

NEWS NOTES

FOR THE BUSY MAN

Most Important Happenings of the World Told in Brief.

POLITICAL.

Charles N. Haskell, governor of Oklahoma, has resigned the trusteeship of the Democratic national committee. He announced his retirement from active participation in the Bryan campaign at Chicago and in his message to Chairman Mack intimated that he would prosecute President Roosevelt and others who had accused him.

Chairman Hitchcock of the Republican national committee announced that Gen. T. Coleman DuPont of Delaware, head of the bureau of campaign speakers of the national committee, had resigned as head of that bureau and also as a member of the executive committee of the national committee and that his resignation had been accepted.

Mr. Taft spoke in half a dozen Wisconsin cities and was endorsed by Senator La Follette. Mr. Bryan addressed big crowds in Ohio.

The New York state convention of the Independence party put up a full ticket headed by Clarence J. Sheehan of New York for governor.

Samuel Gompers, testifying in the contempt case, repeated his story of an attempt by an alleged emissary of J. W. Van Cleave to bribe him to betray the cause of union labor.

Judge William H. Taft started from Cincinnati on a campaign tour of the middle west.

President Roosevelt issued a red-hot statement concerning the Senator Foraker incident, turning it to the advantage of Judge Taft, who, he showed, had rejected in July a proposition that he consent to an endorsement of the Ohio senator.

C. W. Swisher withdrew as Republican candidate for governor of West Virginia.

PERSONAL.

Gov. Haskell of Oklahoma, treasurer of the Democratic national committee, was summoned to meet Mr. Bryan in Chicago for a hearing as to the charges against him of connection with the Standard Oil Company.

Encouraged by the success that has attended the establishment of his "hero fund" in America, Andrew Carnegie has decided to found a similar fund in Great Britain. To this end he is about to hand over to trustees the sum of \$250,000.

Allan Forbes, a well-known Salem, Mass., was found guilty at Cuba, Mass., of cruelty to his pony during a game of Myopia. A fine of \$50 was imposed.

Mrs. Jack Gardner, society leader and art collector of Boston, Mass., created a sensation in the exclusive Copley square section of that city by walking down the street in a sheath gown open to the knees.

President Roosevelt ended his vacation, and with his family and executive staff left Oyster Bay for Washington.

Col. William F. Stewart of the coast artillery, whose case, because of his detail to the ungarionned post at Fort Grant, Ariz., has been before the public for some time, has been ordered to appear before a retiring board at Washington, where he will be examined as to his disability.

GENERAL NEWS.

Nineteen persons were killed, 11 seriously injured, and about 30 more or less hurt in a collision between the east-bound Burlington flyer and a west-bound freight train at a point known as Young's Point, about 30 miles west of Billings, Mont., on the Northern Pacific road.

Fire in Fond du Lac, Wis., destroyed several churches, seven dwellings and other buildings, the loss being \$250,000.

James W. Paul, banker and financier of the firm of Drexel & Co., Philadelphia; J. P. Morgan & Co., New York, and Morgan, Harjes Company of Paris, died at Hot Springs, Va.

A savings bank at Colton, S. D., was robbed of about \$1,000 by thieves, who escaped in an automobile.

Count M. Thue von Bentzen, a Danish nobleman, was married to Miss Alice M. Baer of St. Louis.

Fire in Redding, Cal., destroyed business buildings and lodging houses valued at \$100,000.

Nearly 600 feet of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad bridge over the Susquehanna river at Havre de Grace, Md., collapsed, one man being fatally injured.

Mrs. John Dalton, living near Elkhart, Tex., became insane and choked her baby to death.

Nat C. Goodwin, the actor, filed a sealed complaint for divorce against his wife, Bessie Hall Goodwin, better known as Maxine Elliott, at Reno, Nev.

Abe Raymer, alleged mob leader in the riots at Springfield, Ill., was found not guilty by a jury.

William J. Bryan in a telegram to President Roosevelt vigorously defended Gov. Haskell against charges of connection with the Standard Oil Company.

A big brick kiln at Kenmare, N. D., burst and two men were buried in the red-hot bricks and roasted to death.

