

EPITOME OF EVENTS

PARAGRAPHS THAT PERTAIN TO MANY SUBJECTS.

ARE SHORT BUT INTERESTING

Brief Mention of What is Transpiring in Various Sections of Our Own and Foreign Countries.

CONGRESS.

Refused its unanimous consent to pass the Alaska railroad bill. The Indian appropriation bill was amended by senate was sent to conference. Representative Gould has reintroduced his bill for establishing a United States National Bank of America. A bill for Hetch waterworks for San Francisco has been agreed on by the public lands committee and introduced by Senator Perkins. The judiciary committee failed to get a quorum to act on Kahn resolutions for investigation of Caminetti case and will meet later. The Senate has passed the Newland bill to amend the Erdman act and create a special board of arbitration for railroads and their employees. A second unsuccessful attempt was made by Senator Chamberlain to get early action on his bill authorizing the president to construct a government railroad in Alaska. President Wilson said the agreement in the dissolution of the Union Pacific-Southern Pacific merger would be submitted to him by Attorney General McReynolds before being submitted to the court. Secretary Bryan has announced that he is strongly in favor of the Glass currency bill, and let it be known that he would use what influence he could in bringing about its early enactment by congress.

DOMESTIC.

Walla Walla, Wash., has appointed a woman member on its police force. The Pittsburgh Chamber of Commerce is campaigning to teach fire prevention. Philadelphia has thirteen playgrounds. Last year they were enjoyed by 1,371,315 persons. A general strike of all unions connected with the industrial council may be called at Kansas City. The supreme court of Mississippi has held that the razor is not a weapon, but an "implement of the toilet." Justice James W. Gerald of the New York state supreme court, has been selected by President Wilson to be ambassador to Germany. An automobile tour by ten persons from Los Angeles to Chicago ended at Chicago with a record of no breakdowns and no mishaps on the road from the Pacific coast. Aroused by reports that the appropriation of \$40,000 was too small to take care of veterans at the Gettysburg celebration, Representative Barton has taken steps to have an adequate appropriation made. There will be ample accommodations and plenty of rations for all veterans who come to Gettysburg for the battle anniversary celebration next week, even though the number exceeds by 10,000 the original estimate. An appeal from the verdict which sentenced him to a year in prison for violation of the Mann white slave act, was granted "Jack" Johnson, the negro pugilist by Judge Carpenter, in the United States district court here. Mine No. 17 of the Western Coal and Mining company of St. Louis at Jenny Lind, Ark., near Fort Smith, was wrecked by an explosion and subsequent fire recently. No one was in the mine at the time of the explosion. Secretary Bryan has assured Paul Chastant that the United States would use its offices to insure a fair trial for his son, Porter Chastant, awaiting extradition to Italy to answer the charge of having murdered his wife at Lake Como in 1910. An official of the United States will be designated to attend the court.

Suit has been filed in the circuit court at Aberdeen, S. D., by the state of South Dakota against the American and Wells-Fargo Express companies for \$20,000 each for refusal to make proper returns of property to the state taxing board. George Hudson of Winefield, Kan., who is 87 years old, is living in a house which he himself recently built, unassisted. Seven railroads operating in Minnesota have agreed to abide by the terms of the recent decision of the United States supreme court in the Minnesota rate cases. John Ennis, 70 years old, who started out some days ago to defeat Edward P. Weston, the veteran walker, on a hike from New York to Minneapolis, is seriously ill at his home at Stamford, Conn., and physicians fear he may not recover. Two champion games of polo at New York for the international championship brought into the box \$200,900 and netted \$176,000.

The strenuous high pressure life of people of the cities accounts to some extent for insanity in this country, according to Dr. John A. Lewis of Reno, Nev. With the filling in San Francisco of an application for a permit to construct a \$500 cottage, building applications since the fire of 1906 reached a total of approximately \$400,000,000, the amount of the city's loss of property in that disaster. City governments of Winston and Salem, N. C., have been merged and the place will now be officially known of the city of Winston-Salem.

The Oklahoma Press association is going to have a \$15,000 home in the Arbuckle mountains, situated on the only large lake in the state, to be open the year round. Mrs. Florence E. Hanna of Los Angeles was elected at Nashville one of the vice presidents of the Barzen-Philathen union convention, a federation which includes Sunday school pupils and teachers in more than 8,000 cities.

The New York assembly defeated Governor Sulzers direct primary bill by a vote of 54 to 92.

