenographer, Ethel Leneve, will be arraigned, to plead to the accusation of direct implication in the murder of Crippen's wife, who was Belle Elmore, an American music hall singer.

General.
New York city has gained over a million in ten years. The conservation congress adopted a platform favoring national control. The trial of Dr. Crippen and Miss Leneve was begun in a London court. Senator Burrows of Michigan was defeated for re-nomination to the senate. Three men were killed in an explosion on board the warship North Dakota. Failure to catch a baseball thrown swiftly by his brother in practice resulted in the death of Edward W. Hoge, aged 12 years, in Washington, D. C. Three masked men held up an interurban street car at the San Matos (California) county line, lined up the passengers and crew and robbed them of their money. All records for receipt of cattle at the South Omaha market were broken the other day, when 16,281 head were received, mostly steers from western ranges. Dr. Hawley H. Crippen, jointly accused with Ethel Clare Leneve of the murder of his wife, has suffered a nervous collapse and was removed to the hospital ward of Brixton jail.

At the close of a meeting of miners and operators in Chicago, it was announced that the strike situation in the Illinois coal fields had virtually been brought to an end. Jerry B. Sullivan, one of the most prominent democratic leaders in Iowa and a candidate for governor in 1903, has returned from New York city, where he declared it was the understanding among politicians that Colonel Roosevelt was already a candidate for president in 1912. The most valuable herd of musk oxen, and what is said to be the biggest polar bear in captivity will shortly become the property of the Bronx zoological gardens. Paul Rainey, who returned on the steamer Beothic from a hunting trip in Labrador with Harry Whitney, will be the donor.

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A non-union iron works plant at Peoria was wrecked by dynamite. Army men are not in favor of the O'Rourke plan for raising the Maine. At the commerce commission hearing at Chicago railroad men insisted their revenue was not enough. Follette swept the state in the Wisconsin primaries. Mayor Gaynor of New York was taken from the hospital to his country home. Senator Burkett introduced Ex-President Roosevelt on the occasion of his Omaha speech. There was an angry exchange between lawyers at the railroad rate hearing at Chicago. From eight to ten thousand people listened to the speech of Ex-President Roosevelt in Omaha. A demented man jumped from a train near Missouri Valley, meeting almost instant death. The financial showing of the government for the second month of the fiscal year is satisfactory. Some federal heads may be looped off at New York for too active participation in state politics. Governor Hay of Washington takes issue with Roosevelt and Pinchot on the question of conservation. Mayor Seidel of Milwaukee is bitter towards Roosevelt, because of the colonel's views on socialism. Congressman G. W. Norris of Nebraska, returned from Wisconsin pleased with insurgent victory. William Barnes, Jr., of New York declares himself shocked at utterances of Roosevelt in the west. The treasury department has a task on its hands in the printing of bonds for postal savings banks. Colonel Roosevelt was obliged to break his Sunday resolve and address the crowds as he traveled to Fargo. An unconfirmed report has been received that five negroes were lynched near Carleton, ten miles east of Athas, Ga. Governor Shallenberger of Nebraska, denies that there is any truth in the report that he will call extra session of the legislature. Col. Roosevelt declined to attend a banquet with Senator Lorimer present. The latter's invitation was therefore cancelled. Mexico's celebration of the one hundredth anniversary of her independence began Sept. 1st and will continue until the end of the month. At Terre Haute, Ind., John Mitchell, the labor leader in a Labor day address, spoke in favor of better laws for the protection of workmen. Two trans-Atlantic steamships, one of them the liner Lusitania, were held up by the New York health authorities because of the cholera scare abroad. A movement is under way to have Justice Harlan promoted to the chief justiceship of the supreme court, with the understanding that he soon retires. Returns of the first direct primary election held in Idaho indicate that Governor James H. Brady is renominated by the republicans. Virtual martial law prevails in Barletta, the center of the Italian cholera zone, as the result of a clash between several thousand starving and unemployed people and the military. Juan Amer, editor of the Satirical Weekly Chantecler, of which the first issue had just appeared, was shot and killed by Jose Pennino, a liberal candidate for city councilman in Havana, Cuba. Ample opportunity will be given both railroads and shippers to present personally to the interstate commerce commission all question bearing on rates, it is stated by commission authorities. Davis Elkins arrived in Paris from Carlsbad en route to Vichy, where he will join his mother and his sister, Miss Katherine Elkins. It is understood that the three will sail for the United States about October 1. At a La Follette meeting in Madison, at which Senator Cummins of Iowa and Francis J. Heney, the San Francisco graft fighter, were the chief speakers, Congressman Norris of Nebraska was also present and made a talk. The lower house of the Texas legislature by a vote of 51 to 4 instructed senators and congressmen to work for the repeal of the fourteenth amendment to the federal constitution conferring franchise on negroes. Approximately 99,000,000 acres of land withdrawn from entry as being valuable for coal deposits or for agricultural survey entry under regulations approved by Acting Secretary of the Interior Pierce.

