

# THE SEMI-WEEKLY TRIBUNE

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## EPITOME OF EVENTS

GENERAL NEWS AND NOTES  
FRESH FROM THE WIRE.

## THE STORY IN A NUTSHELL

Embracing a Condensation of Events  
In Which Readers Generally Are  
More or Less Concerned.

### Washington.

Democrats look for an extra session of congress and are making preparations accordingly.

The senate defeated the resolution proposing an amendment to the constitution to provide that senators be elected by direct vote of the people.

Representative S. C. Smith has resigned as a member of the monetary commission and Representative J. P. McLaughlin of California, who was not re-elected to the house, has been appointed to succeed him.

Secretary of the Interior Ballinger fixed, until further notice, at \$2 per acre the charge for operating and maintenance by the government of lands served by the Okanogan irrigation project, Washington.

The mints will stop making gold coins as soon as President Taft signs the bill which congress has passed permitting the secretary of the treasury to issue gold certificates against gold bullion and foreign gold coin.

Representative Charles F. Scott of Kansas attacked the initiative, referendum and recall as revolutionary and subversive to our present form of government in a speech in the house. His attitude on these questions cost him renomination last fall.

The house passed a bill by Representative Burke of South Dakota, chairman of the committee on Indian affairs, giving the interior department general authority to dispose of left-over lands in any Indian reservation previously thrown open to entry.

The house special committee appointed to investigate Senator Gore's charges of attempted bribery in connection with J. W. McMurray's Indian land contracts finds that Jake L. Hamon did make an improper proposal to Senator Gore concerning the contracts.

The house committee on territories unanimously approved the constitution of the new state of New Mexico and recommended its approval by the house. The committee declares it has found the document "to be republican in form but it makes no distinction on civil or political rights on account of race or color and that it is not repugnant to the constitution of the United States or the declaration of independence."

### General.

The Minnesota house has passed a bill abolishing capital punishment.

The senate voted to seat Lorimer by 46 to 40 and the struggle is ended.

Dr. Vasquez Gomez says he has received overtures for peace from the Diaz government.

Forty one alleged members of the Camorra will soon be tried by the Italian government.

Mrs. Malvina Drummond was robbed of \$130,000 worth of jewels on board an Atlantic liner.

William H. Lewis, a negro, has been nominated by the president to be assistant attorney general.

Presidential suffrage for women was voted down by the Kansas house in committee of the whole.

Hungarian postoffice records show that \$37,000,000 was sent to that country during 1910 by Austro-Hungarians living in America.

The government of Hayti has advised the American state department that the revolution in that country is ended and the lives of foreigners are secure.

The Alabama house has passed the Smith bill regulating the sale of liquor, said to be the most drastic measure on the subject ever enacted in any state.

General health in the Philippines is the best in ten years and government authorities are confident improved sanitary conditions have removed danger of plague.

One of the biggest fish houses in Chicago has cut the price of fresh fish more than fifty per cent. Unprecedented catches in the big lakes of Canada is given as the reason.

The contract entered into by Maximo Fernandez, representing Costa Rica, and Minor C. Keith, vice president of the United Fruit company, for the refunding of the foreign debt of Costa Rica has been approved by congress. The contract provides for a refunding scheme.

The supreme court of Nebraska decided that Thomas Johnson now at the state penitentiary must hang.

The attorney general, by a house resolution, has been asked what steps are being taken in the coffee trust inquiry.

A bill providing for the gradual abolition of convict contract labor system in Missouri was passed by the state senate.

Mayor J. M. Edwards of Porum, Okla., has been convicted of forging a deed to eighty acres of land and has been sentenced to seven years in the penitentiary.

Fire destroyed \$100,000 worth of property at Mitchell, Ind.

A special house committee made an adverse report on bonding companies.

The Kansas senate voted to establish a state school for mines at Weir, Cherokee county.

The federal grand jury in New York has entered into an investigation of the "beef trust."

