

NEBRASKA NEWS.

A civil service examination will be held at Kearney postoffice June 7 for the positions of clerk and carrier.

Fred Specht, a Dunbar liveyman, was stopped by three men about a mile from Nebraska City on his way home.

The state banking board has chartered the First Bank of Elm Creek. The incorporators are James L. Tout, J. M. Forristall and M. J. Drake.

The state board of educational lands and funds has authorized State Treasurer Meserve to pay a premium of 2 per cent on all state warrants drawn against the general fund.

Late returns from Platte county show that the winter wheat crop is a total failure in that part of the state. Fields which were experimented with and which showed a trace of life a month ago have now fallen and with a very few exceptions they are being plowed up and put into some other crop.

Teumseh will celebrate the Fourth in royal style. A mass meeting of citizens so decided. It is proposed to furnish a long program of amusements of various kinds all free.

In compliance with the request of Major J. W. Davis, government sanitary inspector at South Omaha, the railroad companies are cleaning all cars used in the hauling of live stock of the winter's accumulation of refuse and manure.

Last winter Wardea Leddigh of the state penitentiary sent Ben Brooks, then a convict, to Nebraska City to work on the farm occupied by his son, Maylon Leddigh.

The school apportionment for the half year beginning with the second Monday in May is about \$32,000 larger than for the previous half year. One year ago, when the school population of the state was 354,929, the apportionment amounted to \$430,695.98.

Lieutenant J. W. Wertz and the Stuart contingent of company M, Third Nebraska, arrived Sunday night. They were met at the train by a great crowd of enthusiastic people.

The body of a man probably about fifty years of age was found face downward on a sandbar about two and a half miles north of Plattsmouth on the south side of the main channel of the Platte river by two fishermen.

The state board of public lands and buildings has rejected all bids on the construction of the proposed boiler, engine and pump house at the home of the deaf and dumb at Omaha.

The authorities of Red Cloud are making war on the slot machines.

Kearney is soon to have a new brick veneered depot. Mayor Hostetler is in receipt of a letter from G. W. Holdrege, general manager of the Burlington, in which he says his road will begin the erection of a depot for both passenger and freight purposes.

DAVE MERCER AT HOME

Submits to an interview by a Newspaper Reporter.

TALK OF NEBRASKA INTERESTS.

How the State Fared in the Matter of Appropriations—Introducing the Rural Delivery System—Tom Reed and the Next Speakership.

Congressman Mercer Home.

Congressman David H. Mercer returned Tuesday afternoon from Washington, says the Omaha Bee, having been detained there several weeks after the adjournment of the house by business of a political nature necessitating his attention.

"Several plums fell in Nebraska's lap when the appropriation plum tree was shaken," Mr. Mercer remarked. "I think we received our share of the distribution. Omaha was given half a million with which to complete the new postoffice and Blair got \$43,000 for the erection of a public building.

"This last session of the house was a busy one, more appropriations having been made than at any previous time at a single sitting. Seventy public buildings in different parts of the United States were authorized, and in this distribution thirty-five states were represented, some of them for the first time in the history of legislation.

Thirty-four cities were given money for public buildings, the total appropriation being \$14,000,000.

"The neighboring states were well taken care of, Iowa having received four appropriations, Kansas two, Colorado one, and South Dakota one.

"On the committee on public buildings and grounds many of the members were from the east and south. As I was chairman they gave me almost exclusive charge of the appropriations, an opportunity to look out for individual interests.

"Among the buildings authorized was a custom house for New York to cost \$3,000,000, also one for Baltimore to cost \$1,600,000 in place of the structure that has been occupied by the customs office since 1816.

"Before leaving Washington I secured an order from the assistant postmaster general for the establishment of two rural delivery routes in Douglas county. I tried to have routes of this kind tried in Sarpy and Washington counties also, but the government surveyors who located the routes reported last fall that the plan had better be tried first in this county, because of the good roads and few bridges.

"This system has been tried in other states with great success. There is no reason why farmers should not have as good mail delivery service as business men. I have been working for the proposition for more than a year, but there have been no available funds.

"There is no prospect of an extra session of congress because the president is opposed to such a move. With respect to the speakership everything is in the dark. No one has definite information from Mr. Reed that he intends to withdraw from the race for the speakership or from membership in the house.

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Elections in National Guard.