Wilbur Wright, the American aviator, flew in his machine at the Anvers field in Le Mans, France, for 1 hour, 31 minutes and 25 seconds. This is the world's record.

The shah issued a manifesto ordering new elections and calling for the convening of the assembly and senate November 14. In a fierce battle at Tabriz the Nationalists were worsted.

Horace J. Ray, aged 15 years, committed suicide by shooting himself at Philadelphia in the presence of 15-year-old Florence Marshall, his school-girl sweetheart, because he had been forbidden to pay attention to her to the neglect of his studies.

At West Union, Ia., Walter Whitebeck was convicted of murder in the first degree for the killing of his father, Arlow Whitebeck.

Jeremiah Lynch, 50 years old, night foreman for the Wisconsin Bridge & Iron Company, was mysteriously murdered near a new bridge which the company is erecting in Chicago. The police lay the crime to labor troubles.

Five members of the failed brokerage firm of A. O. Brown & Co. were arrested in New York on a larceny charge.

The International Fishery congress decided to meet in Rome, Italy, in 1911.

A large portion of the town of Pasig, near Manila, was destroyed by fire.

Fire in Cairo, Ill., destroyed a lumber yard, several houses and other property, the loss being \$125,000.

An order of Judge R. W. Archibald of Scranton, Pa., adjudging Harry K. Thaw in contempt of court, was filed in the United States district court at Pittsburgh.

The control of the Washington Life Insurance Company passed from the hands of Levi P. Morton, Thomas F. Ryan and Harry Payne Whitney, to a Pittsburgh syndicate headed by William C. Baldwin, president of the Pittsburgh Life and Trust Company.

Raymond W. Pullman of the forest service, who is in Minnesota investigating forest fire conditions for the government, estimates the loss in that state at \$5,000,000 to \$10,000,000.

The supreme court of Washington upheld the state law prohibiting the sale of cigarettes and cigarette papers.

Declaring her disgust with modern fashions, Mrs. Lulu Kreitzer, aged 40, a widow, returned to nature and appeared in the street at Dayton, O., nude. When the police were summoned the woman entered her home and fatally shot herself.

Forest fires were reported raging in northern Wisconsin and Upper Michigan which threatened to wipe out several towns. Residents had to flee for their lives. Foster City, Mich., a lumber town across the Wisconsin line of Marinette county, was said to have been destroyed with the loss of six lives, though this was not confirmed.

Forest fires were reported to have destroyed some small settlements in northern Wisconsin and Michigan and to be spreading rapidly in the Adirondacks.

Heavy rains checked the forest fires in northern Michigan and Wisconsin.

Justice Gerard in the supreme court of New York signed the final decree of absolute divorce in favor of Elsie French Vanderbil from Alfred Gwynne Vanderbilt.

The French police have arrested several dangerous anarchists, who with others were engaged in elaborating a plot to assassinate King Alfonso of Spain when he passed through Biarritz on his way to Paris.

Two persons were killed and four others injured when a passenger train on the Southern railway ran into an open switch near Duncan, S. C.

Two heavy earthquake shocks were felt off the Port of Acapulco, Mexico, and the steamer Radames was so tossed about that four persons were killed.

A typhoon of terrific velocity swept through the central portion of the Philippine group, sweeping part of the island of Samar, northern Leyte, southeastern Imzon, northern Panay, Masbate and part of Romblon. Hundreds were reported dead.

A St. Louis & San Francisco passenger train was derailed near Carthage, Mo., and rolled into the ditch, the engineer and fireman being killed and 40 passengers injured.

The Denver Coliseum, one of the city's landmarks, was destroyed by fire.

President Roosevelt, in reply to Mr. Bryan's defense of Gov. Haskell, vigorously upheld the charges against the latter, declaring him unfit to associate with reputable citizens. Gov. Haskell issued a statement defending the criticized actions and hotly attacking the president.

The United States cruiser Yankee struck on Spindle Rock, near the western entrance to Buzzards bay, during a fog, breaking several holes in her hull on the port side.

Delegates to the international fishery congress were given souvenir paintings of the Roosevelt golden trout, named after the president because he prevented its extermination.

Publication was begun in the "World's Work" of a series of reminiscences by John D. Rockefeller, in which he defends the tactics and trade methods of the Standard Oil Company.