Arizona's constitution was affirmed by 75.13 of the total vote, according to the official canvass.

Governor Morris of Montana has approved the bill providing the commission form of government for cities.

Charles E. Merriam was nominated by republicans and Carter Harrison by democrats for mayor of Chicago.

The Montana senate voted unanimously to pass a bill providing the commission form of government for municipalities.

The federal circuit court of appeals at Richmond, Va., has decided that electricity is merchandise when generated and sold.

Kansas City owners of the Luck Tiger mine in Sonora, Mexico, have been advised that the rebels have seized the property.

Judge Advocate Crowder has decided the war department is at liberty to accept the breeding horses given by August Belmont.

Thirteen Kansas City physicians have been arrested on federal indictments for spreading improper proposals in advertising literature.

President Taft has accepted an invitation to attend Baille P. Waggoner's annual children's picnic in Atchison, Kans., next September.

The English cabinet is reported by the Times to have agreed on retention of Irish members in the imperial parliament, but in reduced numbers.

Two hundred women, most of them accompanied by their husbands, attended a boxing match in Syracuse, N. Y., given for the benefit of a hospital.

Two hundred citizens of El Paso have petitioned President Taft and congress that the United States take no steps to interfere in the Mexican revolution.

The Kansas house has passed a resolution that names of candidates for United States senator shall not be placed on the ballot at primary elections.

The interstate commerce commission wants congress to relieve it from any connection with mediation and arbitration proceedings under the Erdman act.

After spending nearly six years in the federal prison at Leavenworth, Frank G. Bigelow, the Milwaukee banker, was released, according to authoritative reports.

The Pinkertons say that "Old Bill" Miner, second only to Jesse James in notoriety as a bandit, is one of the men arrested for the recent Gainesville, Ga., train robbery.

Fifty thousand business men of Georgia and nearby states have been invited by telephone to attend the Southern Commercial Congress in Atlanta, Ga., March 8 to 10.

President David R. Kerr of Westminster college, Fulton, Mo., has tendered his resignation. He has been offered the presidency of Whitworth college at Tacoma, Wash.

The house approved a bill to provide for the erection of a monument over the grave of President John Tyler at Richmond, Va. The limit of expense in the bill is \$10,000.

Secretary of Commerce Nagel will investigate the charge that figures of the department of statistics have been distorted to show other than the true state of exports and imports.

The Missouri senate has passed a bill requiring mail order houses to take out a license to do business in the state for which the fee shall be 1 to 5 per cent of the aggregate sales.

Dr. Theobald Smith, professor of comparative pathology at Harvard medical school, says that if bubonic plague starts in the west it might be spread to the east through the medium of milk.

The Missouri senate passed a bill submitting to the people at a special election to be called by Gov. Hadley, a proposition to vote \$3,000,000 bonds for rebuilding the burned capitol at Jefferson City.

Colonel Poliakov, administrator of the commissary department of the Moscow military district, was sentenced to five years imprisonment on conviction of having demanded and received bribes from contractors.

The main building of Mount St. Mary's college, a large and well equipped Roman Catholic institution on Watchung mountain, near Plainfield, N. J., was burned Thursday, entailing a loss of more than \$200,000.

### Personal.

The senate failed to ratify the new Japanese trade and commerce treaty.

The earl of Dudley will retire as governor general of Australia in June.

H. H. Flak has tendered his resignation as superintendent of Haskell institute, the Indian school at Lawrence, Kas.

Ex-Mayor Dunne of Chicago wants an official count of the late primaries.

Henry L. Myers has been chosen senator from Montana, succeeding Senator Carter.

A complete reorganization of the democratic party in Pennsylvania has been decided upon.

Senator Heyburn complained that the forestry service was costing too much money for the good it does.

Charles Foster, a game warden was found dead with a bullet wound through his stomach at the foot of Turkey mountain, four miles south of Tulsa, Okla.

## ALMOST UNANIMOUS

OLLIS YARDS BILL PASSES SENATE 25 TO 3.

