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## SUMMARY OF A WEEK'S EVENTS

Latest News of Interest Boiled Down for the Busy Man.

### Washington

Secretary of War Jacob McGavock Dickinson of Tennessee, the Democratic member of President Taft's cabinet, has resigned. Henry L. Stimson of New York, recently defeated Republican candidate for governor of that state, has been given the war portfolio. In the letters exchanged between the president and Mr. Dickinson no reasons, other than that of pressing private affairs, is given for the secretary's retirement.

Through Secretary of State Knox, President Taft authorized United States Ambassador Lane Wilson in Mexico City to deny in the most positive terms "all foolish stories" of intervention in Mexico by the United States.

A treaty between the United States and Canada to prevent the further pollution of the great lakes is proposed by a resolution introduced in the national house of representatives by Representative Sulzer of New York.

The incapacity of the Republican party in the senate to control a caucus edict without the aid of the insurgents was demonstrated in the senate when, after more than two hours of effort, and as a result of seven ballots, the senate failed to elect Senator Gallinger of New Hampshire as president pro tempore to succeed Senator Frye.

Country and city were arrayed against each other at the Canadian reciprocity hearing before the senate finance committee at Washington. Farmers from Minnesota and North Dakota denounced the agreement as inequitable, while members of boards of trade from cities along the international boundary endorsed it unqualifiedly.

The decalogue and the golden rule as standards for laws and government are recommended to congress in a joint resolution prepared by Representative Pepper of Iowa at the request of the Christian party.

Vicious assaults on the Canadian reciprocity bill marked the hearing on that measure by the U. S. senate finance committee. Farmers from the border states, fishermen from Gloucester, Mass.; manufacturers of wire cloth for paper making and manufacturers of book, wrapping and news print paper all poured forth their protests against the bill.

### Domestic

The passengers and crew of the New York and Cuban Mail Steamship company's liner Merida, sunk after a collision with the United Fruit company's steamship Admiral Farragut off Cape Henry, arrived at Norfolk, Va., safe, after being twice transhipped. Not a soul was lost and only one person, a woman passenger, was slightly injured.

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The department of justice is preparing to bring the beef combine case to an early trial. Senator Kenyon of Iowa will be in charge of the prosecution. When he resigned as assistant to the attorney general he offered his services free in the case and Attorney General Wickham accepted them.

Three companies of rebels, comprising 250 men, are camped in the buildings and streets of Tijuana, Lower California. The town was taken by assault, the battle lasting four hours. Conservative estimates of the dead and wounded on both sides place the number at 75.

Walter Winans, the American sportsman, has sent a small equestrian statue to King George of England as a coronation present. The statue was made by Frederick Boscche, the animal sculptor of the American Museum of Natural History.

When Judge W. E. Pardee, administrator of the estate of Frederick Patterson, 74, who died in supposed poverty, at Akron, O., opened a tin box found in the old man's room, he disclosed a fortune of \$160,000 in coins, bank notes, bank books and securities.

College professors of Colorado refused to translate into Greek an invitation to Gov. Woodrow Wilson of New Jersey to address the Denver Press club, on the ground that Wilson was one of the greatest authorities on Greek in the country.

The demurrers of the Chicago packers in the "beef trust" case were overruled by Judge Carpenter in the United States district court. Judge Carpenter declared that the Sherman anti-trust law, which had been attacked by the packers, is constitutional. He also held that the indictment charging the packers with violating its provisions is valid.

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New York's sick list averages 135,000 names daily, or one person in 35, and within a year 1,530,000 cases of illness occur within the city boundaries, according to statistics compiled by the Charity Organization society.

Fire which started in underbrush about a mile from Miller's Falls, Mass., spread through several towns, burning over an area about six miles long and more than a mile and a half wide.

A mob attacked the driver of a horse car who ran down and killed a baby in a downtown New York street, overturning the car and yelling "Lynch him!" Police rescued the driver.

Five men were suffocated and others were saved by government rescuers in a fire in the Boston colliery of the Delaware & Hudson company at Larksville, Pa.

With efficiency in play as the keynote, the fifth annual meeting of the Playground Association of America opened in Washington.

Gen. Juan Navarro surrendered Juarez, the objective point of the Mexico revolutionists, and placed his army, his barracks and his equipment in the hands of Gen. Francisco I. Madero, provisional president of his opponents. Madero asserts he is ready to end the conflict if Diaz's government is disposed to deal frankly with him.

Lieut. George M. E. Kelly of the Thirtieth Infantry, detailed to study the science of aviation, was killed when he was thrown from a Curtiss aeroplane at Fort Sam Houston.