The Asiatic cholera in St. Petersburg is spreading among the upper classes of society. Deaths are so numerous the bodies lie unburied.

The government of Paraguay unearthed a plot against it organized by members of the negro party. All the conspirators were taken into custody and a state of siege was proclaimed.

Mrs. Katherine Clemmons Gould, who is suing Howard Gould for divorce, applied for an order compelling Mr. Gould to pay her \$120,000 a year alimony and \$15,000 for her counsel fees.

Because she accepted the attentions of another man, Lewis Turner of La Grange, Ill., shot and killed Dora Helmer, his fiancée, and committed suicide.

OBITUARY.

Frank De Haas Robinson, owner of the St. Louis National League baseball team, street car promoter and capitalist, died suddenly at his home in Cleveland, O.

Leslie Carter, for years president of the Chicago South Side Elevated railroad and one of the most prominent financiers and lawyers of Chicago, died after a long illness.

E. G. Emmons, a well-known broker of Duluth, was found dead in a sleeping car berth on a train as it was entering the Union Station at St. Paul.

DROUTH REMAINS THE STATE CAPITAL

SERIOUS CONDITION IN PENNSYLVANIA AND VIRGINIA.

THOUSANDS OF MINERS IDLE

Low Water Prevents River Improvements and Many Factories Are Closed Along the Streams.

Pittsburg—With losses aggregating several million dollars from forest fires and heavy losses to crops and live stock, the reported loss of a number of lives due to fighting timber conflagrations, the enforced idleness of thousands of workmen owing to the suspension of manufacturing establishments because of lack of water, the health authorities anticipating a serious epidemic of contagious diseases and many small streams dried up and practically obliterated, the drouth of 1908, which has held western Pennsylvania, eastern Ohio and West Virginia in its grasp for more than two months, remains unbroken each day gradually increasing the seriousness of the unprecedented situation.

While in the Pittsburgh district the water supply is sufficient to carry on all business, the low stage of the rivers has caused a congestion of much coal in this vicinity. Every available barge and boat has been loaded with coal and at present, with almost 20,000,000 bushels in the Pittsburgh harbor, the river coal mines have been compelled to shut down for the want of shipping facilities. There are about 15,000 miners employed in the river mines along the Monongahela valley. This great fleet of coal is for supply of points in the west and south and the probabilities are there will be a coal famine experienced, especially in the northwest should conditions prevent the shipment of the coal before cold weather sets in.

In West Virginia lumber plants, glass factories and iron and steel mills located along the rivers, are closed on account of insufficient water. In eastern Ohio the same conditions prevail, and it is feared the great iron and steel mills at Youngstown, O., employing over 20,000 men, will have to suspend operations unless the drouth is speedily broken.

In all sections of the dry zone prayers are offered up daily and these prayers will continue until they are answered with rain.

TOWNSITES NOT SELECTED.

Map Showing Lands Subject to Entry is Not Ready.

Dallas, S. D.—Because of the fact that a great many maps purporting to be correct plans of Tripp county, showing the allotments to Indians, some of which have not yet been approved by the government, and purporting to show the locations of the several government townsites, Judge J. W. Witten, superintendent of the opening, has stated, that as a matter of fact the secretary of the interior has not as yet made any reservation for townsite purposes, and the commissioner of the general land office has notified Judge Witten that his office has in no way recognized any of the proposed townsites, and has directed Judge Witten to make and report such investigations and inspection as will be helpful to the secretary in making reservations for townsite purposes. The secretary will, as directed by the act of congress, hereafter reserve from these lands such tracts for townsite purposes as in his opinion may be required for future interests.

WHARTON TO HANDLE MONEY

Chosen Chairman of National Republican Finance Committee.

Omaha—Hon. John C. Wharton of Omaha has been appointed by Chairman Hitchcock of the republican national committee to be an assistant to Assistant Treasurer Fred W. Upham, having in charge the funds for the western district of the United States. Mr. Wharton will be the chairman of the Nebraska finance committee, and will have charge of the collection of the funds for the national campaign in this state.

Oklahoma Thieves are Busy.