## NAYS ARE FROM DOUGLAS

Three Representatives Hand in Written Explanations for Their Opposition to the Bill.

The Ollis stock yards bill, as approved by the senate committee of the whole, passed the senate by a vote of 25 to 3, the only dissenting votes coming from the members from Douglas county—Tanner, Horton and Reagan. These three handed up written explanations of their votes declaring that the bill was a blow at a great Nebraska industry and certain to work harm and expense both to the stock yards and shippers. Albert, who has tried to change the bill in the committee meetings to make it a less specific measure, voted for it with the explanation that he did not approve of this particular bill, but it seemed to be the best that could be agreed upon.

The vote was 25 ayes and 3 nays. Those absent were Bartos, Plack and Smith of Fillmore. Cordeal and Volpp were paired.

### Carrying Concealed Weapons.

Carrying concealed weapons will become a felony under a bill by Shoemaker which was recommended for passage by the house committee of the whole. At the present time it is a misdemeanor, punishable by a maximum fine of \$100 or a jail sentence. Under the Shoemaker law a maximum penalty of two years in the penitentiary could be imposed. A clause is added to the bill permitting any honestly employed citizen to carry a weapon for self-protection.

### Pure Seed Measure.

With laws on the statute books providing for pure foods, pure drugs and pure paints, the farmer members of the legislature are now seeking a law which will guarantee them pure seeds. The bill making this provision is house roll No. 219, by Hardin and Sanborn. It provides that seeds must not only be free, according to a specified standard, from weed seeds, but that they must show a certain test of power to germinate.

### Last Chance For Bills.

Thirty-six new bills were introduced in the senate March 1st, the last day on which bills may be introduced. The total number this year is 396. Two years ago 407 bills were introduced in the upper house. In the house on the last day for bills 100 new measures were introduced, making a total of 703, or 125 more than at the session two years ago.

### More Time for Settlers.

A letter was received by the senate from R. A. Ballinger, secretary of the interior, stating that the resolution recommending an extension of time to settlers in the North Platte district for payment on their land would receive his best attention. It is understood that Ballinger has assured congressmen that the extension of time will be granted.

### Holmes Has Another Bill.

Because the first bill calling for the purchase of additional lands for the Nebraska school for the deaf at Omaha and appropriating some \$62,000 therefor, did not specify where the land to be purchased was to be located, Holmes of Douglas has introduced another measure in which the necessary changes are made.

### State Board of Control.

The senate passed House Roll No. 84 on third reading after extended debate which seemed to portend the defeat of the measure at one time. The bill provides for a state board of control for dependent, neglected children. It will not interfere with established private and benevolent associations or homes.

### Anti-Treat Bill Advanced.

The Evans anti-treat bill, which makes a saloon keeper liable for violation of the existing state law which prohibits treating at a bar was recommended for third reading in the house. The bill puts a heavy responsibility upon a saloon keeper or his employes to prevent any sort of treating.

### Change in Election Hours.

The bill to set the hours of election at from 8 o'clock in the morning to 9 o'clock at night was recommended for passage by the house. The change was made to permit the farmers as well as many workmen a chance to vote without losing any time from their work.

### Mortgage Exemption.

The state senate passed Senate File No. 271, by Aubrey Smith, which exempts all mortgages on real estate property from taxation. There were a number of members who were not quite sure that the bill would better the condition of the men who borrow money, but as they believed in the purpose of the measure, they were willing to take a chance. A clerical error in the bill was corrected during the third reading by unanimous consent. The vote was 27 to 1, Cox of Hamilton voting no.

## THE OLLIS MEASURE.

Stock Yards Bill Placed on General File.

The Ollis stock yards bill as it was amended in conference was put on general file by the senate and unless some senators change their votes, will be passed. The Taylor-Dolezal bill was similarly placed by the house. Text of the Ollis measure follows:

"S. F. 115. A bill for an act defining stock yards, providing for the regulation and control of the same, giving the state railway commission jurisdiction to regulate the service, tolls and charges thereof and providing penalties, and to declare such stock yards common carriers and repealing sections 3167-a and 3167-b of Cobby's Annotated Statutes of Nebraska for 1909."