Two men were killed and 27 persons injured when west-bound Denver & Rio Grande passenger train No. 1 was derailed while rounding a curve two miles east of Minturn, Colo.

Fighting with grim determination to end her life, Mrs. Elizabeth Hartley of Buffalo, sixty years old, was rescued from death at the brink of the cataract at Niagara Falls by Constable Thomas Harrington, who faced constant danger of being carried over the falls with the struggling woman.

The famous Aaron Burr mansion, on Riverside drive, New York, is to be torn down to make room for apartment houses. The mansion was occupied by President Madison from 1804 to 1806.

One of every seven couples married in Iowa in 1910 took their matrimonial troubles into court, and one of every ten couples was divorced.

The application of John J. McNamara for the fixing of bail on the charge of dynamiting was disallowed by Superior Judge Bordwell at Los Angeles, Cal., without prejudice and with leave to renew it at any time.

The boreses of Vienna and Budapest are depressed because of renewed reports of Emperor Franz Joseph's failing health.

Lady Decies, who before her marriage to Lord Decies was Miss Helen Vivien Gould, underwent an operation for appendicitis. The surgery was done at the London residence of her mother-in-law, Dowager Lady Decies, and the result was most satisfactory.

The possession of Juarez has brought such governmental responsibilities to the insurgents that provisional president Francisco I. Madero appointed the following cabinet: Dr. Vasquez Gomez, minister of foreign relations; Gustavo Madero, finance; Venus Venustiano Carranza, war; Fredrico Gonzalez Garza, interior; Pius Suarez, justice, and Juan Sanchez Azcona, secretary to the president.

During thunderstorms throughout Germany lightning killed eight persons, and near Hamburg rekindled a natural gas well which had been capped recently with the greatest difficulty.

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A movement for the protection of foreign residents in Mexico City in the event that the rebel forces should attack the capital as they have threatened to, was instituted by the diplomatic representatives of the foreign powers.

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## DECLAMATORY BOUT

TWENTY-TWO TOWNS ARE REPRESENTED AT AURORA.

NEWS FROM OVER THE STATE

What is Going on Here and There That is of Interest to the Readers Throughout Nebraska and Vicinity.

Aurora.—The state declamatory contest was held here with a large delegation from many towns over the state in attendance. The contest was divided into three classes and occupied the entire afternoon and evening. In the oratorical class Elmer Nelson of Sidney won first place; Earl Williams, Eddyville, second; William Medlar, York, third. In the dramatic class, Harry Hawkins of Stanton won first; Mary Bowman, Broken Bow, second; Viola Beckler, Crawford, third. In the humorous class, E. M. Burr of Aurora won first place; Lee Chebey, Cambridge, second; Beulah Smith, Alliance, third. The judges were Professor W. E. Gilson, Doane; Miss Beulah Champ, Wesleyan; Miss Alta Walton, Nebraska University, and W. H. Plasters, Nebraska University.

Revolution Too Slow. Lincoln.—Rex McDill, a former Lincoln university student, has written home that life with the Madero forces on the Mexican border is too dull for an American who is really seeking excitement and that he has now returned to El Paso.

Victim of Peculiar Accident. Humboldt.—S. Parker of this place was the victim of an unusual accident which nearly cost him his life when a bottle of carbolic acid in his pocket was accidentally broken. His body was badly burned, but it is thought that he will recover.

Killed in Runaway. Osmond.—John Beltz, a wealthy farmer residing near Posier, was killed in a runaway. The front axle of his buggy broke down and he was thrown over the dashboard and kicked to death by the frightened horses.

NEBRASKA

Deshler has sent a car load of brooms to Boston.

Scottsbluff has been incorporated as a city, and is putting on lots of airs. The state encampment of the G. A. R. will be held at Kearney May 17 to 19.

Twenty-one hoboes were guests of the city in the jail at Wymore in one day.

"Uncle Zed" Goodwin, a pioneer of western Nebraska, is dead at Alliance.

Merchants of Fremont are talking up a big Fourth of July celebration scheme.

Music will hereafter be one of the courses of study in the Auburn public schools.

Plans are being made for an aviation meet at the state fair grounds on May 24 and 25.

Over 200 delegates were present at the annual Sunday school convention at Osceola last week.

Hastings won out against Grand Island in the contest for the next camp of the Modern Woodmen of America in 1914.

Rev. Farley, pastor of the M. E. church at Shickley, is dangerously ill with blood poisoning caused by pricking himself with a splinter.