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WANT HIGHER RATES

RAILWAY EMPLOYEES ASK AID FOR RAILROADS.

A PETITION TO CANDIDATES

Doing So, They Say, in Their Own Interest, Which Follows Prosperity of the Railroads.

N. Downer, chairman of the employees' committee of the Rock Island railroad, has mailed to the candidates for the legislature and for state offices and members of congress a liberally signed petition asking for an increase in railroad rates in Nebraska.

The petition is signed by business and professional men and railroad employees from many towns along the Rock Island, the list filling sixteen typewritten pages.

The petition adopted by the employees committee is as follows: We, as citizens of this country, believe in fair profits and good wages, and we, as railroad employees, realize that our personal prosperity is inseparably associated with the prosperity of the railroad, our employer.

The increased cost of materials, labor, taxes and other essential elements entering into the cost of operating the railroad is a matter of common knowledge. The public demands better time, greater safety, better accommodations, better equipment and generally better service. The public is constantly receiving improved service from the care devoted to the operation of the railway by their managements. The public ought to be willing and we believe is willing to pay for such service.

All of this points to the necessity that the railroads receive a higher rate for the transportation they furnish. Increased rates for transportation will insure regularity of our employment and the stability of our earnings and in all fairness this is due us as well as the railroads.

We support the railroads in their known efforts to secure higher rates for the transportation they furnish and we urge all those who have to do with the rate question, whether the Interstate Commerce commission, State Railway or Public Service commissions, national and state legislators, to deal fairly with this vital question. We have had much legislation involving the regulation of the railways and much politics in connection with the operation and control of the railways in the recent past.

The fund from which our wages are paid cannot be constantly depleted without injuring us as employees. We know that transportation rates have nothing to do with the increased cost of living and we feel now that our employers, the railroads, mostly need increased compensation in order to secure increased earnings.

As employees of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railway company we have signed this petition in harmony with the above declaration and have authorized their presentation to the Interstate Commerce commission, the state railroad commissions or to any official, federal or state, who has anything to do with railroad rate making or railroad regulation.

As individuals interested in our own comfort and prosperity and the comfort and prosperity of our families we have freely signed this petition and subscribed to the above principles.

Appeals to the High Court.
John Platt of Sarpy county has appealed to the supreme court from a judgment of \$1,000 against him for slanderous remarks made about Olga Gerling.

Governor on Primary Law.
"I sent a message to the last legislature in which I said, 'the primary law should be repealed or it should be radically amended,'" said Governor Shallenberger at the meeting of the state canvassing board. "I should have cut off the sentence after the word 'repealed,'" he continued. "There is no justice in the primary law. It is all right in theory, but it does not work out in practice. Under the primary law the counties of Douglas and Lancaster, if they get into the same bed as they did in the late election, can control the nomination of candidates. We have found that politicians vote and manipulate the primary instead of the people, and that is what we tried to avoid. The primary law was enacted so that the nomination candidates would be taken away from politicians and placed in the hands of the people, but just the reverse has been the result of this law. The fact that out in the Twenty-ninth senatorial district, a candidate gets a nomination with only one vote is enough to show the viciousness of the primary law."