"Section 1. The terms stock yards as used herein shall mean and embrace all corporations, individuals, associations of individuals, their lessees, trustees or receivers (appointed by any court of lawful authority whatsoever) that now or hereafter may own, operate, manage or control any yards and pens, railroad tracks, switches, engines or other motive power, for the purpose of handling live stock in transit and for sale and all stock yards are hereby declared to be common carriers.

"Sec. 2. The state railway commission shall have power to issue orders regulating service and charges of all kinds at all stock yards, and the same shall be enforced in the same manner and under the same penalties as orders regulating common carriers, provided, that where no other penalty is provided by law for a violation of any such order, it shall be punishable by a penalty of not less than \$100, nor more than \$500 and where the violation is a continuing one, each day thereof shall constitute a separate offense.

### Caring for Stock.

"Section 3. Every stock yard shall handle, unload and yard all cars of live stock arriving between the hours of 6 o'clock a. m. and 6 o'clock p. m. and deliver into yards used by commission company, when so requested, within two hours after the final delivery of the same at the tracks of said stock yards by the connecting railroad, except in cases of unavoidable delay or unusual circumstances. For each half hour's delay in handling and unloading live stock beyond the period prescribed herein any such stock yard shall forfeit and pay to the shipper of said live stock or his agent as demurrage, within 24 hours after unloading said live stock, the sum of \$5 for each car of live stock so delayed. Said payment to be made by mailing draft or certified check to agent or owner. Provided, that if any part of the forfeitures described in this section shall be collected by a suit at law an attorney's fee of \$5 per car shall be allowed the plaintiff by the court, but not exceeding \$15 on any one shipment.

"Sec. 4. Every stock yard shall keep a record showing the time of delivery and turning over at the yard of said stock to the commission firm, agent or owner.

"Sec. 5. Every stock yard shall furnish scale facilities sufficient to weigh all live stock without unreasonable delay. It shall furnish yardage to handle all live stock in yards and no charge shall be made for yardage where yards are not furnished.

"Sec. 6. That sections 3167-a and 3167-b of Cobby's Annotated Statutes of Nebraska for 1909 be and the same are hereby repealed."

### Bill to Increase Salaries.

The senate placed on third reading Volpp's bill increasing the salary of state officers and Tanner's bill providing for a bipartisan publication of constitutional amendments. The Volpp bill, as amended, provides that the governor shall receive \$7,500 a year, the auditor, treasurer and attorney general, \$4,500, and the other state officers, \$3,500 per annum.

### Deficiencies and Claims.

The deficiencies and claims bills were among the last batch introduced in the house. The latter carries a total of \$66,066.75, as against \$179,542 two years ago. A few small deficiencies have been taken care of in separate bills.

### The Measure Postponed.

Robert Smith, clerk of the district court in Douglas county, appeared before the house committee on judiciary and succeeded in getting postponed indefinitely a bill changing the fee system for court clerks.

### The Albert Bill Defeated.

The Albert bill placing all public service corporations under the control of the state railway commission was killed in the senate by a vote of 20 to 11.

### Memorial to Congress.

The house adopted a resolution, introduced by Bushie, memorializing congress to pass the pending bill extending to settlers in the government reclamation district a longer time to pay for their water rights.

### New Capital Removal Bill.

Among the new bills in the senate the last day for introducing them, was a new capital removal bill offered by Bodison of Buffalo, Buhrman of Atchison and Tibbets of Adams, representing respectively the claims of Kearney, Grand Island and Hastings. The bill provides that the question of removal shall be submitted to the people at the next election. If the proposition of relocating gets a majority of the votes cast, the capital goes to the city receiving the majority of the votes.

## THE EXTRA SESSION

PRESIDENT SURPRISES MANY BY ISSUING A CALL.