Rev. W. W. Tait, late pastor at Minden, has gone to Tecumseh, where he will become the pastor of the First Presbyterian church in that city.

Surveyors for the proposed interurban from Omaha to Fremont and thence northwest to Norfolk have commenced setting stakes in Fremont.

Fire broke out in the opera house at Mason City and was with difficulty extinguished. The volunteer fire department did some daring work. John Frazier almost lost his life in bringing a woman from the burning building. He was badly burned and partially overcome by the heat and smoke.

John Wright was caught in the elevator of the new First National bank building at Lincoln and had his head and face badly crushed, but it is thought he will recover.

Eighteen carloads of Russians, men, women and children, have left Lincoln for the best fields of the west. The crowd of laborers is bound for Billings, Mont., and Ranchester, Wyo.

All state offices were closed during the funeral of the late Lieutenant Governor Hopewell.

The voters of Fairbury will decide at a special election on May 16 whether or the town is to have saloons or not. The annual convention of the Nebraska State Pharmaceutical association will be held in Fairbury June 12 to 15.

Lawrence Hanaka, twenty-one years of age, committed suicide at his home two miles east of Shubert Saturday morning.

While Mr. J. A. Cook, was crossing the street at Auburn he was knocked down and run over by an auto but was not seriously hurt.

Thos. P. Kennard, a pioneer Nebraskan, was injured when a Lincoln street car struck the buggy he was riding in and demolished it.

The board of education of Springfield has elected G. E. Heacock, a graduate of the state normal, principal of the high school.

W. H. Gardner of University Place has been appointed county superintendent by the Lancaster county commissioners. The appointment follows the death of O. H. Morris.

Damage conservatively estimated to be in the neighborhood of \$75,000 resulted from a fire that for a time threatened the destruction of the Creighton university arts building at Omaha.

Mrs. Grace Gerry, who, at the age of more than 82 years, recently died in Gilmer, was a niece of Elbridge Gerry, signer of the Declaration of Independence and vice-president of the United States.

STATE CAPITAL LINCOLN CHAT.

To Pass on Qualifications. Lincoln.—Robert W. Porter of Alma has appealed to the supreme court from the mandamus issued by District Judge Harry Dungan to compel Porter to turn over to Miss Jean McKee the moneys and books belonging to the office of treasurer of the city of Alma.

Unless the court holds that she has no right to the office or is disqualified in holding it, Porter will have to comply with the demands of the lower court.

The supreme court held several months ago that another woman, Gertrude Johnson, was qualified to hold the office of county superintendent in Cherry county.

Mrs. John N. Hubbard, who was elected as city clerk of Alma, will also have her qualifications passed upon in the same case.

Job for Board of Pardons. Governor Aldrich has saved a job for the advisory board of pardons. He has decided not to take up the application of Mrs. Nannie Hutchinson of Nuckolls county for a pardon for her self and her son, who were convicted of murdering Ell Feasel, a farmer for whom Mrs. Hutchinson kept house. The woman is serving a sentence of ten years and the son a sentence of twelve years. A brother of the murdered man proposes to resist the application and the governor will defer action till the board of pardons comes into existence, July 7.

The legislature failed to make a specific appropriation for state aid for the building of bridges and since the discovery has been made it is said State Auditor Barton will not draw warrants on the treasury until the attorney general or the courts decide that such warrants shall be drawn. In any event no part of the one-fifth mill levy can be drawn out of the treasury until the levy is made by the state board of assessment and until the money is collected.

No more examination periods will be the rule next year at the state university. According to a series of rules passed at a meeting of the university senate, class work will continue throughout the year, and the final examinations will be given at the regular class hours, instead of discontinuing classes for an entire week at the end of each semester as is now the rule and scheduling all examinations for this period.

Circulating magazines, on the seven-day book plan, forms a new feature at the Fremont public library.

State Accountant Tulley has announced the completion of his four weeks' investigation of the accounts of the Beatrice institution for the feeble minded for the two years ending January 26, 1911. As a result of his examination he found discrepancies amounting to \$1,398.47 in the accounts of T. E. Stewart, bookkeeper of the institute during the superintendency of Dr. C. L. Roe of Beatrice.

Fairbury will hold a special election May 16 to decide the question of saloons or no saloons.

The secretary of state reaped a rich harvest for the sale in automobile registration fees during the month of April. He collected from that source \$12,198.90. Soon his fee will be paid to counties instead of to the state, if the bill passed by the last legislature can be so interpreted with all of its contradictions. The fee is not called a license fee in the old law because it were a license fee the money would have to go into the state school fund. So the law makers call it a "registration fee," and the money goes into the general fund of the state.

