

EPITOME OF A WEEK'S NEWS

Most Important Happenings Told in Brief.

Foreign.

Emperor Nicholas will visit King Edward at Cowes August 2. The Russian imperial squadron will go first to Cherbourg, arriving July 31, and staying until the next day. It will then cross over to Cowes. The visit of Emperor Nicholas to the king of Italy apparently has been abandoned.

Information has been received in London that China has withdrawn her request that the Hsinmintun-Takumen railroad question and the Korean boundary dispute with Japan be submitted for arbitration to The Hague tribunal, and that she desires to reopen direct negotiations with Tokio.

The vital statistics of France, which in 1907 showed an excess of 19,892 deaths over the births for that year, a fact that led to the most pessimistic predictions for the future of the French race, have now been published for 1908. Their study brings to light more reassuring official figures, and shows an excess of 46,411 births over deaths for this year. The total of deaths decreased 48,266 in 1908, while the births increased 18,067.

Petes were held throughout Denmark Thursday in celebration of the birthday of King Frederick, the population everywhere rendering homage to their popular sovereign. The king was born June 3, 1843, and ascended the throne in 1906.

The American Lodge of Free Masons, for American citizens in London, under the grand lodge of England, was consecrated in grand lodge by Lord Amphill, provincial grand master. Sixty grand officers were present.

Domestic. President Taft, in the White House at 3 o'clock Tuesday, pressed a telegraph key of Alaska gold that put in motion the wheels of the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition at Seattle.

Mrs. George Shea, of Duluth, Minn., was robbed of \$20,000 at Seattle Monday.

All the mills of the American Sheet and Tin company at Wheeling, W. Va., will be operated as open shops.

Nine hundred children were marched safely out of a burning school building at Detroit, Mich.

Charles W. Elliot, former president of Harvard university, delivered the principal address at the commencement exercises of the University of Missouri.

Judge Clark has sentenced Edward McNamara, of Grafton, Iowa, who shot and killed his father, Martin McNamara last November, to eighteen years in the Fort Madison penitentiary at hard labor. No appeal will be taken.

The Panama libel case against the owners of the Indianapolis News has been continued until October 11th.

The open shop order of the U. S. Steel company has caused much dissatisfaction in the plant at Wheeling, W. Va.

Eight hundred electrical workers in Boston have gone on a strike for higher wages.

The Chicago & Western Indiana railway proposes to spend two million dollars on a new station in Chicago.

The third annual meeting of the national cotton congress will be held at Monte Ne, Ark., June 21-26. The sessions will last a week, beginning Monday and continuing to Saturday. John D. Walker of Sparta, Ga., will make the principal address.

R. A. Jackson was elected general counsel of the Rock Island lines. The position carries with it the title of first vice-president.

The convention of Iowa registered nurses in their sixth annual meeting went on record in opposition to the woman's suffrage movement in Iowa.

In the federal court Judge Hunt summarily removed from office James S. Goodwin, United States commissioner at Custer, Yellowstone county. Mont. Goodwin is now under arrest on a charge of horse stealing.

Mississippi, Alabama and Arkansas have suffered great loss of property through heavy rains, and the rivers and creeks are at flood stage.

Railroads and express companies in Oklahoma are formulating plans to aid in enforcing the prohibition laws of that state.

Sheriff Frank Caseales of Mobile, Ala., was declared guilty and ordered removed from office by the state supreme court in a decision which followed the trial of Caseales on a charge of dereliction of duty in allowing a negro to be lynched in Mobile on January 1.

Santa Fe passenger train No. 9, westbound, known as the California fast mail, was wrecked at Peabody, Kas., and H. C. Thompson, postal clerk of Kansas City, was killed.

Chicago will not ask President Taft to lay the corner stone of the new city hall.

At the United Presbyterian general assembly, Dr. Wallace, a former pastor, now editor of an Iowa publication, stated that the entire United States is over-church'd, and that the church at large would be in better condition if it had half the present number of preachers and pay them double the present salaries.

Yeggmen were frustrated in their attempt to loot the safe in the post-office at Newport, Ky.