Muskogee, Okl.—Horse thieves have carried on their depredations in all parts of Oklahoma recently to an extent not equalled since the frontier days, according to a statement issued here by R. B. Ramsey, sheriff of Muskogee county. Sheriff Ramsey says that within two weeks he has received reports of 208 horses stolen in different parts of the state. "It is evident," said he, "that organized gangs of thieves, tempted by the prevailing high prices of horses, are committing the depredations."

Fleet is Nearing Manila.

Manila—The Zambanga wireless station was in touch with the Atlantic battleship fleet at 8 o'clock (Monday) morning.

TWENTY-ONE ARE NOW DEAD.

Two More Men Injured in Wreck at Young's Point, Montana, Die.

Billings, Mont.—Twenty-one are now dead and nine injured as a result of a collision at Young's Point. E. Vickers of Hardin, Mont., died after being brought to the hospital in this city while Samuel Clomowitz, a hide dealer of Billings, and Berg Western of Atchison, Kan., died shortly after midnight Saturday morning.

TAGEDY IN MANILA CAMP.

Private Suttles Kills Lieutenant Bloom of Fourth Infantry.

Manila—A tragedy occurred at Camp Jessman on Saturday night which resulted in the death of Lieutenant Edward J. Bloom of the Fourth Infantry and Private Suttles, Company K of the same regiment. Suttles, for some unexplained reason, shot Bloom and then cut his own throat. Suttles died immediately, but Bloom lingered until Sunday night.

NEBRASKA NEWS AND NOTES.

Items of Greater or Lesser Importance Over the State.

President Turner of Hastings college has accepted election as secretary and platform manager of the Hastings chautauque.

Arrangements have been completed by the Seventh Day Adventists to begin the erection of a church and school building in Hastings within a few days.

Farmers should all have telephones. Write to us and learn how to get the best service for the least money. Nebraska Telephone Company, 18th and Douglas streets, Omaha. "Use the Bell."

The continued dry weather threatens the crops and is cutting the fruit crop short in the vicinity of Tecumseh. Slight hot winds have prevailed to the detriment of all kinds of vegetation.

The Columbus Driving club has arranged for a big festival October 1 and 2, when Colonel C. B. Irwin will present a practical duplication of the chief events at the Cheyenne festival held recently.

Governor Sheldon gave a hearing to the friends of Joseph Smith who are applying for his pardon. Smith was sent to the penitentiary from Jefferson county on a charge of disposing of mortgaged property.

Last week was closed the most successful fair that the Nuckolls County Fair association has ever held, not only from the point of attendance and financial receipts, but from live stock and agricultural products display.

Miss Sue Anderson of Nebraska City has become prominent on the stage in the east and has become one of the leading women under Sam Bernard in "Nearly a Hero." She is a favorite with the theater people of New York City.

A petition was circulated asking the board of supervisors of Knox county to submit the question of county division at the election in November. It has been eight years since the last county seat fight was pulled off in Knox county.

The continued dry weather is playing havoc with the apple orchards throughout Otoe county. The lack of moisture in the ground causes the apples to fall, and nearly one-half of the heavily laden fruit trees have dropped their fruit.

In a collision in the yards at Weeping Water, Neb., between what is known as the Lincoln-Auburn passenger train and a freight, eighteen passengers and three trainmen received severe injuries. In two of the cases the injuries are serious.

Walter and Caney West, who were arrested in Herman, were brought before United States Commissioner Singhaus charged with selling liquor without a license; both were placed under bonds to appear before the next federal grand jury.

Sheriff Bauman returned from Omaha after having recovered four horses which were stolen from Dodge county. All of them were heavy work horses. One valued at \$250 was used on an ice wagon, having been hired out by Lutz. Two were from Hooper. The sheriff is confident it will be only a question of time until Lutz is caught.

York college, York Normal and business college and the Ursuline seminary all report the largest registration of students, coming not only from Nebraska and adjoining states, but from long distances to attend the excellent educational institutions at York. Additional instructors have been employed and many improvements made to provide for the large increase of students.

Prof. Craig, who has been making balloon ascensions at Fremont had a close call. He did not have his balloon ready until about sunset, and when he made the leap with the parachute did not notice the wires near the corner of Tenth and Broad streets. He landed on the wires. The parachute was jerked out of his hands and he clung to a telephone cable for some time before being relieved.

