

NEWS IN EPITOME

RECORD OF THE HAPPENINGS IN ITEMIZED FORM.

HOME AND FOREIGN NEWS

Information Gathered From All Quarters of the Civilized World and Prepared for the Perusal of the Busy Man.

Foreign.

Eighteen persons were injured in a railroad wreck near Guelph, England. The emperor of Korea has returned from his visit to Fusan, which he made with Prince Ito, the Japanese resident general.

The French liner Polynesian, from Marseilles, ran down and sank the Dutch steamer Diamdi at Singapore. Seven natives were drowned. A prominent Swedish engineer by the name of Grell has just been granted a patent for an invention by means of which not only photographs, but also moving pictures may be sent and received by means of the ordinary telegraphic apparatus.

In an explosion of fire-damp in the Atka coal mine in Hungary, which was followed later by a dust explosion and fire, 240 men were entombed. Sixteen living miners and the bodies of forty-five dead persons thus far have been brought out of the pit. The rate of discount of the Bank of Bengal has been raised from six to seven per cent.

Statistics are published by the newspapers showing that during the Russian year just ended 1,957 persons were sentenced to death in the empire and 782 executed. The largest number of executions were in Warsaw and Kiev, being more than 150 in each place, and in Katerinslav 100 were put to death. Sixty-three newspapers were suppressed in the empire and others were fined to the aggregate amount of \$53,000.

Domestic.

Fire has destroyed practically every business building in the town of Oil. Frank Sherrill, the notorious diamond robber, is again on trial at Minneapolis, charged with robbery in the first degree. A bill has been introduced into the Minnesota legislature to repeal the entire primary election law and restore the convention system.

Porter Polson, twenty years old, was sentenced to life imprisonment at Danville, Ky., for the murder of Mrs. Julia Brown, his mother-in-law. The twelfth conviction for fraudulent registration in St. Louis was secured when a jury found Thomas O'Brien guilty and sentenced him to three years in the penitentiary.

Julius K. Dillman, a notorious forger, plead guilty to the charge at Pittsburg, Pa., and was sentenced to nine years in the penitentiary. William Nix, of Atlanta, Ga., was cut to death by his brother-in-law, Bright Gilstrap, while both were intoxicated. Nix was stabbed seventeen times. Gilstrap has disappeared.

The supreme court of Oklahoma holds that a man has a right to carry from the depot to his own home, liquor intended for his own use, shipped in from outside the state, under the interstate commerce law.

Members of the National Bill Posters' Association in session at Oklahoma City, issued an order forbidding members of the association to post nude pictures, such as are used to advertise union suits and corsets.

The brain of Rev. John Carmichael, who killed Gideon Browning in the Methodist church at Battle Run, Michigan, and committed suicide at Carthage, Ill., was examined by physicians, and at the conclusion of the autopsy the physicians said they found unmistakable evidences of insanity.

The North Carolina grand lodge of Masons is in session at Raleigh. James York of Mankato, Minn., killed his four children by cutting their throats. York then hung himself.

Mrs. Millie Donnelly was murdered in her home at Oxford, Ohio, Tuesday night, having been shot through the head. John Kennish, of St. Joseph, will be appointed state superintendent of insurance for Missouri when the term of the present incumbent expires on March 1st.

Judge Albert B. Anderson, of Indianapolis, Ind., will preside at the retrial of the case against the Standard Oil company, in which Judge Landis imposed a fine of \$29,240,000. E. J. Smith, former cashier of the defunct bank of Rockford, Colorado, the president of which is now serving a penitentiary term, was sentenced to from three to four years in the penitentiary on a charge of receiving deposits after knowing the bank to be insolvent.

Executors of the late John V. Farwell filed an inventory of the estate, which shows \$8,000,000 worth of personal property. President Roosevelt has applied to the Belgian government for a hunting permit in Belgian territory in Africa.

Cleveland's street car lines which are still operated on a three cent fare basis, suffered a loss estimated at \$175,000 during November and December.

The fire department of Chicago answered ninety-two fire alarms last Wednesday night. President James H. Hill, of the Great Northern railroad has accepted an invitation to address the annual meeting of the state agricultural societies, which began a three days' session at Minneapolis this week.

The superintendent of the Flathead Indian reservation recommends that the government take immediate action to save the tribe from starvation until the Indians can be moved to some reservation or are allotted lands. All but two candidates for the speakership in Iowa have withdrawn.