Portland, Ore., is to have a great out-door recreation organization to be known as the Municipal Athletic association.

The land office at Devil's Lake, N. D., has been consolidated with the office at Minot, N. D.

According to the latest statistics 12,437 plutocrats in Missouri will be touched by the income tax.

San Francisco is to have a new twenty-story building on the north side of Market, opposite Second street. One woman in this country, Mrs. D. Harry Hammer, of Chicago, has made a collection of cartoons of Uncle Sam, and has 20,000 of them.

A wind storm which almost reached the proportions of a tornado swept over Kansas, Minnesota, doing more than \$150,000 damage to property.

Captain Robert Bartlett, commander of Peary's north pole vessel, takes a like position in Steffanson's expedition to the Arctic, which started recently.

Five New York banks have been added to the Texas oil penalty suit and by this action the total penalties demanded have been increased to \$102,161,000.

A Pennsylvania statistician calculates that in the last year 120,000,000 tons of water were pumped out of the mines of one company in the anthracite region.

John Nicholson has confessed to murdering his wife and their 9-year-old son by setting fire to them after he had soaked their bed clothing with oil at Vandalla, Mo.

The stork visited the home of Nathan Valone, a Pittsburgh merchant, recently, and left a baby girl weighing fourteen pounds. This is the twenty-sixth child born to Valone.

The whole of the J. P. Morgan estate has a value of \$100,000,000, according to an unofficial estimate credited to Thomas E. Rush, counsel to State Comptroller Sohm.

Frank S. Graham of Oakes, N. D., has been appointed a national bank examiner for one of the North Dakota districts by John P. Kane, acting comptroller of the currency.

The woman's suffrage bill has been signed by Governor Dunne. The act gives Illinois women the right to vote for all statutory officers in the state, and also for presidential electors.

As a result of a conference between Governor Hatfield and the United Mine Workers of America and coal operators of the New River coal field in West Virginia, a strike order issued applying to the New River coal fields is being held up temporarily.

State officials and representatives from the railroads operating in Minnesota will meet with the railway and warehouse commission of Minnesota to discuss plans for putting into operation the state rate held valid by the United States supreme court.

Foreign.

Audacious daylight thieves in Paris stole a mass of jewels from a private house.

An official dispatch describes the fighting between the Servians and the Bulgarians at Zletovo as a small affair.

The authorities of Naples have unearthed the bodies of a large number of infants buried in the garden attached to a villa occupied by a midwife.

The prospect that the Balkan dispute will be submitted to Russia arbitration, and the four premier's of the four Balkan states will meet at St. Petersburg, is much brighter.

Deputy Legrand announced in the chamber of deputies that France's standing army on a peace footing would number 727,000 men after the adoption of the government's three-year service bill.

The magnificent auditorium presented to the University of Michigan as a memorial to the late Arthur Hill was formally dedicated in connection with the alumni day celebration at the university.

An adequate American navy means a fleet second only to that of Great Britain, and "inadequacy is an invitation to war" in the opinion of Admiral Dewey, ranking naval officer of the United States.

Miss Nellie O'Farrell of San Francisco, who has gained considerable notice as the first woman wireless operator in the world, has retired from the operator's field. She was married recently.

A violent scene occurred in the senate when Senator Arthur Costa, brother of the premier, objected to the remarks of Joao Jose de Freitas, and advanced upon him. Senator de Freitas drew a revolver and leveled it at the other's breast.

The French aviator, Maurice L. Foulquier, while testing a monoplane for the first time, fell from a height of 250 feet and was killed.

Approximately ten tons of feathers plucked from birds by poachers four or five years ago in the Hawaiian and Midway islands have been burned by the government of Honolulu.

Raymond Poincaré, president of the French republic, was entertained by King George at a state banquet which was as great display of pomp and magnificence as ever shown in honoring a royal guest at Buckingham palace.

The development of aerial armament of Russia is making immense progress according to a report made by the chief of the army staff.

Six of the men sentenced to death in connection with the death of Mahmud Shekfat Paasha, the late grand vizier, have been executed in Bayazid square.

With only a few witnesses examined and several more to be examined, Chief Justice Harvey of the Alberta supreme court adjourned the trial of Arthur Pelkey, charged with manslaughter in connection in the ring near Calgary, May 24, last.

General Antonio Rabaga has resigned as military governor of Chihuahua state. He will go to Mexico City.

Zue Sun Ben, recently appointed assistant secretary of state of the new Chinese republic, is thoroughly Americanized. He graduated last June from Brown university.

