

NEWS OF NEBRASKA.

Death of Judge Babcock.

Beatrice, Neb., Oct. 30.—Captain A. H. Babcock, one of the judges of the First Nebraska judicial district, died here, aged sixty-five. He was a native of New York, a veteran of the civil war and one of the pioneer lawyers and legislators of Nebraska.

Nebraska's Great Corn Crop.

Lincoln, Oct. 28.—The Nebraska corn crop shows an increase of more than 16,000,000 bushels over last year. This is the statement issued by the bureau of industrial statistics. The crop this year amounts to 243,713,244 bushels, valued at \$97,485,297.60.

Little One Hangs Itself.

Omaha, Oct. 26.—A sad case of a baby's death occurred at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Lindee. Raymond Lindee, the seven-months-old son, wriggled part way through his high chair and literally hanged himself until dead. The baby was left in the chair for a few minutes while some of the family went upstairs. Mr. Lindee is an engineer on the Union Pacific.

Rock Island Amends Its Articles.

Lincoln, Oct. 27.—The Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railway company filed an amendment to its articles of incorporation which will enable the company to acquire other railroad properties in Nebraska or to build additional mileage in the state, if it so desires. The intentions of the company have not been made public and the attorneys for the road plead ignorance.

Supreme Court Must Decide.

Lincoln, Oct. 27.—The supreme court must decide the case of George Von Haller of Omaha, who in the district court of Douglas county was convicted of murder in the second degree and sentenced to the penitentiary for twelve years. In the appeal error in the first trial is alleged. Von Haller shot and killed a young man named Rees, an agent for the Missouri Pacific belt line. Von Haller was intoxicated at the time of the quarrel.

Funds of Nebraska.

Lincoln, Nov. 1.—For paying the state debt under the Sheldon act, \$11 is now in the possession of State Treasurer Mortensen. So states the report just filed. The state treasury is just a trifle hard up at present and collections will not be brisk until February. In the temporary school fund there is about \$200,000. The total balance is \$265,000 in all the funds. In the permanent school fund there is a balance of \$1,000. Trust funds have been closely invested.

Brief in Grain Case.

Lincoln, Oct. 30.—A second brief in the "grain case" was filed in the supreme court by the attorneys for the grain dealers, and in this brief, which, like the first, is an argument in favor of the demurrer to the petition of the state for a permanent injunction, calls attention to four laws now on the Nebraska statutes commonly known as anti-trust laws. The brief contends that it is of the greatest importance that the defendants know under which act the suit is brought. Not knowing, the brief contends that none of the laws are applicable to an injunction suit.

Mickey Expert With Quoits.

Lincoln, Oct. 28.—Governor John H. Mickey, at the annual carnival of the faculty of the University of Nebraska, took a long step toward winning the title of local champion horseshoe (quoits) pitcher. By a score of 29 to 3 he defeated Judge William G. Hastings, fusion candidate for justice of the supreme court. Five points of Governor Mickey's 29 were scored by a beautiful "ringer" shortly before the contest closed. Judge Hastings was first to score, but was apparently nervous and did not throw with confidence. The carnival was given for the benefit of what is known as the college settlement.

Harriman Train Breaks Record.

Omaha, Oct. 26.—From San Francisco to Omaha, 1,787 miles, in thirty-nine hours and fifty-four minutes was the time of the E. H. Harriman-Alice Roosevelt special over the Southern and Union Pacific railroads. Several records were broken by the Harriman special, which is bearing President Harriman of the Union Pacific and Southern Pacific on his return trip across the continent, accompanied by his family and Miss Roosevelt. One record broken was that from Grand Island to Omaha, the run being made in 159 minutes for the 154 miles. Another was the change of engines at the Union station at Omaha, which was made in one minute and fifteen seconds.

CLUB SPLITS ON RATE ISSUE.