Regulars at Lincoln.
Four hundred regular army soldiers, composing eight troops of the Seventh cavalry from Fort Riley, Kan., will be camped near Lincoln from September 23 to 26. Information of this fact has been communicated by H. M. Ketchu, commissary sergeant, to Postmaster Sizer, with the request that he notify Lincoln dealers who are prepared to bid on furnishing supplies for the camp. The estimated amount of provisions needed includes 2,000 pounds of fresh beef, 1,600 pounds of potatoes and 1,800 pounds of fresh bread.

DISPOSAL OF BONDS.

Applicants for Nebraska Securities Accommodated.

Will Endeavor to Collect.

The state normal board will endeavor to collect from J. W. Crabtree for two barrels of gasoline bought when he was at the head of the Peru State normal and which, it is alleged, were never delivered to the school and have resorted to the text book fund \$697.43 which Crabtree paid out in interest without orders from the board. The matter was referred to the attorney general to take such steps as may be necessary to secure this money. The money paid out in interest by Crabtree was interest on money borrowed with which teachers were paid pending the decision of the supreme court in the legality of the law which created a new normal board. The auditor, on advice of the legal department, would recognize neither board so he refused to issue any warrants for the payment of the teachers until the court decided which board was the legal one.

State Treasurer Brian has succeeded in caring for practically all of the applicants for the sale of bonds to the state by the various school districts and cities of Nebraska. When money was plentiful and investments hard to find for state funds, the treasurer bought \$800,000 of Douglas county court house bonds. Shortly thereafter the eastern markets tightened up and the small towns of the state began to issue bonds for internal improvements. Then when they applied to the state treasurer for funds he could do nothing for them and they could not place the securities in the east. The Douglas county bonds looked good to eastern buyers, so Mr. Brian took the case up with those who had city securities for sale, with the result that he has now, with the assistance of the various cities, placed practically all of the Douglas county bonds in the east and has bought as an investment for the state the bonds issued by the school districts and the small towns. These bonds net the state 4 1/2 per cent annually and at the same time this rate is lower than the towns would have to pay, were the bonds floated elsewhere.

May Make no Appointment.
W. T. Thompson, attorney general, who was recently appointed to a position in the treasury department at Washington, has leased his house here and expects to go to Washington about the first of October. It is probable Mr. Thompson will not resign his office as attorney general, and that if he does do so Governor Shallenberger will not fill the vacancy until after election. The governor and Mr. Thompson have become good friends, and because of this the office may not be declared vacant.

No Extra Session.
Governor Shallenberger will call no extra session of the legislature to submit the initiative and referendum. He said: "There is no truth in the rumor that I intend to call a special session of the legislature. That is settled. I will call no extra session. It is unfortunate that the recount of the votes cast for candidates for governor has been so slow, as it has given rise to all kinds of rumors, but there will be no extra session."

Committee Announced.
Chairman Husenetter of the republican state central committee announced the appointment of the following executive committee: First district, S. W. Burnham, Lincoln; Second district, A. W. Jeffers, Omaha; Third district, Burt Mapes, Norfolk; Fourth district, Clarke Robinson, Fairmont; Fifth district, H. G. Thomas, Harvard; Sixth district, T. T. Yarney, Ainsley.

Lots of Sheep on Exhibit.
Secretary Mellor of the state fair board announced that the sheep entries at this time numbered 460, the largest entry in many years. In fact, this is three times as many sheep as have been exhibited at the fair since the early days, if not in the history of the association.

Demand for Homes.
Real estate men report that the demand for vacant houses has increased materially during the past week. The demand comes annually at this season and is caused in part by the near approach of the opening of Lincoln schools.

Appeals to Supreme Court.
Thomas Brown, convicted in Cherry county for stealing seven cows worth \$210 from Thomas Byron, has appealed to the supreme court on error, admitting frankly that he didn't get a square deal when he was sentenced to spend seven years in the penitentiary.

Honors Iowa Requisition.
Charles Brown had to go back to Iowa to the county of Polk to stand trial on a charge of wife desertion. Governor Shallenberger honored a requisition issued by the governor of Iowa for his return. Brown was under arrest at Omaha.

Pays Money to Douglas.
State Treasurer Brian paid to Douglas county \$150,000 and took over that amount of court house bonds. This is a portion of the \$800,000 purchase made some months ago.