The jury in the case of Bert Taylor, on trial at Minden, Neb., for assault and murder of his sister-in-law, brought in a verdict of guilty and affixed the death penalty. He will hang Friday, September 17th.

Forest fires have again broken out at Negaunee, Mich., and several towns are threatened with destruction.

The conductors and motormen of the Philadelphia Rapid Transit company are on a strike.

The Florida senate passed the Conway advertisement bill, which now goes to the governor. The bill provides that every paid article published in a newspaper, magazine or periodical in Florida, shall be distinctly branded with the word, "advertisement," printed above same.

James Sharp or "Adam God" as he calls himself, was sentenced to twenty-five years in the penitentiary for the murder of Policeman Michael Mulane, in a religious riot in Kansas City last December.

Two thousand feet of the Nevada grain docks at Port Costa, on the bay, in which all the grain from California for foreign ports is loaded, was burned. The loss is estimated at more than \$1,000,000.

John W. Abbott, aged 55 years, formerly a well known Kansas atheist editor, committed suicide at Salina, Kas., taking carbolic acid. Abbott recently became converted, and has since taught religion.

The will of the late H. H. Rogers has been filed for probate, and by its terms the immense estate is divided among the family.

Congressman William Lorimer, of the Sixth congressional district of Illinois, was elected United States senator by the joint session of the Illinois general assembly, on the ninety-fifth ballot.

The Illinois legislature has passed a bill declaring void leases which prohibit children in apartment houses. The governor announced his intention of signing the bill.

A tornado of great fury struck the little village of Zephyr, in the eastern portion of Brown county, Texas, at one o'clock Sunday morning and left a path of death and destruction seldom paralleled. The death list has reached a total of thirty-two, and the number of seriously and fatally wounded will reach fifty.

More than 2,000 men employed in the Homestead steel works received well filled pay envelopes Friday for the first time in eighteen months. The payroll amounted to \$200,000.

Washington.

President Taft appointed William R. Harr of the District of Columbia, an assistant attorney-general of the United States. Mr. Harr, who has been an attorney in the department of justice for the last nine years, succeeds to the place made vacant by the resignation of Alfred W. Cooley, recently appointed an Arizona supreme court justice.

At a conference of state and provincial boards of health of North America a plan was proposed to have congress appropriate \$1,000,000 for a great national leprosyarium, where all known lepers in the country may be taken care of by the government.

When the supreme court of the United States on Tuesday last adjourned for the term, the docket was left with 478 cases undispensed of, which is a larger number than has been left over since 1895.

A portrait in oil of Senator Root, secretary of state for the greater part of last term of President Roosevelt's administration, was hung in the big diplomatic row in the state department Friday.

A dispatch received at the state department from Lisbon says the Portuguese government has authorized the importation of 8,000,000 bushels of wheat up to July 10. The dispatch contains no further details.

Under the instructions of Brigadier General Allen, chief of the signal corps of the army, plans have been prepared showing what preparations he thinks are necessary for the aerial defense of the United States.

Charles B. Elliot of Minnesota, was confirmed to be an associate justice of the supreme court of the Philippines.

Senator Burkett has appointed Allen P. Cowgill of Lincoln, Neb., alternate to West Point military academy. His principal is Raymond J. Banford of Omaha, who was appointed by Senator Burkett a week or so ago. Cowgill is about nineteen and a student in the state university.

To bring the coffin containing the body of William Penn which now reposes in an abandoned cemetery in Buckinghamshire, England, to this country, and have it interred on the banks of the Delaware, is the object of a movement just launched in congress.

NEBRASKA IN BRIEF

NEWS NOTES OF INTEREST FROM VARIOUS SECTIONS.

ALL SUBJECTS TOUCHED UPON

Religious, Social, Agricultural, Political and Other Matters Given Due Consideration.

Friend has decided to have a big celebration on the Fourth.

In some localities a good deal of corn had to be replanted because of washouts.

The McCook band has been engaged for a two days' engagement at the Hastings Chautauqua.

The fund of \$75,000 for the new Child Saving Institute building at Omaha has been raised, and the work of construction will soon commence.