PRESIDENT URGES CURRENCY REFORM

Public Duty Makes Prompt Action Imperative.

READS MESSAGE TO CONGRESS

Business Men of Country Should Be Given Banking and Currency System Which Will Make Possible Individual Initiative.

Washington, June 23.—The following is President Wilson's message to congress on the subject of currency reform:

Mr. Speaker, Mr. President, Gentlemen of the Congress: It is under the compulsion of duty seems to me a clear and imperative duty that I have a second time this session sought the privilege of addressing you in person. I know, of course, that the heated season of the year is upon us, that work in these chambers and in the committee rooms is likely to become a burden as the season lengthens, and that every consideration of personal comfort, perhaps, in the cases of some of us, considerations of personal health even, dictate an early conclusion of the deliberations of the session; but there are occasions of public duty when these things which touch us privately seem very small; when the work to be done is so pressing and so fraught with big consequence that we know that we are not at liberty to weigh against it any point of personal comfort. It is absolutely imperative that we should give the business men of this country a banking and currency system by means of which they can make use of the freedom of enterprise and of individual initiative which we are about to bestow upon them.

We are about to set them free; we must not leave them without the tools of action when they are free. We are about to set them free by removing the trammels of the protective tariff. Ever since the Civil war they have waited for this emancipation and for the free opportunities it will bring with it. It has been reserved for us to give it to them. Some fell in love, indeed with the slothful security of their dependence upon the government; some took advantage of the shelter of the nursery to set up a mimic mastery of their own within its walls. Now both the tonic and the discipline of liberty and maturity are to ensue. There will be some readjustments of purpose and point of view. There will follow a period of expansion and new enterprise, freshly conceived. It is for us to determine now whether it shall be rapid and facile and of easy accomplishment. This it can not be unless the resourceful business men who are to deal with the new circumstances are to have at hand and ready for use the instrumentalities and conveniences of free enterprise which independent men need when acting on their own initiative.

It is not enough to strike the shackles from business. The duty of statesmanship is not negative merely. It is constructive also. We must show that we understand what business needs and that we know how to supply it. No man, however casual and superficial his observation of the conditions now prevailing in the country, can fall to see that one of the chief things business needs now, and will need increasingly as it gains in scope and vigor in the years immediately ahead of us, is the proper means by which readily to vitalize its credit, corporate and individual, and its origination brains. What will it profit us to be free if we are not to have the best and most accessible instrumentalities of commerce and enterprise? What will it profit us to be quit of one kind of monopoly if we are to remain in the grip of another and more effective kind? How are we to gain and keep the confidence of the business community unless we show that we know how, both to aid and to protect it? What shall we say if we make fresh enterprise necessary and also make it very difficult by leaving also except the tariff just as we found it? The tyrannies of business, big and little, lie within the field of credit. We know that. Shall we not act upon the knowledge? Do we not know how to act upon it? If a man cannot make his assets available at pleasure, his assets of capacity and character and resource, what satisfaction is it to him to see opportunity beckoning to him on every hand, when others have the keys of credit in their pockets and treat them as all but their own private possession? It is perfectly clear that it is our duty to supply the new banking and currency system the country needs, and that it will immediately need it more than ever.

The only question is, when shall we supply it—now, or later, after the demands shall have become reproaches that we were so dull and so slow? Shall we hasten to change the tariff laws and then be laggards about making it possible and easy for the country to take advantage of the change? There can be only one answer to that question. We must act now, at whatever sacrifice to ourselves. It is a duty which the circumstances forbid us to postpone. I should be recreant to my deepest convictions of public obligation did I not press it upon you with solemn and urgent insistence.

The principles upon which we should

Holland's Fishing Net Factories. The manufacture of fishing nets has for centuries been a very important industry in Holland, which in the seventeenth century had a fleet of over 2,000 smacks engaged in the herring fishery. The latest census of the industry shows that there is one fishing net factory at Schevelingen, where the first factory was established, with about ten hands; one at Apeldoorn, with about 250 hands; two at Goor, of which one is also a cotton mill, with about 630 hands; one at Leyden,

with about 80 hands, and one at Gouda, with about 50 hands. Would Have Elders Join in Play. Joseph Lee, president of the Play-ground Association of America, says that "no institution is sound and wholesome until it expresses itself in play. I believe in family dances," he said. "There is an aristocracy of age that bars the elders from sharing in the pastimes of the young. We ought not to be so afraid of our children. We ought to butt in to their parties."