Adjutant General Barry has issued the following relative to elections in the Second regiment, Nebraska National Guard:

I. The resignation of Captain John W. McClary, Company L, Second regiment, Nebraska National Guard, is hereby accepted, to take effect when his successor has been elected and qualified.

II. The commanding officer of Company L, Second regiment, Nebraska National Guard, will assemble after the receipt of this order and proceed to the election of a captain, vice McClary resigned. Should this election result in other vacancies among the commissioned officers of the company election will be held immediately to fill the same.

III. Private Fred C. Vilda, having been elected captain of Company B, Unattached regiment, Nebraska National Guard, is hereby discharged to accept promotion.

IV. The following enlisted men of Company B, Unattached regiment, Nebraska National Guard, are hereby discharged from the service of the state of Nebraska, viz.: Seward M. Brooks, Elmer W. Chappell, Edward L. Davey, Ed Chaloupka, Laven C. Kidd, Albert W. Love, William H. King, Stephen A. Shestak and Robert E. Tucker.

V. Paragraphs II and III, special orders No. 17 from this office April 14, 1899, are hereby revoked.

The First Nebraska.

Governor Poynter has received information from the war department that the First Nebraska would sail from Manila some time during the latter part of the present month or early in June.

"Dear Sir: I beg to acknowledge receipt of your telegram of this date requesting the discharge of M. H. Woodward of company D of the First Nebraska volunteers, whom you state to be in the hospital at Manila. In reply you are advised that I should be extremely glad indeed to comply with your request in this matter were it not for the fact that this soldier is probably on his way at this time, General Otis having been directed to send home sick and wounded soldiers as soon as they are able to travel.

"The past week, says the last crop report, has been dry and windy, with about normal temperature. The average daily temperature excess has been less than a degree. Frost occurred in northern counties on the 12th, but little damage was done.

The rainfall has been below normal, except in a few of the southeastern counties, where it was about normal. Severe local rain storms occurred in northeastern counties, covering, however, but small areas. In most parts of the state the weekly rainfall was less than a tenth of an inch.

The dry weather and high winds of the past week have been unfavorable for the growth of oats, wheat and all vegetation, but excellent for the advancement of farm work. Wheat, oats and grass need more rain, but no serious injury has resulted as yet.

The Lost is Found.

Fremont dispatch: Herbert Graham, a young man who suddenly disappeared from Fremont eight years ago, returned to the home of his parents in Middletown, N. Y., last week. Graham was an operator for the Elkhorn road here and left here suddenly about the last of January, 1891, without any apparent cause.

Nebraska in Brief.

The residence of Alex Ray in the north part of Harvard was burned. The fire originated from a defective chimney. The alarm was sounded about 12 o'clock, and owing to the distance of the fire the company had to run half a mile. Before the fire was under control the building was in ruins. Most of the contents were saved.

The News Briefly Told.

Saturday.

Emperor William will take a trip to the Baltic canal during the summer. Admiral Schley expects to leave Washington Wednesday for Omaha to visit ex-Senator Manderson. He will go there without stop.

John A. Gafford has been convicted and sentenced to life imprisonment for killing F. B. Lloyd, who had been intimate with Gafford's sister. The parties lived at Greenville, Ala.

Colonel Victor Viquain has tendered to the president the services of the Third Nebraska regiment, which has been mustered out, but is willing to re-enlist and take the place of the First Nebraska, now in Luzon, but soon to return to this country.

At Brigham City, Utah, Judge Hart pronounced sentence of death on Abe Major, convicted of killing Captain of Police Brown of Ogden on April 30. The prisoner elected to be shot and the sentence will be carried out July 7 between 10 a. m. and 4 p. m.

General Brooke has informed the war department that First Lieutenant Harry Whitney, Second infantry, died of typhoid yesterday afternoon at Cienfuegos. General Davis, commanding at San Juan, telegraphs that Recruit Walter Crecher, Nineteenth infantry, died there yesterday of pneumonia.

Governor Roosevelt issued a proclamation on the death of Roswell P. Flower. After eulogizing the ex-governor, the proclamation requests that flags upon the public buildings of the state, including the armories and arsenals, be displayed at half-mast up to and including Wednesday, the 17th of May.

The Spanish government has not yet called for the last of the \$5,000,000 warrants paid under the treaty, but in view of the reports that the New York National bank expected to close the transaction on Monday the warrant was withdrawn from the bank yesterday. If instructions come M. Boeffe of the embassy will carry the warrant to New York.