Gov. Shallenberger delivered the address of the thirty-eighth annual commencement of Peru Normal before the largest class in the Normal's history.

The new Home Telephone company system at Beatrice and Wymore has passed into the hands of the Lincoln Telephone and Telegraph company, known as the automatic.

Taylor, the Minden man who last September assaulted and murdered his sister-in-law, has been found guilty and sentenced to hang. Efforts will be made by his lawyer for a new trial.

County Treasurer John Ward of Gage county, owing to continued ill-health, has departed for his ranch near Cody, Wyo., where he will spend the summer. His family will join him there late in June.

Johnny Schneider, 12 years of age, is in the county jail at Hastings, awaiting a hearing on a charge of burglary. He was caught in a building with a glass cutter, cold chisel, small hammer, knife and other articles in his possession.

New Haven (Conn.) dispatch: Among the students who will receive the bachelor of laws degree at Yale law school commencement, June 25, is Chauncey Church Jones of Trenton, Neb. He is a B. A. graduate of Doane college, '04.

John Buhr was kicked to death by a horse while adjusting its harness, on his farm near Pauline. He was struck several times on the head and about the body and was unconscious when picked up by a farmer who went to his aid.

Local democratic workers met at Kearney and perfected preliminary arrangements for a dollar dinner, at which 200 guests are expected. The date was fixed for June 19, this being the only date available on which Gov. Shallenberger can be present.

Rev. A. J. Lutz, pastor of the Catholic church at Shelby, was thrown from his motor cycle while on his way to the church. Being badly injured, he was taken to the hospital.

The village treasurer of Chapman has been enjoined from paying out any of the funds in his care. This is a development in a troubled state of municipal affairs caused by two village boards claiming to have the legal legislative powers. The injunction was secured by William Cornelius.

A large number of persons at the Electrical Show in the Auditorium building, Omaha, recently witnessed one of the most remarkable demonstrations of "wireless" energy heretofore made in any country—in fact, a feat not accomplished before in the world's history, so far as is known—when Dr. Frederick H. Millener, experimental electrician, Union Pacific Railroad company, Omaha, turned on the lights in the building, the impulse being sent from the Fort Omaha wireless tower, six miles distant. This demonstration was made possible through the courtesy of Colonel Glassford, Signal Corps, U. S. A. The wireless impulse operated on a specially constructed coherer (which is very delicate and will receive the faintest impulse) similar in construction to that used about a year ago on the electrically controlled "wireless" truck in the shop yards of the Union Pacific, at Omaha. By means of a large solenoid switch, which is closed when the impulse passes through the coherer, seventy-five horse power were turned on and the Auditorium lighted. By means of a similar mechanism the power was turned off and the operation repeated several times—in other words, the local circuits in the Auditorium were closed by wireless impulse from Fort Omaha. The public is beginning to realize the immensity and the importance of the work being done by Union Pacific railroad in its efforts to safeguard the lives of its passengers and the property of shippers, via its lines, and by reason of the experimental work being done by it, what an important factor it is in this country's progress.

While Henry Seymour is acting as secretary of the state board of assessment, several parties have made application for the job made vacant by the death of Chris Schavland. Frank Helvey of Nebraska City, who was the head of the publicity bureau of the republican state committee, is one of the persons who has applied for the place, says a Lincoln dispatch.

Katie Timm, aged about 22 years, committed suicide in her room at 106 South Eleventh street, Omaha, by swallowing carbolic acid. It is thought that jealousy caused her to take her life. Her parents live in Fremont.

VALUE THREE ROADS

COMPARISON MADE WITH FIGURES OF LAST YEAR.

BETWEEN TOWNS OR STATION

Burlington Assessment About Same as Last Year, with Union Pacific Something Less.