The worst storm in the history of Crow's Nest, on the Canadian Pacific, is raging. E. H. Harriman denies the report that he has been elected president of the New York Central railroad.

Miss Nellie O'Donnell, a bookkeeper of Kansas City, has been arrested charged with embezzling \$4,000. S. B. Signor, of Oakland, Calif., has been arrested, charged with forging aggregating over a million dollars.

The total contributions for the Italian earthquake sufferers through the American Red Cross society aggregate \$670,000. The Iowa legislature will be asked to pass a law absolutely prohibiting fraternities in every high school of the state.

A gas explosion in the Leiter mines at Zelig, Ill., killed twenty-five men and did considerable damage to the mines. According to the appraiser's report the value of the estate of the late Marshall Field has been placed at \$83,459,032.

A fourteen-story building at Galesburg, Illinois, was destroyed by fire, entailing a loss of \$75,000. A mob stormed the jail at Poplarville, Miss., and lynched Pink Willish, a negro who had attacked the fourteen-year-old daughter of former Sheriff J. H. Moody. The negro's body was riddled with bullets.

There are six candidates in the field for the seat of Senator James A. Hemenway, of Indiana, and every one of them is confident of election. The emperor of Korea accompanied by Marquis Ito, of Japan, is making a tour of the empire, it being his purpose to investigate conditions.

Clark Tanner, professor of Greek and Latin at the Lawrenceville preparatory school at Trenton, N. J., committed suicide by shooting himself. On January 19th the Utah legislature will choose a United States senator to succeed Senator Reed Smoot, who has no opposition for re-election.

Washington.

The Philippine band at Manila will be brought to Washington to take a prominent part in the parade, ball and public concerts of the inaugural in March. Heirs to George Washington appeared before the house committee on claims to urge a claim of \$305,100 as reimbursement for 3,000 acres of land along the Little Miami river in Ohio which was granted to Washington but was lost by conflicting grants made under the authority of the United States.

The first official state dinner of the season has been held at the White House. The ten ambassadors to this country with the exception of Senor Creel of Mexico, who is away, were present with their wives. Of the twenty-seven countries that have ministers in Washington, China was the only one not represented. Minister Wu Ting Fung being absent because the days of mourning for the late emperor have not come to an end.

Several officers of the Turkish navy are coming to the United States on the ships of the Atlantic battleship fleet which are now in Turkish waters. Their visit is for the study of American methods in naval methods. The senate passed a bill appropriating \$19,000 for the purchase of the Sequoia grove of big trees in California. It will require \$234,000,000 to run the postal service during the fiscal year 1910. This amount is an increase of about \$12,000,000 over the amount appropriated for the present fiscal year.

In commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln the house has authorized the postmaster general to issue a special Lincoln postage stamp of the denomination of two cents. At an informal conference of the republican leaders of the senate on the subject of assignment of senators to committees it has been agreed that when Secretary Root comes to the senate as the successor of Senator Platt of New York he will be given places on the foreign relations and military affairs committees, made vacant in both cases by the retirement of Senator Foraker.

The first of the official White House receptions of the season was given in honor of the diplomatic corps. The G. A. R. desires a national celebration of the one hundredth anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln February 12th, and has asked President Roosevelt to issue a proclamation to the country inviting and urging such a celebration.

An amendment to the legislative and judicial appropriation bill increasing the salary of the president to \$100,000 and the salaries of the vice-president and the speaker of the house to \$20,000 was reported favorable to the senate.

CAPITAL CITY NEWS

ITEMS OF INTEREST AROUND THE STATE HOUSE.

THE WORK OF THE LAW MAKERS

Legislative Facts and Gossip—News of the State Capital.

Governor Shallenberger's Appointees.