BULLION IS STOLEN

BURGLARS GET AWAY WITH \$50,000 WORTH.

LEAD IS SUBSTITUTED INSTEAD

Boxes on Being Opened at Assay Office Reveal Perpetration of Robbery.

Seattle, Wash.—Gold bullion valued at \$57,000, part of a consignment of \$170,000 from the Washington-Alaska bank of Fairbanks, to the Dexter-Horton National bank of Seattle on the steamship Humboldt was stolen in transit. Lead was substituted in the strong box that contained it.

Discovery of the theft was announced Sunday. The stolen gold weighed 250 pounds. When it left Fairbanks on a Yukon river steamer for Dawson and White Horse, the gold was contained in three wooden boxes and was in the care of the Alaska Pacific Express company. When the boxes were opened by the Canadian custom officers at Dawson the gold bars were found to be as stated in the express company's papers.

The boxes were opened again at the United States assay office in Seattle Friday noon and the theft was discovered. One contained pigs of lead instead of gold. The seals of the boxes were intact, when they reached the assay office and it was evident that the robbery had been committed on board ship. The gold was insured against loss by the express company.

The boxes were at the assay office Thursday morning and remained there until the agents of the consignee arrived next day to check up the ingots. It is supposed that the gold was stolen on the Yukon steamer, between Dawson and White Horse or on the steamer Humboldt between Skagway and Seattle. The gold was in the purser's cabin. It is not customary on gold shipments to take elaborate precautions against robbery.

Detectives working on the case say they have no clue. The robbery was much like one four years ago, in which \$69,000 consigned to Seattle by the Washington-Alaska bank of Fairbanks over the Yukon river-Skagway route was stolen from a wooden strong box, lead being substituted. That theft was committed by Bobby Miller, night watchman on a Tanana river steamer, which was carrying the gold from Fairbanks to the Yukon steamer that was to convey it to White Horse.

Miller concealed the gold in his state room, got it back to Fairbanks and secreted it so well that after his arrest on suspicion, the owners of the bullion were glad to make terms with him. He was promised a short prison sentence if he returned the gold and he produced \$50,000, alleging that the other \$19,000 had been stolen from him.

Pageant Ends the Congress.
Montreal, Quebec.—A religious pageant as rich in devotional emotion as in sacred imagery, and as orderly in behavior as it was diverse in nationality and huge in size, closed Sunday the twenty-first international Eucharistic congress, held this year for the first time in the Dominion of Canada. Visitors from the United States were especially impressed with the magnitude, splendor and reverence of the procession, which marched four miles through the city streets, 100,000 strong, to Mount Royal, above the city.

Roosevelt Gets Home.
Says He Enjoyed Every Minute of His Journey.
Oyster Bay, N. Y.—After an absence of three weeks Colonel Roosevelt is home again, weary from his western trip, but well satisfied with the result. He enjoyed every minute of it, he said.

The colonel reached New York at 10 o'clock Sunday morning from Pittsburgh. His first orders were that no one should be permitted to invade the privacy of Sagamore Hill, and for the day he relapsed into the comforts and seclusion of his family life. Monday he will plunge into an accumulated mass of correspondence.

Diaz Unlocks the Door.
Mexico City.—With a silver key President Porfirio Diaz unlocked the new home of the Young Men's Christian association, the dedication of which was the chief feature of the day's centennial program. The building is a five-story stone structure, occupying a corner of a block and extending half a block on both streets. Accompanied by the members of the cabinet, high Mexican officials and visitors, the chief executive passed through the building and inaugurated each department.

To Vote on Re-Submission.
Oklahoma City, Okla.—Governor Haskell announced that he will call for an election to be held November 8 for the re-submission to the people of the prohibition ordinance of the constitution and to submit the initiative woman suffrage amendment.

Millionaire Kills Self.
Los Angeles, Cal.—William Oliver Radford, son of William H. Radford, a millionaire mining man of San Francisco, committed suicide here by taking cyanide of potassium.

NEBRASKA IN BRIEF.

News Notes of Interest From Various Sections.

Omaha has 16,000 children in the public schools, quite an increase over last year.

Kearney Elks have purchased ground and will put up a permanent club house.