To Train Porch Vines. One of the best labor-saving arrangements is a device to fasten the strings or wire netting for the vines of the porch. A strip of wood one inch square and about six feet long, with a strong screw eye at each end, is all that is needed. Drive two nails into the upper part of the porch, the same distance apart as the screw eyes, then after tying the strings onto the strip lift it up and hook the screw eyes over the nails. Fasten the lower ends of the strings into the ground with small pegs and train the vines on them.

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ARRANGEMENTS COMPLETE

Veterans Are Met at Trains and Escort to Their Tents—None Will Have to Work.

Gettysburg, Pa.—That the stars and bars as well as the stars and stripes will appear at the big camp of veterans during the anniversary celebration was indicated by an announcement from the officers of the Anniversary commission that "there is nothing to prevent the wearers of the gray from bringing along their battle flags."

At the same time, however, it was said that flag of the confederates would not be used in any official decorations over which the commission has control. Residents of Gettysburg and union veterans already here are extending a royal welcome to all arriving confederate veterans. The town itself never has been so gaily decorated. Every business block is covered with the national colors, and practically every home displays at least one flag. The stars and bars appear at a number of places, while the use of both the blue and the gray is a favorite method of decoration at many buildings. Large numbers of both union and confederate are much in evidence. The town is gay with martial music, many of the veterans having brought their fife, drums and bugles, and the calls of wartime days are sounded through the streets, in some instances by the very men who did the same thing during the exciting days of the Gettysburg campaign half a century ago.

Finishing touches were put on the camp. Equipment was distributed to the five thousand tents, all of which are now up and everything is in readiness for the 50,000 old soldiers expected to attend the celebration next week.

"All Arrangements Complete." "We are thoroughly prepared and have the entire situation well in hand," declared Major Normoyle, in command at the camp. Every old soldier will find things in readiness for him when he comes here. He will be met at the train and shown the location of his tent. If he is not able to carry his baggage some one will here to do it for him. He will not have to do a stroke of work, not even fill the water buckets in his tent.

Each of the four large sections composing the camp will be under the direct supervision of a company of regulars. One of the company of engineers and three of infantry will have charge of the work of guarding these sections, answering the calls of the veterans and otherwise giving attention to their needs.

Cannot Return Johnson. Montreal.—Jack Johnson, negro pugilist, accompanied by his white wife, Lucille Cameron Johnson, is booked to sail for Havre on the Alen line steamer Corinthian Sunday morning. Canadian immigration officials located Johnson with a view to taking summary deportation action should he fail to comply with the restrictions of the immigration laws.

The negro pugilist in response to a demand of the officials produced a through ticket to Havre, purchased in Chicago. By this bit of strategy, Johnson tied the hands of the Canadian immigration authorities. They are powerless to act further than to see that he leaves the country on the ship on which he is booked to sail.

Obliterating Field of Waterloo. While Americans are observing the semi-centennial of Gettysburg, and thousands study the battle by the aid of the monuments and markers on the battlefield, complaint comes to England that the Waterloo terrain is in danger. While La Hale Sainte and Hougoumont still bear the marks of cannon shot, both are in danger of being rebuilt, and part of the Hougoumont wall against which the wave of French courage dashed in vain was already being pulled down. That is not the worst of the situation, according to a British officer who recently visited the field. "Tramcars and cheap fares have been followed by 'tawdry cafes' located on the very spot whence the Imperial Guard recoiled. What is to be done? The suggestion is that co-operation of Belgians and Englishmen who would preserve the topography of Waterloo may be effective in doing for that famous field what has been done for Gettysburg, but the first step, it is admitted, will be very expensive. If preservation is not organized there is danger that the strategic points will be obliterated by garden and farm field.—Boston Transcript.

Stock Men's Convention. St. Joseph, Mo.—Livestock men from all over the country are here for the opening session of the twenty-fifth annual convention of the national livestock exchange.

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First Lazy Husband Convicted. Seattle, Wash.—The first conviction in the state of Washington under the "lazy husband" law was obtained when George Riggs, a mechanic, was found guilty of failing to support his wife and child and sentenced to serve six months in the county jail.

Boxing Bill Approved. Madison, Wis.—The Redding bill, appointing a state commission to supervise boxing bouts, was approved by the state senate recently and will go to the governor for his signature.