Governor Shallenberger on Friday morning gave out a complete list of the appointments that have been made by him to date. This shows that S. L. Mains of Crete had been appointed chief food commissioner, while L. J. Tuel, the traveling representative of a patent medicine house, is named as a deputy, together with three others. Mr. Tuel supposed that he was to be placed upon about the same basis as Mr. Mains, one to look after one branch of the work and the other to handle the remainder. The list given out by the governor is as follows: Institute for feeble minded—Dr. G. L. Roe, superintendent; Louis Werner, steward. Chief deputy state oil inspector—Arthur F. Mullen, O'Neill; deputies—Francis Colfer, McCook, fifth district; R. E. Harmon, Auburn, first; T. J. O'Connor, Omaha, second; Fred Pratt, Humphrey, third; M. J. Bouse, David City, fourth. Chief deputy game warden—Dan Geilus, Omaha; deputies—John Donovan, Madison; Joseph Boehler, Orleans; Isaac King, Superior; deputy fish commissioner—W. J. O'Brien, Louisville. Chief deputy labor commissioner—Will M. Maupin, Lincoln. Soldiers and sailor's home, Grand Island—Ell Barnes, commandant. Soldiers and sailors' home, Milford—David Rowen, Omaha, commandant. Industrial school for boys—C. B. Manuel, St. Paul, superintendent; J. I. Bennett, Kearney, physician. State penitentiary—T. W. Smith, York, warden; Dr. H. B. Lowry, physician. Hospital for insane, Hastings—Dr. M. W. Baxter; Prosser, superintendent; Dr. J. T. Steele, first assistant physician; Dr. Crutcher, Mt. Clair, second assistant; Jesse Gidley, Saunders county, steward. Hospital for insane, Lincoln—Dr. D. S. Woodward, Aurora, superintendent; Dr. Ernest O. Webber, first assistant physician; Dr. Halle Ewing, second assistant; H. F. Bishop, Lincoln, steward. Hospital for insane, Norfolk—Dr. Joseph Percival, Omaha, superintendent; Dr. H. L. Wells, West Point, first assistant; Herman Gerecke, Norfolk, steward. Home for the friendless, Lincoln—Mrs. Emma C. Johnston, superintendent. State veterinarian—Dr. Paul Jackin, South Omaha. Institute for blind—N. C. Abbott, Tekamah, superintendent. Deputy food commissioner—S. L. Mains, Crete; inspectors—L. J. Tuel, Lincoln; Chas. Fernland, South Omaha; C. W. Carson, Edgar; J. E. Vogle, Plattsmouth. Adjutant general—John C. Hartigan, Fairbury. Quartermaster general—Allan D. Falconer, Omaha. Inspector general—A. D. Fetterman, Omaha. Judge advocate—William Mitchell, Alliance. Surgeon general—Dr. A. P. Fitzsimmons, Tecumseh. Assistant adjutant general—Ernest H. Phelps, Lincoln. Members of governor's staff with rank of colonel—D. J. Gates, Albion; E. M. Westervelt, Lincoln; Chas. Fanning, Omaha; William Kennedy, Omaha; E. J. Summers, Omaha; Felix J. McShane, Omaha; B. B. Marshall, Omaha; Ed. P. Berryman, Omaha; Ed. W. Gotten, Omaha; W. R. Murphy, South Omaha; Sepsus F. Neble, Omaha; L. J. Utterback, Nebraska City; James H. Quigley, Valentine; Charles Smrha, Milligan; M. H. Weiss, Hebron; J. G. Thompson, Alma; J. H. Kelly; Gothenburg; Parris Cooper, Crawford; Robert Oberfelder, Sidney; R. E. Piller, Millerton; W. E. Weber, Omaha; James G. Martin, South Omaha; E. J. Shinn, Beatrice; Howard J. Hill, Lincoln; T. G. Byrne, Omaha; W. E. Straub, Lincoln.

Williams Asks for Week's Salary. J. A. Williams, ex-railway commissioner, has filed a claim with Auditor Barton for seven days' salary that he did not receive for the first week in January. The claim has been referred to the attorney general for an opinion. Usually state officers are paid up to the time they go out of office, the first Thursday after the first Tuesday in January. Their terms of office begin about one week after the first of the year and they remain in office about one week after the end of the year. Mr. Williams did not begin his term of office till several months after the first of the year. The commission having been created by a constitutional amendment it did not organize and draw pay till March 31, 1907. The last legislature appropriated \$250 for Commissioners Winnett and Williams for investigations they made before the commission organized. This fact may have no bearing on the present claim of Judge Williams.

Bryan Electors Meet. The eight democratic electors of Nebraska who cast their votes for W. J. Bryan met Monday afternoon at the state house, according to law, and cast their vote and will send a copy thereof to Washington and the messenger, who will be one of the electors, will get a nice fat mileage fee for his trouble, besides the enjoyment of a trip to the national capital. While the electors have given up hope of electing Mr. Bryan by their votes, they intend to vote 'er straight just the same. Governor Shallenberger had the pleasure of meeting with the electors and talking over the political situation. The electors are M. F. Harrington of O'Neill, Henry R. Gering of Plattsmouth, R. E. Watzke of Humboldt, Sophus F. Neble of Omaha, Douglas Shawvan of Loretto, E. O. Weber of Valparaiso, Frank T. Swanson of Clay Center, and A. D. Cameron of Spaulding.