Commercial Body of Lincoln Divides on Question of Supporting Roosevelt. Lincoln, Nov. 1.—A split has occurred in the Lincoln Commercial club as a result of a resolution to stand by President Roosevelt in his fight for freight rate supervision. Immediately following the adoption of

the resolution half a dozen members of the club, representing railroad interests, withdrew from membership. The action of J. T. Dorgan in attending the anti-Roosevelt meeting in Chicago and giving out the impression that he was a Lincoln delegate raised a storm of protest, as the club had appointed no delegate. It is alleged that a number of Nebraska delegates who attended the anti-Roosevelt meeting went without instructions from their home town or club.

Receiver Harris Resigns.

Sidney, Neb., Oct. 30.—Dr. Robley D. Harris, receiver of the United States land office of this city, has sent in his resignation to Washington to take effect at once. The doctor will make his home in Omaha, where he is building a handsome residence.

Honors Requisition for Preacher.

Lincoln, Oct. 31.—Governor Mickey honored the requisition of Governor Hoch of Kansas for the return of Rev. Audley J. Heatherly, pastor of the Congregational church at Wahoo, Neb. He is wanted at Oswego, Kan., on the charge of having secured money under false pretenses. The Kansas sheriff left for Wahoo. Attorneys for Rev. Mr. Heatherly insist he is innocent of any criminal intent. The accused is a distinguished looking man, a graduate of Yale and is popular with his congregation.

SECRETARY SHAW AT LINCOLN.

Makes a Speech at University and Addresses Bankers' Convention.

Lincoln, Oct. 26.—Leslie M. Shaw, secretary of the treasury, addressed more than 1,000 students at the State university and later spoke to the Nebraska Bankers' association on the subject of "National Finance."

He said, in part: "Our financial system is the best in the world, because it is constructed on the decimal or metric system. The system is not perfect, largely because it is non-elastic. It fails to respond in volume to the changing needs of seasons and of localities. That there will be no further currency legislation until we shall have experienced a panic occasioned by this want of elasticity, I am convinced. The country does not appreciate the danger, and until the danger is fully understood, no remedy will be applied. We came nearer such a panic Sept. 30, 1902, than most people appreciate. Annually we have an excess of money during the spring and summer months. Annually we pass through a period of anxiety as we approach the period of crop moving, for annually the volume of money is relatively insufficient to meet this sudden increase of business. We do not need and must not have inflation. The average amount of money is, in my judgment, abundant. The difficulty lies in the fact that the volume remains stationary. Among the many remedies suggested none appeal to me as strongly as the authorization of the national bank circulation."

FATHER OF ARBOR DAY.

Cleveland Eulogizes J. Sterling Morton at Statue's Unveiling.

Nebraska City, Oct. 30.—In the presence of 5,000 persons, and with elaborate ceremony, a statue of J. Sterling Morton, secretary of agriculture in the last Cleveland cabinet, and founder of Arbor day, was unveiled at Morton park Saturday afternoon.

Principal of those present at the ceremony were former President Grover Cleveland, former Vice President Adlai E. Stevenson, Governor Mickey, Hilary A. Herbert, David R. Francis and others associated with Mr. Morton during his term of office. Sterling Morton, a grandson of the secretary, drew aside the curtain which exposed the statue to view. There were six addresses, principal of which was that of Mr. Cleveland, which was a touching eulogy of his former cabinet officer and personal friend.

The central figure in the design is of course the statue of Mr. Morton himself, which stands upon a massive, yet graceful, pedestal, in an attitude characteristic of his strong life. At the foot of the pedestal stands a graceful wood sprite, her left hand tenderly protecting a young growing tree, symbolizing the public spirited ideal expressed by Mr. Morton's simple formula "Plant trees." A semi-circle stone bench stands at some distance back of the pedestal, and, forming a frieze around it, are the words, "Pioneer, statesman, scholar, tree planter."

Upon the pedestal itself is inscribed, "J. Sterling Morton, father of Arbor day. Plant trees." The reverse of the pedestal bears a concise sketch of Mr. Morton's life and public services.

Todd Inquest Postponed.

Philadelphia, Nov. 1.—The inquest over the body of Mrs. Margaret Todd, the wealthy New York woman who was found dead on Friday in Fairmount park, on the Reading railway tracks, with both legs cut off, has been postponed. Coroner Dugan learned that the woman habitually wore a belt, in which she always carried a large sum of money. No trace of the belt can be found. The coroner is endeavoring to clear up this phase of the case.