## SOME INVESTIGATION

THIS CONGRESS HAS A RECORD FOR THE WORK.

THROWS ON SEARCH LIGHT

Resolutions are Adopted Ordering that Thirty or More Subjects Be Given Investigation.

Washington.—This congress has the record for ordering investigations. More than thirty resolutions, providing for investigations have been introduced and several others are being framed.

Eleven resolutions authorizing investigations have passed the house. They are to investigate the War, Navy, State, Interior, Agricultural, Postoffice, Commerce, Justice and Treasury departments. These will be investigated by nine committees on expenditures.

Resolutions to be acted upon are: By Francis of Indiana—To investigate the wool trust.

By Clark of Florida—The Hospital for the Insane at Washington.

By Grey of Wisconsin—The health department of the District of Columbia.

By Sheppard of Texas—Expenditures on public buildings.

By Clark of Florida—Each and every board, commission or other like body, named by the president or congress.

By Flood of Virginia and Garrett of Tennessee—The disturbance in Mexico.

By Anderson of Ohio—The telephone service in the District of Columbia.

By Francis of Ohio—The American Woolen company.

By Goodwin of North Carolina—The entire civil service system.

By Carter of Oklahoma—The admission of the Five Civilized tribes.

By Howard of Georgia—The "un-American practices of intimidation and coercion in the Postoffice department."

By Pepper of Iowa—The Taylor system of shop management.

By Rainey of Illinois—The enforcement of the anti-trust act and the conduct of the attorney general.

The resolution to investigate steel will be acted upon as soon as Senator Stanley returns to Washington.

JOHN DIETZ GETS LIFE TERM.

Defender of Cameron Dam is Found Guilty in First Degree. Hayward, Wis.—John F. Dietz will spend the rest of his natural life at hard labor in the state prison at Waupun, by the verdict of the jury, for the murder of Deputy Oscar Harp in the battle of Cameron Dam on October 2 last. The verdict is: "John F. Dietz, guilty of murder in the first degree, Hattie E. Dietz, his wife, not guilty of murder in the first degree, Leslie Dietz, his son, not guilty of murder in the first degree."

THE NATION'S FARM.

Department of Agriculture Gives Out Estimate of Production. Washington.—The value of wealth produced on farms of the United States was \$3,926,000,000 in 1910, as estimated by the Department of Agriculture in a statement just issued. This is an increase of \$104,000,000 over 1909. Texas, with its 10,000,000 acres of cotton wrested from Illinois the honor of being the first state in the union in value of principal farm crops, which was \$364,110,000.

Peace Talk Revived. Juarez, Mex.—Peace negotiations, unofficial but auspicious have been resumed between the federal government and the insurgents and the prospects are that a definite understanding can be reached within twenty-four hours.

Postmaster Thomas' Case. Washington.—Postmaster General Hitchcock has referred the findings of the Civil Service commission in the Thomas case of Omaha to the law officers of his department, this act being taken before Mr. Hitchcock left the city for the week end.

Young Confesses Murder. Ottumwa, Ia.—In a written statement to the police Charles Young confessed to murdering Tom McGrath last week and attempting to murder John Allen, throwing both bodies in the Des Moines river here.

To Prosecute Census Padders. Seattle, Wash.—The United States government has announced its intention of prosecuting Seattle and Tacoma census enumerators who are alleged to have made fraudulent returns.

Uprising Against Madero. El Paso.—"Much as the United States has been trying to keep out of the Mexican trouble," said a United States army officer, "things are growing worse and worse and intervention is only a question of time. Every day brings the crisis a little closer." This view is held by many who are familiar with the situation across the Rio Grande. It has been shown clearly that Madero is not in absolute command. Internal dissension among his men, it is said, is plain to be seen in many ways.

## SETS DEATH TRAP FOR STORE THIEF

DEVICE OF ITALIAN MERCHANT AT KANSAS CITY LANDS PRIZE.

Kansas City.—The grocery store of John and Andrew Barbera, in this city, had been robbed six times in as many weeks and goods valued at \$200 stolen. This became monotonous to John Barbera, twenty-one years old, and he set about to catch the thief. He cut a hole in the money drawer the size of a revolver muzzle and placed the weapon so it would be discharged when the drawer was opened. Then he attached a string to the trigger.

Barbera was watching outside his store the other night and when he heard a shot within he went home and went to bed. When he opened the store the next morning he notified the police of an attempted robbery and a shooting.

"Why didn't you notify the police when you heard the shot?" Barbera was asked.