The Legislators Get Busy. Up to the time of its adjournment Thursday there had been ninety bills introduced into the senate and when the house adjourned Friday about the same number had been introduced in that branch of the legislature. They cover almost every known subject that could be imagined that would be at all likely to be brought up and include several schemes for bank guaranty, new experiment stations, and one seeks to appropriate \$100,000 for the erection of new buildings at the Hastings asylum. So far nothing has been done in either house except introduce bills and it is not likely that the oratory will begin to flow in their behalf until some time the coming week. It is expected that by that time the solons will have caught their second breath and get down to hard work.

Inspecting State Institutions. The senate committee on public lands and buildings began its trip of inspection of state institutions Thursday, leaving for Grand Island, where the operation of the Soldiers' Home there will be investigated. The Boys' Industrial school at Kearney is next on the list, following which the members will go to Hastings, where Senator Tibbets will play host. The Hastings hospital, under the management of Superintendent Kern, has been enlarged, and it compares favorably with some of the larger hospitals for the insane in the east.

Recanvass of the Amendment Vote. During the past week the legislature made a recanvass of the vote on the constitutional amendment, declared it carried and now it is up to Governor Shallenberger to issue his proclamation and appoint four new judges of the supreme court. The leader in this movement was Senator Ransom of Omaha, who took the stand that the state canvassing board had no authority to canvass the vote on the amendments and that the appointments of Governor Sheldon were not legal.

The House Committees.

Following is the list of the chairmen of the house committees as selected by the democratic committee on committees which held several caucuses between the time the house adjourned and the time of convening Tuesday:

Clarke, ways and means. Taylor, corporations. Graft, banking. Kuhl, privileges and elections. Henry, railroads. W. Z. Taylor, enrolling and engrossing bills. Howard, labor. Shoettger, agriculture. Fries, roads and bridges. Kelley, public lands and buildings. Groves, accounts and expenditures. Humphrey, penitentiary. Broderick, asylums. Lawrence, militia. Kraus, internal improvements. Brown, federal relations. Shoemaker, constitutional amendments.

Greig, county boundaries. Wilson, judiciary. McVicker, benevolent institutions. Heffernan, fish and game. Sink, insurance. Bowman, telegraph and telephone. Talbot, medical societies. Nettleton, soldier's homes. Murphy, deficiencies. Thomas, cities and towns. Bates, public printing. Pilger, insane hospitals. Swan, libraries. Kotouc, public schools. Case, university and normal schools. Skeen, mines and minerals. Hospodsky, immigration. Fogarty, manufacture and commerce.

Worthing, school lands and funds. Gerdes, miscellaneous subjects. Snyder, claims. Harrington, live stock and grazing interests. Gates, revenue and taxation. Pool, rules. Plekens, apportionment. Marlett, fees and salaries. Miller, irrigation. Pool, employes. Boland, drainage.

Fatal Wreck Near Peoria. Two extra freight trains on the Chicago & Northwestern collided head-on Friday evening four miles northwest of Peoria, Ill. Three trainmen were instantly killed, one is missing and believed to be in the wreckage and two others were seriously injured. The dead: JOE CURTAIN, engineer, Sterling, Ill. M. MELTZER, fireman, home in Virginia. J. A. RUSSEL, brakeman, Sterling, Ill.

Nice Berth for W. L. Park. General Superintendent W. L. Park of the Union Pacific has been advanced to the head of the operating department of all the Harriman lines in the west. Supreme power in his department has been granted him. Mr. Park will make his headquarters at Chicago. Charles Ware has been appointed general superintendent of the Union Pacific system to succeed W. L. Park, who becomes head of the operating department of the Harriman lines in the west. In his new position Mr. Park will report direct to Julius Kluttschnitt, at present active head of all the Harriman lines.

Advance in Freights. Among the measures passed by the house Friday was a resolution requiring the interstate commerce commission to inform the house what advances have occurred in freight rates since the passage of the Hepburn act of June 29, 1906; whether such advances have been occasioned by advances in the tariff rate or changes in classification or by charging for some privilege which formerly was given free.