One of the most brilliant meteors ever seen in this vicinity, says a Plattsmouth dispatch, passed west of this city going in a northerly direction Saturday evening at 8 o'clock and was witnessed in this city by Judge J. W. Johnson, A. W. Atwood, E. E. Hilton and many others. It was also seen from other towns in this county. The ball of fire was described as appearing to be as large as a barrel and having a tail of grey 1,000 feet in length.

An interesting feature in the list of fall entertainments is the Frontier Days' Festival to be given at Grand Island, October 6, 7 and 8. The Commercial club of that city is behind the enterprise and has raised \$7,000 to pay the prizes and expenses. The program will include all the spectacular wild west performances, and will have as adjuncts a troop of United States cavalry and a band of Sioux Indians. There is also to be a display of farm products, with liberal prizes.

By a unanimous vote Grand Island was chosen as the place for the next annual convention of the Nebraska Travelers' association, which closed its first annual gathering at Hastings. Invitations were presented also by Omaha, Beatrice and Nebraska City.

The commercial club of York is encouraging a proposition to promote an electric railroad from Lincoln to York and thence in a northerly direction to Central City or west to Grand Island. From Lincoln to York the road would traverse a rich farming territory and would run about midway between the two Burlington railroads.

The entire crop of the Reed fruit farm three miles west of Peru was disposed of to a South Dakota firm for the lump sum of \$800. Experts say that the shipping firm got a real bargain and several home parties are on the lookout for any other such sales.

At the close of the first week the registration at Nebraska Wesleyan university is heavier than that at the same time a year ago. There is a perceptible increase in the enrollment in the college of liberal arts, which is quite satisfactory to the authorities, as it is desired to make it by far the leading school in the university.

REPUBLICANS OPPOSE THE BANK GUARANTEE IDEA, WHILE DEMOCRATS AND INDEPENDENTS DECLARE FOR THE SAME

Republicans, Democrats and Independents Hold Their Respective State Conventions

DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES SET FORTH

Republicans Oppose the Bank Guarantee Idea, While Democrats and Independents Declare for the Same

Fourth—The democratic party favors the extension of agricultural, mechanical and industrial education. We therefore favor of law establishing an agricultural college in the western part of the state and liberal appropriations for charitable and educational institutions in the state.

Fifth—We are in favor of the democratic and American principle of home rule. We are in favor of enacting such laws as will give the cities of Omaha and South Omaha the right of local self-government and to that end we favor such legislation as will allow these cities to absolutely control their own affairs.

A soldier's pension is a soldier's right and is and should be his to prize and to enjoy. Not to be alienated by law from him or by arbitrary rule or command of those officials entrusted with the duties of superintending and managing the soldiers' and sailors' pensions is a just and equitable principle, and we favor the passage of a law placing the management of these worthy public institutions in the hands of a non-partisan board to the end that such management be removed from the touch of politics and that every right in law or justice be reserved to those who won the nation's gratitude by the defense of the national flag.

We favor the recent primary law, but favor its amendment so as to enable the people more clearly and easily express their choice.

We commend the work of the democratic party in its efforts to secure the two-cent fare law and other reform legislation enacted by that body.

REPUBLICAN.

We, the republicans of Nebraska in convention assembled, renew our allegiance to the principles of the republican party, the practical operation of which has brought to this country the unprecedented prosperity now enjoyed.

We heartily endorse the national platform of the republican party adopted by the national convention at Chicago, and we endorse the administration of President Theodore Roosevelt in its moral and economic aspects, and we commend those policies which will be assured to the people by the administration of William H. Taft for president and of Hon. James S. Sherman for vice president.

We submit with pride to the people of Nebraska the liberal and united States senators and the republican members of the lower house of congress, all of whom have endorsed our platform at all times policies of the president. The administration of Governor George L. Sheldon and the other officials of the state has given to Nebraska a government of which every citizen may well be proud and which we commend to the voters of the state as an earnest of the future conduct of the state government under Governor Sheldon and other republican nominees for state office. The record made by the late Governor Sheldon is one of performance, unflinching courage, wherein every pledge made in the campaign was fully performed in the legislation enacted.