The following figures show the valuation of the three big railroad systems of the state, as made by the state board of assessment, compared with the valuation of last year:

Table with 3 columns: Year, Burlington, Union Pacific, Northwestern, Missouri Pacific

The Burlington was increased \$1,125 a mile; the Northwestern \$1,500 a mile, and the Union Pacific Central City branch was increased \$1,667 a mile. The remainder of the increase on the Union Pacific was due to the valuation of new mileage. The total increase on the Union Pacific was \$1,823,925; on the Burlington, \$3,119,630; on the Northwestern, \$1,598,055; the decrease on the Missouri Pacific, \$613,140. The net increase on all the railroads amounted to \$5,928,470, actual value, or \$1,185,694 assessed value, upon which taxes will have to be paid. All the roads other than those named were valued at the same figures as last year.

The total assessed value of all railroads in 1908, which is one-fifth of the actual value, was \$53,397,972.83, and this year the assessed value is \$54,483,666. The actual value of all railroad property last year was \$226,989,860, and this year the actual value is \$272,918,330.

With regard to the Burlington, the board adopted an entire new method of distribution. Instead of distributing to each subdivision of the system a certain amount of the total valuation, the board paid no attention to the subdivisions, but instead apportioned the valuation between towns or station. This, the board believed, would permit of a more equitable division. This makes a comparison of the apportionment this year with last year difficult.

In 1907 the Union Pacific was valued at \$75,000 a mile; in 1908 it was valued at \$79,970 a mile, and this year the average valuation per mile under operation is \$70,827. In 1907 the mileage returned under operation was 961.42. This year the mileage under operation is 1,065.39, and in 1908 it was 1,041.75.

For the three years the total valuation of this system was as follows: 1907, \$73,483,700; 1908, \$73,533,400; 1909, \$75,767,325.

Under the new plan of distribution of the Burlington the main line as now operated from Oregopolis to Omaha and Ashland and from Plattsmouth to the Colorado state line by way of Ashland, is now valued at \$80,000 a mile. Last year this same line from Omaha to Ashland was valued at \$45,000 a mile, from Kearsaw to Oxford at \$33,500, and from Oxford to the Colorado state line at \$50,000.

That part of the old main line from Kearsaw to Kearney which is operated as a branch, was formerly valued at \$85,000 a mile, and is now reduced to \$25,000 a mile.

The Omaha & North Platte, one of the old separate corporations of the Burlington, extended from Omaha to Ashland and then to Schuyler, and was valued at \$80,000 a mile last year from Omaha to Ashland, and at \$42,500 a mile from Ashland to Schuyler. Now that part of the line from Ashland to Schuyler is reduced to \$30,000 a mile.

The line from Nebraska City to York by way of Lincoln was formerly valued at \$40,000 a mile. The new valuation for the same line from Nebraska City to Lincoln is \$35,000 a mile, and from Lincoln to York and to the Wyoming state line is \$51,000 a mile.

Union Pacific Company Fined \$100. The Union Pacific Railroad company was found guilty in Judge Stewart's division of district court of having violated the state anti-pass law by issuing and giving to Dr. Frank A. Graham a free annual pass over its lines for the year 1908, and was fined \$100 and costs. The facts in the case were stipulated. It was agreed that the annual pass was issued to Dr. Graham, that he does not give the major portion of his time to the service of the company, and that he is not included in any of the exceptions enumerated in the statute.

Burlington Crop Report.

J. J. Cox, division freight agent for the Burlington's Lincoln traffic division, issued his weekly crop report, showing the condition of crops on the lines embraced in his territory. The showing made is a good one, rains have been frequent, and moisture has fallen all over the Nebraska corn belt.

To Seine and Net Fish.

Chief Game Warden Gellus has issued licenses to a dozen or more persons to seine and net fish in public waters in Nebraska. The licenses are issued under the terms of H. R. No. 224, by Noye of Cass, a bill which some persons interested in game and fish believe may in a few months result in undoing much of the work done by the state during the past 20 years in stocking the waters with fish. The law permits the use of seine or net having a 2-inch square mesh during daylight from June 1 to Oct. 31.

INCOME OF FARMERS.

is Small, According to Junken's Investigation.

The action of the railroad tax agents in insisting that farm lands are assessed at only 75 per cent or less of their actual value, while the railroads are assessed at a full value, and are entitled to earn 6 per cent at least on the full value, has led to an investigation by Secretary of State Junkin of the earnings of farm lands.