## THOUGHT IT WOULD NOT COME

Though Chief Executive Threatened an Extra Session Some Senators Did Not Look For It.

Washington.—Notwithstanding the positiveness with which President Taft had repeatedly said, in all but direct and official language, that unless congress should enact legislation to put into operation the Canadian reciprocity agreement, he would summon an extra session to resume consideration of the subject, his fulfillment of that threat within two hours of adjournment was an actual surprise to many members of that body.

It was especially so in the senate. As late as an hour before final adjournment Saturday, leading senators and others about the capitol made bets there would be no extra session. Pressure nothing less than tremendous had been brought to bear upon members of congress to prevent the calling of the extra session. Until the last moment rumors were incessant that a way would be found to avoid it.

One of the most persistent was that there were in progress negotiations between the president and the Canadian government looking to the withdrawal of the agreement by one party or the other so as to give excuse for withholding the special call.

Another rumor was that there was an understanding between the president and the republican leaders in congress that one or more of the appropriation bills, preferably the general deficiency bill, was to be "lost in the shuffle," so that the special session would be unavoidable.

Still another was that the leaders had determined to hold up some appropriation in which the White House was especially interested, and at the last moment make its passage conditional upon the abandonment of the extra session projects. The blockade of the appropriation bills in the filibusters in both houses yesterday tended to give color to these stories.

Some got so far as to say that if certain senators had believed the president would actually make good his threat they would have made strenuous efforts to pass the reciprocity bill. Whatever may be the degree or absence of truth in any of these stories, there can be no doubt that the issue of the president's extra session proclamation met scant welcome at the hands of those members of congress who after the stress of the past session will barely have time to go home for a brief respite and to adjust their affairs for another session, which many think will extend far into the summer. There are those who believe it will be so long as to leave only a "constructive recess," before the regular session begins in December.

### CONGRESS AT AN END.

Sixty-First Adjourns Without Acting on Big Measures.

Washington.—The Sixty-first congress, heedless of one of the most important legislative tasks set before it, came to an end shortly after noon Saturday. Within the hour following President Taft had issued a proclamation calling the new congress to meet in extraordinary session at noon on Tuesday, April 4. He will then submit for ratification to a house overwhelmingly democratic, the reciprocity agreement with Canada.

### Big Fire at Minneapolis.

Minneapolis, Minn.—One of the most disastrous fires this city has ever known destroyed on Sunday the Syndicate block on Nicollet avenue, between Fifth and Sixth streets. The total loss is estimated at \$1,000,000.

### Mrs. Schuyler Colfax Dead.

South Bend, Ind.—Mrs. Ellen Wade Colfax, 73 years old, widow of Vice President Colfax, died here Sunday after an illness of several months. She was a niece of Senator Ben Wade of Ohio.

### Extra Session Date.

Washington.—It was at the request of the democrats of the house and the senate that the president fixed the date for the beginning of the extra session at April 4.

### Reign of Terror in Hayti.

Cape Haytien, Hayti.—This city is experiencing a reign of terror approaching that of 1908 when citizens suspected of disloyalty to President Alexis were taken from their homes at night and shot.

### Lorimer Welcomed Home.

Chicago.—Admirers of Senator William Lorimer to the number of several thousand, greeted him here Sunday upon his return from Washington. Two hundred and fifty automobiles, forming a parade with two bands, escorted the senator from the station to his residence, where an enthusiastic reception followed. Senator Lorimer was accompanied by former Judge Hansen and five detectives who met him at Port Wayne, Ind. He was given a noisy welcome by a great crowd.

## NEBRASKA IN BRIEF.

News Notes of Interest from Various Sections.

The revival meetings at Table Rock closed with over thirty conversions.

Over 100 laymen of the Methodist church attended the recent convention in Grand Island.

There is a movement in Lincoln to close the postoffice on Sunday. There is some opposition to the innovation.

Superintendent of Schools Alfriss of Jefferson county attended the meeting of national superintendents at Mobile, Ala.