Pretzels are Food. Jefferson City, Mo.—The last hope of the Missouri bartender and his "free lunch" devotee was shattered when Assistant Attorney General V. T. Rutherford ruled that "pretzels are food and serving them in saloons violates the anti-free lunch law."

Has Rented Duke's House. London.—It is understood that Walter Hines Page, the new ambassador from America, has rented the town residence of the Duke of Manchester, Grosvenor square.

NEBRASKA IN BRIEF.

Columbus will again vote on the proposition of a city hall and home for the fire department.

Jefferson county farmers have commenced harvesting one of the biggest wheat crops ever known in that county.

Figures given out in the governor's office show that \$67,869.64 of the \$100,000 relief fund voted by the legislature to tornado sufferers has been spent.

Editor Karl L. Spence of the Franklin News has purchased a building and will move his plant into it as soon as necessary changes can be made.

Land Commissioner red Beckmann has returned from a trip through Pierce county. He inspected state school lands and visited the system at Norfolk.

During the high wind at Lincoln Wednesday night the steel work on the new high school building was blown down, causing damage to the extent of over \$5,000.

Workmen under the supervision of Contractor Wood are rapidly finishing their work on the new building. Mr. Wood is putting up for the Burr Publishing company at Aurora.

Leroy Marsh, oldest son of D. M. Marsh, living in Shelton, was drowned in Wood river, where the water was fifteen feet deep. He in company with other boys were bathing.

John Bates, son of ex-county Judge William Bates, who has been recording clerk for County Judge McDeuffe, has accepted a position as bookkeeper in the Rising City Bank of Rising City, Neb.

The Seward Commercial club is at work at the fair grounds taking the amphitheater and other buildings, wrecked by the tornado, out of the Blue river and placing the ground in proper condition.

Two carloads, a part of the material for the new water works system at Peru, have arrived. Work of putting down wells will be begun soon and work all along the line will be pushed to completion.

The Lincoln Telegraph and Telephone company has given notice of an appeal from the Board of Equalization, which raises its assessed valuation from \$153,522.75 to \$285,284.50, to the district court which convenes November 10.

The county board has decided to build a new bridge at Sutton over School creek and the north end of Saunders' avenue. It is to be of cement and the latest and most permanent design. The city will provide the approaches.

A carload of automobiles, in a Union Pacific freight train, west, burned near Ames. The freight train was brought to a stop in Ames, but the fire had practically ruined the machines.

Fire destroyed a large barn belonging to James O'Donnald of Wahoo and for a while the entire business part of town was threatened, but the firemen managed to confine the blaze to the barn.

Warden Fenton must be content with a salary of \$2,000 a year, notwithstanding the legislature passed a law fixing his pay at \$2,500 a year. After the legislature did this it appropriated only \$2,000, and the appropriation act is what governs.

Thomas Regan, an old soldier at the Veterans' home in Napier, Cal., has written Secretary of State Watt and asked him to try to find two brothers who are living in Nebraska somewhere, whom he has not heard from for many years.

After attempting to murder his wife, because she would not tell him where she had put the pie that was left from dinner, Henry Peters, 79 years, took his own life by cutting his throat at his home at Pleasanton.

The annual meeting of the Nebraska State Federation of Colored Women's clubs was held in Fremont, the delegates representing five clubs in the state, being guests of Phillis Wheatly club, the Fremont club.

False tuberculosis tests on cattle shipped from Illinois into Nebraska and other western states will be the chief topic discussed by the state veterinarians who gather in Omaha for the sessions of the Missouri Valley Veterinarians' association.

Captain C. E. Adams of Superior, a candidate for commander-in-chief of the national Grand Army of the Republic organization, has been asked to make an address at the Gettysburg peace celebration to be held next week.

Alfred Fowler, a Fremont boy, who is attending Yale college, won the Learned scholarship in a class of 400.

The second application of the Duket treatment to tubercular patients at Kearney has been made and nine more patients received the first treatment.

According to action of the board of public lands and buildings, the stars and stripes will fly over the Lincoln statue on the state house grounds during the Gettysburg peace celebration in July. A flagpole will be erected on the statue base for that purpose.

Editor Pont of the Stanton Register, is installing a linotype machine.

Because of press of other duties Food Commissioner Harman delegated Niels P. Hansen of Lincoln to represent the department at the State Pharmaceutical association meeting at Norfolk.

A contract has just been let to C. W. Lohdel for the construction of two fine brick buildings at Gering. One of the buildings is to be owned and occupied by A. R. Nealey, druggist, and the other by the Gering National bank.