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Markel Has Big Contract.

Washington, Oct. 31.—J. E. Markel of Omaha, who was recently awarded a large contract for feeding the people employed on the Panama canal which called for the expenditure of many millions of dollars and which later was cancelled, is in Washington, presumably preparing to establish the commissariat for a railroad to be built in Virginia. This proposed new road seems to be of mysterious origin.

Negro Suspect Dies of Injuries.

New York, Nov. 1.—Richard Hannibal, a negro, died at Roosevelt hospital, and, according to the police, circumstantial evidence connects him with the murder of Jacob H. Thompson, an editor on the New York Times, who was killed in his room in the St. James hotel several weeks ago. Hannibal was a bellboy at the St. James. On Oct. 25 his throat was cut in a quarrel with a negro woman.

Trade Agreement With Germany.

Berlin, Oct. 31.—Baron Speck von Sternburg, the German ambassador to the United States, who sailed Oct. 25 from Bremen on the steamer Kaiser Wilhelm II, will, on his arrival at Washington this week, submit to President Roosevelt the proposals of the German government for a new trade agreement between the United States and Germany. The ambassador takes with him full knowledge of the German government's position and is prepared to negotiate.

TALES OF TAMAGNO.

Some of the Great Singer's Peculiarities in Money Matters.

Despite the fabulous sums Tamagno received the great singer had a reputation for extreme parsimony. When staying in Moscow he noticed that the waiters in the hotel furnished him daily with fresh candles, although the old ones had been barely used. This vexed him, and, seeing that remonstrances were of no avail—the candles, he learned, formed a waiter's perquisite—he began to collect the candles himself. On leaving the hotel he gathered up the whole collection and distributed them among the waiters when they lined up to receive their tips.

Tamagno's one interest off the stage was his only daughter and her children. It was for her that he hoarded his wealth, which he appears to have feared might slip away. With his daughter near him, however, he kept open house at his villa in Varese, near Milan. Once, in St. Petersburg, he disputed a fee of 3 francs for the forwarding of a telegram, but on hearing that his daughter was ill he left St. Petersburg and 40,000 rubles (\$20,400) to hurry to Milan.

In a Berlin hotel, after appearing in "The Prophet," for which he received \$1,250, he ordered for his supper two poached eggs and a bottle of mineral water. Eventually he drew from one of his pockets a bottle of wine, some of which he poured into the mineral water. It was a bottle which he had contrived to secrete at a banquet given in his honor two days before in Prague.

SUPERSTITION AND GEMS.

Some Points About the Topaz, the Ruby and the Opal.

A Maiden lane jeweler speaking of the trade in jewels said the other day that superstition with reference to them had a serious effect upon the trade. Some people will not buy or wear topaz unless they were born in November, and others cannot be induced to buy rubies unless they were born in July. It doesn't concern many people about rubies, because their price is too high for most persons to wear them. There are not two hundred good rubies of any size worth speaking of in New York, but the topaz is abundant and is not dear.

Then there is the superstitious objection to opals, which are regarded as unlucky all the year around and have no saving natal month to lift their opprobrium. They do not need the superstition to make them objectionable, however, because while they are very beautiful they are also very fragile and should be very cheap. Out in Australia you can go out with a pick and dig a wheelbarrow load in an hour. The cutting and polishing give them some value, but it is something like that bestowed upon cut glass. Sell them rank as jewels, and when they are sold it is for a price. If, however, you want to find their value offer one to your jeweler either for a cash sum or in exchange. You will then learn what they are intrinsically worth—or something near it.—New York Press.

A Chapter of Accidents.

It was the upper deck of a London bus. A passenger, a dignified personage, lighted a cigar and threw the match, as he supposed, into the street. A few seconds later he was surprised to find that his umbrella was on fire. At the same instant a sharp gust of wind opened it and carried it, like a flaming parachute, through the air. Making a sudden grab after his truant property, the passenger overbalanced, plunged headlong over the omnibus rail and after turning a somersault landed upright on the road unharmed.

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