The Spanish minister of finance, Marquis Villaverde, has issued a decree closing immediately the registers of foreign bondholders, in order to decide who is entitled to gold payments on the external debt coupons under the recent law. This course is taken to stop the frauds by which Spaniards transfer their claims in order to secure gold, to which foreigners are only entitled.

Monday.

The Russian ambassador to Germany will attend the military parade to be held on the czar's birthday at Wiesbaden.

The British government announces that it is prepared to review the matter of the Pacific cable if the colonies desire to make any new representations.

General Brooke at Havana reported to the war department the death of Private Clarence Rowlen, light battery A, Second artillery, at Buena Vista, from typhoid fever.

The Independent, published at Havana, claims a large majority of intelligent Cubans are opposed to the person of Brooke's supreme court, declaring the judge's deficient in qualifications.

Lieutenant Colonel Thomas M. K. Smith, Tenth infantry, has been retired after thirty years' service. This retirement promotes Major Egbert B. Savage, Eighth infantry, to be lieutenant colonel.

A summary of twenty-five reports from the leading seaboard and interior markets received by the Hay Trade Journal shows an advance in the price of hay of more than 20 per cent over the average price for the year ending May 12, 1898.

Governor Roosevelt of New York made the positive statement that he would issue the call for an extra session of the legislature, to meet on Monday, the 22nd, and that if by the 27th no satisfactory substitute for the Ford bill had been passed he would sign the Ford bill.

Governor Roosevelt of New York was the principal guest and speaker at a dinner given by the Independent club in the banquet hall of the Ellicott Square club, Buffalo. The hall was crowded and the governor was given a most enthusiastic reception.

The fourth and last of the \$5,000,000 treasury warrants paid to Spain for the Philippine islands was presented at the National City bank, New York, by a representative of the French embassy. Not \$1 of the \$15,000,000 already paid to Spain has really gone out of this country, the entire transaction having been conducted on the basis of foreign exchange.

Tuesday.

The undivided earnings of the rubber trust the last year are \$2,488,364; surplus for the year, \$823,522.

The Congo mines at Columbus, O., have been shut down indefinitely, throwing 500 men out of employment. The company failed.

The block coal operators and miners at Terre Haute, Ind., met to consider an agreement to end the strike. Miners will vote on it today.

The commercial bodies of St. Paul, Minn., tendered a banquet to Senator Cushman K. Davis and Congressman F. C. Stevens last night.

The London Daily Mail announces the cessation of its Sunday edition and states that the action is due to hostile public opinion, but is also influenced by the appeal from its own employees. A Saturday weekly edition will be published instead.

United States ambassador, General Horace Porter, gave a dinner in Paris, at which the invited guests included Count and Countess De Castellane, Count and Countess Torielli, Mrs. Astor, Mr. and Mrs. Potter Palmer, Prince Cantacuzene, Miss Julia Dent Grant, the Duke of Arcois, the newly appointed Spanish minister to the United States, and the duchess of Arcois.

Diamond match officials say the absorption of all independent companies is now assured.

The refrigerator store ship Glacier has sailed for the Philippines with supplies for Dewey.

A Michigan report has it that the Vanderbilts will soon secure control of the Flint & Pere Marquette.

The closing scenes of southern army camps will occur today when the government sells the stores at Macon, Ga.

Dr. Clarence Lloyd Wheaton, son of General Wheaton, and Miss Caroline Georgiana Witt, Chicago, were married at Chicago.

The plan of consolidation of electric street railways and electric lighting companies in Massachusetts and Rhode Island is practically complete. Capital, \$24,000,000.

Lord Salisbury, Sir Julian Pauncefote and Ambassador Choate have conferred with the result that an attempt will be made to resurrect the joint high commission.

The death of William R. Young, chief of scouts of General Lawton's division, is considered a serious loss. Young was one of the scouts with General O. O. Howard in the Nez Percés campaign through Idaho and Montana some years ago.

The war department is satisfied with the dispatch of General Merriam, and the belief is expressed that he was only assisted the governor of Idaho, and that the military will not be used for any other purpose than that for which it was sent to the disturbed regions.

Almost \$500,000 worth of property was destroyed by fire in the lumber districts of Chicago. The flames were confined to the block bounded by Loomis and Laflin streets. Four large lumber firms suffered by the fire and the combined loss will probably amount to over \$400,000.

The national Dewey home committee held a meeting at Chicago and decided to send letters to leading newspapers, national banks and postmasters asking them to co-operate with the committee by receiving contributions from the public and forwarding the same to the treasurer at Washington.