R. S. Trumbull for six years connected with the chemistry department of the agricultural college at the state university, has left for El Paso, Tex., where he has accepted a position as agricultural agent with the El Paso & Southwestern railroad company.

During a sharp thunderstorm at Fremont, lightning struck the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Walstrum on Garfield and Dodge streets. Fire resulted. The fire department rushed to the scene to find neighbors engaged in fighting the fire. Small damage resulted.

Farmers Call for Hands. Lincoln, Neb.—The call from farmers of Nebraska for help to garner in the bountiful crops has gone out and every resource which they can employ to aid them in search for workers is likely to be utilized within the coming few weeks. Labor Commissioner Pool said is being solicited and various other state departments have received calls for assistance in procuring men.

Wages this year will be on a par with previous years, and in some communities promises to be higher.

NO LOOSE METHODS

BOARD OF CONTROL WILL WATCH FUTURE COAL PURCHASES.

FUEL WILL BE ANALYZED

A System Has Been Devised to Protect the State's Interests Against Possible Fraud.

Lincoln, Neb.—If there be a coal combine and if that combine has been touching the state's pocketbook gently, but successfully, during the years gone then that system is likely to pass away like many other things that once existed. Board of control members have become "hep" to some of the evil doings of a former day and in getting out estimates on supplies to be used at state institutions have asked for bids for the coming year's coal consumption for the various state institutions.

To circumvent the old plan of bidding a certain price on coal and then just before delivery pleading a strike and selling some kind or other to the state at an increased price, the board members have arranged blanks which the bidders must fill out at the present time and which will commit them to later substitute prices in the event that the kind of coal purchased has run out or for any reason cannot be delivered. In the blanks are provided spaces for abundant information relative to the quality and prices of the various samples and enough data to give the state officials a thorough idea of the product each bidder has for sale. In addition, analysis blanks are being sent out which will throw further light on what has been in the past a vague business undertaking on the part of the state.

It is estimated that 36,000 tons of coal, range and steam, will be required to run the institutions during the coming year. The state penitentiary will use 9,500 tons of steam coal. The Omaha school for the deaf will use fifty tons of steam and ten tons of range coal. The Nebraska City school for the blind will require 600 tons of mine run, it is estimated. The Hastings asylum will use 5,500 tons of steam coal and 550 tons of range coal. Other institutions will vary between the low and high amounts given herewith.

Suggests Higher Valuation. Lincoln.—George Anthes, formerly deputy state auditor, but now connected with the county offices of Douglas county, was at the state house and visited the railway commission for the purpose of looking up reports made by certain Douglas county corporations relative to their property.

While here Mr. Anthes took up the matter with E. B. Gaddis, member of the new tax commission, and discussed matters pertaining to the inequalities of the present methods and its inability to meet the present needs. He said that there were only two cities in the country outside of Omaha that were assessed only 20 per cent of their value and he believes that something will have to be done in Douglas county to bring about a different method of taxation in order to meet the bond issues coming due very soon.

Mr. Anthes said that in the opinion of Mr. Gaddis, the new commission had a problem before them to solve which would take a lot of study and hard work to meet. Mr. Gaddis has made the taxation business a study for years and he believes that with the assistance of the other members of the board a plan can be devised which will be of great value to the state in the way of raising revenue and raising it so that all sections and all taxed will bear an equitable share.

Road Dragging Act. In order to make the Richardson road dragging act effective county boards must make a levy at the regular meeting in August. The new act provides a system for scientific road work and lays the responsibility for putting it into effect on the county board.

Convict Files Petition. Lincoln.—Thomas Walker, a Thurston county Indian, has applied to the state supreme court for a writ of habeas corpus releasing him from the state penitentiary, where he contends that he is being unlawfully held. Walker was given a commutation of his thirty-year sentence last December by Governor Aldrich. One of the conditions of the act was that his entire period of service would amount to ten years. Now Walker alleges that he is entitled to his good time and that the former executive exceeded his constitutional authority when he provided such conditions in the commutation order.

Grosvenor Chairman of Commission. Lincoln.—The state tax commission has been organized by the election of J. H. Grosvenor of Aurora as chairman. C. W. Sears of Omaha as vice chairman and Earl B. Gaddis of Lincoln as secretary. Plans for the conduct of work during the coming years were determined upon. Active work of the commission is to start September 3. In the interim the members will prepare for the public hearings which are to be held from time to time during the coming fall and winter.

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