"What was the use?" he replied. "I knew I had the thief."

The police have an Italian, twenty-two years old, under guard at the general hospital with a bullet wound in his right shoulder. This man was found lying on a mattress in the basement of a building next door to the Barbera store. He told the police he did not know how he was shot, but they believe he is a victim of Barbera's trap.

Weapon Was Discharged When Drawer Was Opened.

LIMIT IN STAGE REALISM

Gruesome Scene in Gilbert's New Sketch, "The Hooligan," Presented in London.

London.—It would not be easy to imagine a more gruesome object for a theatrical play than the last hours and confession of a murderer in a condemned cell. This was selected by Sir William S. Gilbert, the London dramatist, for a new sketch, "The Hooligan," presented a few nights ago at the London Coliseum.

The little play, horrible, unpleasant, begins with the discussion by the prison warders of the execution within a couple of hours of the prisoner asleep in his bed. They awake him from his broken slumber, witness his horror when he recollects that he has to die in two hours, and as he dresses give him reminiscences—to keep up his courage—of how pluckily other prisoners had gone to their doom. The pitiful plea of the wretched youth for a reprieve, his insistent cry that he had only intended to wound, not to kill, his sweetheart, were realistically agonizing. His descriptions of his night

Shot Her to Death.

gently as to what course should be pursued to end matters so everybody would be satisfied and they decided that prayer alone could accomplish this.

"We were very happy until we moved to Fort Worth," said Mrs. Brooks on the stand. Then she told how Mrs. Binford came into her life nearly five years ago. She said:

"She came to my husband's office to get a divorce, and Mr. Brooks called me up and said: 'Mamma, there is a woman in my office who wants me to do a little legal work for her. She has no friends in the city and little money. What do you say if I bring her up tonight?'"

"She came. That was the beginning. Welcoming her as a friendless young woman in a strange city and with a desire to give her a good start, I fostered the cause of my wrecked happiness, stood it as long as I could and then killed her."

GAVE AWAY CHICKEN LUNCH

Leads to Discovery of Ancient Cold Storage Poultry—Twenty Thousand Pounds Condemned.

Cincinnati.—What amounted to practically a raid on cold storage poultry was completed by Doctor Blume, the city meat inspector. Within the month he and his assistants have condemned 20,000 pounds of cold storage poultry. Doctor Blume says he found meat that had been in cold storage for five years, some venison actually being stamped 1905.

Doctor Blume said that what first attracted his attention and suggested the investigation was the fact that cheap restaurants were selling a chicken dinner for 15 cents and that some saloons were supplying chicken in their free lunches. "I conjectured," Doctor Blume said, "that something must be the matter with poultry that could be sold at that figure."

Dies in Fasting for Cure. Toronto, Ont.—Herbert Deverell is dead here as the result of a 15-day fast which he undertook in the hope of curing a slight illness. Two years ago he successfully fasted for three weeks.

## WOMAN IS FREED BY UNWRITTEN LAW

Texas Jury Acquits Her of Charge of First Degree Murder.

STORY A SENSATIONAL ONE

For Two Years Woman Prayed for Her Victim, Then Shot Her When Prayer Did Not Prove Efficacious—Dear Woman Stoic Her Husband.

Fort Worth, Tex.—The unwritten law in Texas applies to women as well as men, according to a jury at Fort Worth, which cleared Mrs. T. M. Brooks, charged with first degree murder in slaying Mrs. Mary Binford whom she charged with trying to break up her home. Insanity was the grounds she was freed on, but there was not a word on insanity mentioned in the trial. It was a plain case of the unwritten law and it was enough to free the woman.

Mrs. Brooks is the wife of a Fort Worth attorney. During the busy part of the day of January 16 last, she went to a large department store where Mrs. Binford was employed and shot her to death. She left a prayer meeting at her own home to accomplish the deed.

The story of how Mrs. Brooks, always prominent in Methodist church circles, prayed every day for two years that the Lord would make a better woman of Mrs. Binford, and how, after hearing, unwittingly, a telephone conversation between her husband and Mrs. Binford, Mrs. Brooks gave up the struggle and resolved to kill the woman who had spoiled her life, made one of the most sensational murder trials Texas has had for years.

It was Mrs. J. W. Boyd, formerly a next door neighbor of the Brooks', who declared that she knew of her own knowledge that the defendant had prayed for the redemption of Mrs. Binford, change her husband's disposition and end her troubles. Mrs. Boyd had talked to the witness fre



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Piteous Pleas of the Wretched Youth for Reprieve.