Norwegians of Chicago celebrated the eighty-fifth anniversary of the Norwegian declaration of independence. A banquet was held at the Auditorium tonight, representatives of all the Norwegian societies of the city sharing in the program. Among the speakers was Colonel William Jennings Bryan, who took for his subject "Our Adopted Citizens in Peace and War."

Thursday.

Admiral Schley, the hero of Santiago, arrived in Omaha.

Gustav Beck of Havana is in New York to arrange the union of his company with the Havana Commercial company.

The officers of the trans-Mississippi commercial congress, which is to meet in Topeka May 31, have invited President McKinley and President Diaz of Mexico to be present.

At its session yesterday in Omaha the Episcopal council, by a vote that was subsequently made unanimous, elected Rev. Arthur L. Williams of Chicago condutor bishop of the diocese of Nebraska.

Rev. R. F. Sample, D. D., Westminster church, New York, was elected moderator of the one hundred and eleventh annual assembly of the Presbyterian church in the United States, which convened in Westminster church at St. Paul, Minn.

M. Deschanel, president of the French chamber of deputies, has been elected a member of the French academy, in succession to the late Alme Marie Edouard Herve, editor of the Soleil, who died on January 4 of the present year.

Letters received in Washington indicate that Senator James K. Jones of Arkansas, chairman of the democratic national committee, had a pleasant voyage across the Atlantic, and that his health is much improved. The senator himself says that he has not felt better at any time during the past ten years.

W. C. Hunt, W. A. King and W. F. Wilcox, chief statisticians in the census office, have been appointed a commission to make a practical test of the electric counting or tabulating machines which may be presented for consideration by the director of the census. The competition will begin at the census office June 17.

Friday.

Michigan yesterday welcomed her last home coming regiment, the Forty-first volunteer infantry, at Detroit.

Carnegie & Co. have bought 50,000 tons of pig iron from the Associated blast furnaces of the Mahoning and Shenango valleys, paying \$16 per ton.

Lieutenant Colonel Edward J. McClelland (assistant adjutant general) has been ordered to Matanzas, Cuba, as adjutant general of that department.

The national grand lodge of the Mosaic Templars of America, the leading colored fraternal organization of the south, has been called to convene at Vicksburg, Miss., July 11, in seventeenth annual session.

William Rockefeller, William G. Rockefeller, H. H. Rogers and A. C. Burck have been elected trustees of the Anaconda Copper company. They represent the Standard Oil interests in that corporation.

News of the wreck of a sloop, with three passengers for Juneau, with Blanche Lamore among them, near southeastern Alaska, is reported.

The house of the Texas legislature passed its bill levying 1 per cent tax on all personal incomes in excess of \$2,000 a year. It is believed it will pass the senate.

Lieutenant Colonel Marion P. Maus, inspector general, has been relieved from further duty in Washington and ordered to San Francisco for assignment to duty as inspector of that department. Colonel Maus has been on the staff of General Miles for several years.

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It is stated that the annual loss by fire in the United States is \$150,000,000, and 3,000 human lives. Every day, according to the estimate, an average of 85 dwellings and two hotels are burned. Forty ware houses go up each month in fire and smoke.

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Leipzig made a good investment in buying and tearing down the old Pleissenburg on the city wall, the scene of the debate between Luther and Eck. The city paid 4,150,000 marks for the castle, and has sold the ground since for building sites for 6,150,353 marks.

Excursion to Detroit via the Washash. For the Y. P. S. C. E. Convention July 5th to 10th all lines will sell tickets on July 3rd, 4th and 5th via the Washash, the short line from Chicago or St. Louis to Detroit. Side trips to Niagara Falls, Toronto, Montreal, Mackinac and many other points at a very low rate via Lake or Rail have been arranged. Parties contemplating a trip east should call on or write for rates and folders giving list of side trips, etc., also beautiful souvenir entitled "Lake and Sea." G. N. CLAYTON, Room 302 KARBAY Bldg., Omaha, Neb.

Compound Locomotives. A dozen or more of the 45 consolidation compound freight locomotives, recently ordered for use on the southwestern division of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, are in service and are giving splendid satisfaction. On the Mississippi division they have increased the train haul 40 per cent over the old line. When the grade reductions are completed the improvement will be even more noticeable. The compound ten wheel passenger engines have developed unexpected pulling power and unusual speed.



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