The Midwest hospital, which has been conducted in Holdrege for several years, is to be changed into a rooming house.

Oscar Grissom of Beatrice pleaded guilty in police court to the charge of wife beating and was sentenced to sixty days in the county jail.

At Beatrice the 8-year-old son of William Malwaid was run over by a wagon loaded with oats and probably fatally injured. He is paralyzed from the waist down.

Miss Hattie Woodbury, the eldest daughter of George E. Woodbury, who lived with her parents in St. Paul was found dead in bed, she having died during the night.

The police have decided to stop gambling in Nebraska City and with that end in view they arrested Fred McLaughlin, Paul Heisler and the colored porter at the Grand hotel. They rounded up three strangers afterwards shooting craps and the latter were given ten minutes in which to leave the city, and the first three are to be held for trial.

Five new damage suits against the Burlington, growing out of the flood of July 6, 1908, have been instituted in district court of Lancaster county by property owners whose holdings were situated in the inundated district and who allege that the reality was damaged and their personal property and growing crops were destroyed by the overflow.

A serious fire occurred at Crete. It started in a hay shed and in a moment half a block, including a Fairmont station and Rademaker's lumber shed on Twelfth and New Hampshire street, was a mass of flames. A hard wind fanned the blaze and many residences were in danger until the flames were held under control by the firemen with three streams of water. The fire is believed to have been started by some school boys smoking near several tons of baled hay.

The convention of Royal Neighbors closed at Kearney when after a stormy session Mrs. W. F. Morrill, representing the Omaha Commercial club and the Douglas county delegations, won the fight for the next triennial state convention which will be held in the state metropolis. Mrs. Kate Remington, of Omaha, was endorsed almost unanimously for the election to the supreme board of managers to be held in Denver.

Mrs. H. H. Hoer of Wymore, whose husband is in the county jail at Marysville, Kan., awaiting trial on the charge of being implicated in the Hanover, Kan., bank robbery, replenished the automobile which she claims belongs to her and in which the bank robbers are supposed to have made their escape. The coroner some time ago attempted to replevin the car from Sheriff Schiek, but failed.

Deputy State Veterinarian Bostrom has issued notice relating to the removal of quarantine from several counties in the western part of the state. The notice reads: "Whereas a part of the state of Nebraska has been placed under quarantine for cattle scabies by the federal government and whereas the honorable secretary of agriculture and the chief of the bureau of animal industry have decided to remove on January 15, 1910, said federal quarantine from the counties of Custer, Dawson and Boyd, and on August 1, 1910, the counties of Hayes, Hitchcock, Chase and Dundey, we also approve of removal of quarantine from said counties."

Miss Hazel Robinson and Miss Mae Brennan of Hastings were quite badly hurt by being run over by an auto which was driven by L. Phillips, formerly of Sutton but now of Hastings. The young women were crossing the intersection at Hastings avenue and Second street when the accident happened.

The majority of wide-awake corn growers realize the advantage of testing the germination of their seed corn before planting. The "ear to row" method of improving corn has emphasized the need of selecting seed corn on the ear. Although the apparatus required for testing the germination of ear corn need not be expensive, still it is believed that there are many who hesitate to undertake this work through fear that it will involve the expenditure of much time and labor. To satisfy this demand and to arouse a greater interest in corn improvement, the Nebraska Seed Laboratory has arranged to make single ear germination tests of seed corn for Nebraska farmers. Not more than fifty tests, however, can be made for one person.

Dr. Phillip Bartholomew of Blue Hill was bound over by Judge Burton for trial in the district court of Adams county on the charge of assaulting Miss Elaine Hyatt of Hastings with felonious intent. Bond was fixed at \$3,000 and sureties were quickly furnished.

The suit brought against the Union Pacific for violating the anti-pass law bill, issuing a pass to Dr. F. A. Graham, district surgeon at Lincoln, was reversed by the supreme court on the sole ground that the state failed to prove that the offense was committed in Lancaster county.