There are 15,182 pensioners in Nebraska and the amount paid them yearly is \$264,626.99.

A. J. Morgan of Custer county says he has corn that will turn out 100 bushels to the acre.

The district court of Gage county, on September 30 will pronounce eulogies on the late N. K. Griggs.

Miss Jesse Paine, living four miles southwest of Huntley, had the back of her head severely cut open in a runaway.

Materials for the water works system of Rushville is on the ground and work of construction will now go rapidly forward.

Gov. Shallenberger delivered the address at the dedication of the new live stock building on the state fair grounds at Lincoln.

The first week in September, 1910, at the Omaha Grain exchange, shows a gain of 167 cars in receipts of grain over the similar week last year.

Coyotes are getting more numerous around Alma than for the last several years. The many round-ups do not seem to diminish their number.

Mr. and Mrs. Larson of Primrose, who had been visiting Mayor Knudson while attending the Pullerton chautauqua, left for their home. They went in their touring car, which overturned near Cedar Rapids, seriously injuring Mrs. Larson.

Part of the west wall of the Palace hotel at Pender, which was damaged by fire a few days ago, was blown down by the high wind, and part of the south wall is in an unsafe condition. The entire third story probably will have to be torn down.

The management of the Merrick County fair, to be held at Clarks September 14, 15 and 16, have succeeded in booking speakers for the entire program and have given out an announcement which includes some of the leading men in the state in both parties.

Roy Griffith and Elmer Holliday, arrested by the sheriff of Buffalo county, are now being held in the county jail at Kearney. For the past two years, it is alleged, they have pilfered and committed petty burglaries at an average of one or two each week. The officers say they have entered store after store in Kearney and taken whatever money could be found.

The association of Nebraska Rural Mail Carriers at its annual meeting in Lincoln elected the following officers for the ensuing year: R. B. Reed of Columbus, president; J. T. Lysle of Wahoo, vice president; C. A. Morton of Cheney, secretary; F. M. Wheeler of Hastings, treasurer. The next meeting of the association will be held at Lincoln at a date yet to be fixed.

Several people were injured, two fatally, and two severely, when a windmill tower in Thayer county, sixty feet high, on which were perched thirty spectators of a picnic performance, partly collapsed, throwing the occupants to the ground, fatally injuring two and severely injuring two. John Kautzen had his back broken and cannot live. Mr. Schrock sustained what are declared to be fatal internal injuries.

Most of the Custer county officials are looking happy over the census results. As Custer county has increased in population to over 25,600, so have a number of official salaries increased accordingly. In the county clerk's office the increase is \$500, making a yearly salary of \$2,500. The county treasurer gets the same raise in his department, while in the county court the judge draws \$2,000 to a previous \$1,500. That is, he does it the difference can be collected.

The Fairbury police are on the lookout for a man by the name of James Foley, who, it is claimed, succeeded in passing a couple of bogus checks on two parties in Fairbury.

During a recent storm lightning struck a number of places in and about Nebraska City. At the home of I. P. Burbank the father was severely shocked and the daughter rendered unconscious, but no material damage done to the house. The barn of Herman Behrends, Jr., was struck, killing a fine horse and the fire that followed destroyed the fine barn with its contents. The barn of Joseph Pfeifer was also struck and set on fire. It was destroyed with its contents.

The fourth annual picnic of the Cedar County Old Settlers' association was a decided success. The usual amusements and exchange of experiences are better enjoyed than described. The president, John P. Jenal, delivered the address of welcome, which was a masterful and eloquent effort. Frank O'Gara spoke briefly and was well received. The speaker of the day was Honorable C. O. Lobeck, the democratic nominee for congress in the Second district.

Mrs. Goodenkauf, wife of Peter Goodenkauf, living northeast of Tecumseh, was fatally burned. She was working over a kitchen stove when her clothing became ignited, unknown to her.

Mrs. Vergin, mother of Mayor Vergin of Utica, was enveloped in flames from a gas explosion. She had presence of mind enough to rush out of the kitchen and jump into a rain barrel which was standing back of the house, submerging herself in the water up to her neck and putting the fire out. She was badly burned and the outcome is uncertain.