Mr. Junkin wrote to the county clerks in some 27 counties, and he has received numerous replies. The answers are to the effect that farmers realize an income of from 2 to 5 per cent on the assessed value of their lands after all expenses have been paid.

Following is the rate of interest earned on the assessed value of lands as shown in the answers received to date: Johnson county, 4 per cent; Washington county, little less than 4 per cent; Clay county, 5 per cent; Madison county, 4 per cent; Furnas county, 2 per cent; Frontier county, 5 per cent; Nance county, 4 1/2 to 5 per cent; Richardson county, 6 per cent; Buffalo county, 4 to 5 per cent; York county, 4 1/2 to 5 per cent; Wayne county, 3 1/2 to 4 per cent; Jefferson county, 5 per cent; Saunders county, 5 per cent; Otoe county, 3 1/2 per cent; Phelps county, 3 1/2 to 4 per cent; Keith county less than 5 per cent.

In several instances the county clerk wrote that the lands in his county were overvalued, insofar as making interest on an investment is concerned, the prices being raised by parties who had bought places for homes, rather than for investments.

Mr. Junkin asked the county clerks to consult with the assessors and others to secure the information. From the income of the farm he asked that there be deducted insurance, taxes, the keeping up of improvements, and a reasonable amount for waste and diminish for the fertility of the soil.

Ex-Convict Supplied Dope.

August Muller, a convict in the state penitentiary, caught by Warden Smith smuggling in morphine, made affidavit that he had received the dope from George Scharton, an ex-convict of Lincoln. County Attorney Tyrrell has sworn to a complaint against the named. Nineteen ounces of morphine were taken from Muller.

Muller was a trusty under the late Warden Beemer, and the latter told Warden Smith that he was reliable in every way. For some time Muller had been in charge of the hog barn, in which he slept, enjoying practical freedom.

Warden Smith became suspicious some days ago and searched Muller for dope, but found none. Then the warden set a trap for his man and discovered where he had hid eleven ounces of the poison in the barn. Muller was then thrown in the dungeon, with the statement that he would remain there until he told at what drug store he got the dope. For several days the man refused to divulge the information, but finally he made his affidavit, implicating Scharton.

According to the information received by the warden, Muller would sneak out of the barn at night and meet the ex-convict on the railroad track and pay him for the poison at the rate of 35 cents an ounce. He would then bring it to the prison and retail it to the other convicts.

Frank L. Dinsmore, who is steward of the hospital, was said to have bought five ounces from him at the rate of \$1 an ounce. In turn, Dinsmore retailed the dope at the rate of from \$3 to \$5 an ounce.

Warden Smith has discovered that the convicts have a system for getting money from each other that borders on high finance. The convict who has cash will exchange it with another convict who has money coming to him at the office at the rate of \$1 for \$2. This system made it unnecessary for many of the convicts to draw money at the office, but they simply had the transfer made on the records of the warden.

Money for Soldiers' Homes.

Gov. Shallenberger has received two checks for \$5,575 and \$3,100 from the federal government for the support of the soldiers' homes. The state provides for the maintenance of the homes, the federal government providing for the expenses of the soldiers at the rate of \$100 per year per man.

Pollard Will Speak.

Secretary C. S. Paine, of the State Historical society, has secured the consent of former Congressman Pollard to deliver the principal address at the opening of the Mississippi Valley Historical association, which is to be held in St. Louis on June 17. The meeting of the association will be their second annual session and will last three days. The address of welcome will be delivered by Gov. H. S. Hadley of Missouri, and the meetings will be devoted to the address of Mr. Pollard and to the reading of papers on various phases of American history, particularly that portion of it relating to the Mississippi Valley.

Military Orders Disobeyed.

Adjutant General Hartigan's orders for Company F of the Second regiment day exercises in Lincoln were disobeyed by the company and the adjutant general is up against the proposition of figuring on what punishment to mete out to the soldiers. This company was ordered to report to the commander of the post Grand Army of the Republic, and obey orders not in conflict with the laws. The company failed to report and its duties were taken over by the hospital corps.