We most heartily commend the excellent work of the state railroad commission for its enforcement of the laws of the state and the regulation of the rates and the maintenance of the public carriers. We commend the business administration of the financial affairs of the state government during the past two years, under which the state debt has been nearly canceled, and we pledge ourselves to the continuation of the strictest economy in expenditures consistent with the requirements of the state.

We commend the state board of public lands and buildings in re-issuing the rule taking a per cent of the pension money from members of the soldiers' and sailors' homes, and pledge a continuation of that policy. We also favor an amendment to the constitution of the state providing for the discharge of soldiers' and sailors' homes so that any honorably discharged soldier or sailor may be admitted.

We express our gratification at the action of the voters of the state at the primary election in endorsing the proposed amendments to the state constitution respecting the increase in the number of judges of the supreme court and the investment of the school funds of the state, and recommend that these amendments be carried into effect by the voters at the general election.

We favor such amendments to the primary law as will give to the voters of the state a more efficient and popular control of all public property.

We favor the enactment of laws regulating the issuance of stocks and bonds by all public service corporations and prohibiting the issuance of watered stocks and bonds by such corporations.

Appreciating the work being done in western Nebraska in reclaiming desert land by irrigation, and that its success depends upon the maintenance of the inter-charge of products between the United States and the Philippine islands.

POPULIST

The populist expresses confidence in Hon. William J. Bryan; always ready to content for better government; reaffirms the position in accepted in 1907 regarding state regulation of railroad rates; demand revision of the road laws; demand the passage of a compulsory bank guarantee similar to the one now in force in Oklahoma; demand a law giving the railroad commission the power to make physical valuation of the property of the public service corporations in the state.

Second—We are in favor of the following amendments to the present revenue law: First—A law under which the state banks shall be required to establish a guaranteed fund, under state supervision and control, for the protection of depositors of any insolvent state bank, under an equitable system which shall also be applicable to all national banking institutions of this state, wishing to take advantage of it.

Second—We are in favor of the following amendments to the present revenue law: First—A law to provide for the election of the precinct and township assessors by the people.

Second—A law providing that in the equalization of assessment by the state board of equalization, the aggregate footing of the assessments as returned by the various counties shall not be increased.

We commend the practice of the present state board of equalization and assessment in raising the aggregate valuation of the state as returned by the various counties. This act is in violation of the spirit of the present revenue law.

Third—We demand that the railroad commission shall be given the power to make physical valuation of the property of the public service corporations in the state.

KEARNEY TO HAVE CORN SHOW.

Exhibit to Be Taken Later to Omaha Corn Carnival.

Kearney—At a meeting of the business men it was decided to hold a corn carnival in this city during November. The corn crop in Buffalo county is great and an exhibit will be shown for exhibition at the national show in Omaha. Alfalfa will also be one of the leading features. Endeavors will be made to hold minor affairs in smaller towns in the county.

First of Grand Island Brides.

Grand Island—Hall county's first bride and her husband celebrated their golden wedding here, many friends calling during the day to extend congratulations and the parlors of their commodious home being filled with the floral tributes of fellow citizens. Mr. and Mrs. Christian Menck are of German birth. Mr. Menck being a member of the colony of white men who located in Hall county July 4, 1857, and thus became the first white settlers in the state.

Counties Paying Debts.

Lincoln—The biennial report of the state auditor will show that from December 1, 1906, to December 1, 1908, more than \$1,000,000 of bonded indebtedness of counties and precincts has been paid, over and above what has been registered. During the same length of time, on December 1, 1906, the total outstanding bonded indebtedness of the different counties was \$3,915,937.34, against \$3,252,150.00 on December 31, 1908. The present bonded indebtedness of the different counties of the state is \$344,750.

Lincoln—William J. Bryan, Jr., son of the democratic candidate for president, has been announced as a candidate for president of the sophomore class at the Nebraska university. His opponent is Ralph Wevering, who was suspended from school last year for taking part in a kidnapping affair. Young Bryan is being vigorously pushed by a number of his classmates, and these supporters feel certain of his success.