Electrical Storms in South. Having failed to experience an expected cold wave, New Orleans had a torrential rain and intense electrical storm of mid-summer type Friday night. Other sections of the state also report heavy rains and electrical disturbances. Considerable damage to roads and interference with telegraph and telephone service resulted. After his arrest he talked ramblingly. It is believed that he is insane.

Burned to Death in Home. Dr. Cyrus Campbell, aged seventy-four years, a retired physician and pioneer resident of Cherryvale, Kan., was burned to death and his wife probably fatally injured when their home was destroyed by fire early Friday. Neighbors, with difficulty, succeeded in rescuing Mrs. Campbell. A gas jet in too close proximity to a partition caused the fire.

Funeral of Carmichael. Rev. John H. Carmichael, murderer of Gideon Browning in the Methodist church at Battle Run, Mich., was buried at Romulus, Mich., Friday, from the Methodist church. A large floral tribute from the Detroit Methodist Episcopal district, with the words, "Our Brother," lay on the coffin as it was borne from the church to the grave. The pallbearers were six clergymen.

Drives Employer Away and Kills His Wife and Brother. John Brooks, a farm hand in the employ of John Thompson, a young farmer living near Modena, Mo., drove his employer off the premises at the point of a revolver and after killing Mrs. Thompson, who was lying ill in bed, and his employer's brother, Butler Thompson, committed suicide. No motive for the shooting has been learned. Brooks is reported to have been addicted to drink and it is supposed he committed the double murder while intoxicated.

HE SENDS IN A VETO

PRESIDENT SAYS COUNTRY MUST SAVE WATER POWER.

MUCH TOO LIBERAL IN PAST

Adheres to Past Statements on Conservation of Natural Resources—Views of Commissioner of Corporations.

President Roosevelt, Friday sent a special message to the house with his veto of the bill providing for the construction of a dam across the James river, in Stone county, Missouri, the purpose of the dam being to get water to create electric power. He declared that the movement to secure control of the water power of the country is still in its infancy, but that unless it is controlled the history of the oil industry will be repeated in the hydroelectric power industry, with results far more oppressive and disastrous.

"It is true," he added, "that the great bulk of our potential water power is as yet undeveloped, but the sites which are now controlled by combinations are those which offer the greatest advantages and therefore hold a strategic position."

He says the bill gives to the grantee a valuable privilege, which by its very nature is monopolistic and does not contain the conditions essential to protect the public interest.

"I consider myself bound," he continues, "as far as exercise of my executive power will allow, to do for the people in preventing of monopoly of their resources what I believe they would do for themselves if they were in a position to act."

The message was received indifferently. After its reading it was referred to the committee on interstate and foreign commerce.

Oregon's Back Pay. The state of Oregon has been awarded \$200,000 for protecting the adjoining territories of Washington and Idaho during the Civil war. This is the first time we have known that Washington and Idaho were in danger at that interesting period. But then history has a way of being written several years after.—San Francisco Chronicle.

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A Pennsylvania bulldog attacked and killed a bull, thus fully vindicating his title.

"Was your father college-bred?" "Yes, but we never mention it. The college he went to had a rotten football team."—Chicago Record-Herald.

"Ma'am, here's a man at the door with a parcel for you." "What is it, Bridget?" "It's a fish, ma'am, and it's marked C. O. D." "Then make the man take it straight back to the dealer." "I ordered trout."—Baltimore American.

No Longer Fortune's Toy. The doom of the high automobile prices has sounded. One can buy a better car today for \$1,500 than he could a few years ago for \$8,000. It is only a matter of time now until any man who can afford to keep a horse can afford to own an automobile.

Automobile building was more or less of an experiment up to a short time ago. But now it is an exact science. When the modern car is turned out of the shop the makers know that it will run and run well. Close watching of the performances of the earlier machines has pointed out the defects of construction. These have mostly been remedied. Shops are better equipped now. Cylinders, crank shafts, axles, gears and the like are made in great quantities by special machinery. The cost of labor and material has been much reduced by system, until now it is possible to turn out a much better machine than formerly and charge about half the original price for it. Truly good touring cars are offered for as little as \$1,000. Runabouts that will give ten times the service of any horse and buggy bring \$500. The higher priced cars give the buyer a better finish and higher power, but the cheaper automobile is a very satisfactory car in most cases and has the support of thousands of users in moderate circumstances. And this is only the beginning. The years will see a yet more pronounced drop in prices, while quality is maintained.—N. Y. World.

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