TRIED TO SAVE WIFE

MAN BATTLES BRAVELY IN TORRENT OF NIAGARA.

HIS EFFORT PROVES UNAVAILING

Heroic Struggle Results in Saving Husband, and Body of Unfortunate Woman Finally Recovered.

Niagara Falls, N. Y.—Louis Cohen of Buffalo saw his young wife leap into the swirling river below second and third Sister's islands at five o'clock Sunday afternoon. Without a moment's hesitation he followed her, caught her hand and struggled desperately to save her. Mrs. Cohen died in her husband's arms. Before it was possible to bring efficient help an hour had passed, during all of which Cohen was making frantic efforts to reach the shore. Fortune aided him. With his wife lightly clasped to him, he felt himself bump into a tree stump, and on this he got a grip with his one free hand. He lustily shouted for help, but it was nearly an hour after Mrs. Cohen jumped into the river, that Officer James Martin arrived with other men carrying ropes.

Three times they threw the rope before it fell within Cohen's grasp. When he did catch it he was too weak to tie it about his own or his wife's waist.

Pinned against the tree stump by the terrific rush of water, all the strength had gone out of Cohen, and he had been unable to keep his wife's face above water. Once Cohen had hold of the rope, the men ashore began to pull. When within fifteen feet of the shore Cohen lost his grip on his wife's body and it was carried off down stream and was lost to view.

Cohen was so far gone when the rescuers got him on shore that he could not speak for ten minutes.

Meanwhile a crowd had gathered. Chief Subridge skidded the Goat island shore, looking for the body, but could see nothing of it. Cohen joined them, always insisting that the body must have stopped short of the cataract, and might be rescued by men daring enough.

William H. Barnett and Hans Brown, who had joined the searchers, finally spied the body. It was held fast by a rock, about 100 feet above the brink. Without ropes Brown and Barnett waded out into the stream and moving carefully over the slippery rocks reached the body. It was with the greatest difficulty that the two men brought the body to land.

Think Girl Was Murdered.

Omaha, Neb.—Two weeks ago Miss Annie Nelson, residing two miles north of Florence, Neb., disappeared from the home of her brother-in-law William Negethen. Her body was found in the Missouri river at the foot of Locust street, the skull crushed, indicating that the girl had been murdered. When she left home it was for the purpose of coming to Omaha. As she did not return a search was instituted, but no trace of the girl could be found after she passed Prie's lake. The body is torn and bruised and the coroner is of the opinion that she was killed and then dragged through the brush to the river and there thrown into the water.

Walter Wellman Makes Improvements in His Balloon.

Paris.—Walter Wellman, who is about to undertake another expedition in search of the north pole, and Melvin Vaniman, his assistant, have made many improvements to the dirigible balloon which is to be taken with them. It has been equipped with an extra set of propellers capable of being shifted when in motion, so that the balloon may be forced up or down at will.

Plead Guilty to Conspiracy.

Chicago.—William H. Clark and Robert W. Stephenson pleaded guilty in the United States district court Saturday to charges of conspiracy to smuggling Chinese into the country. Judge Landis deferred sentence. Clark and Stephenson were among the eight men recently indicted on charges of assisting Chinese over the Mexican border and smuggling them into Chicago concealed in dining cars.

Will Sell Brewing Plant.

Topeka, Kas.—The supreme court Saturday allowed its receivers for the Lemp Brewery company a fee of \$1,000 and costs of the receivership and ordered the property of the company in Kansas sold. The receivers named to take charge of the brewer's property have received a total of \$20,750 in fees since beginning their work.

Narrowly Escapes Wheels.

Greenwood, Neb.—As an extra freight train was taking the siding at this place Sunday to make way for the west-bound passenger, Jacob Scherer of Curtis, Neb., who was standing on the front end of the way car of the freight was jarred from his position and fell under the car. He was severely cut and bruised both by the fall and by striking against the car in his fall. A gash five inches long was cut in his head. He was at once attended by two physicians and at last reports was not considered fatally injured.