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NEWS OF A WEEK IN CONDENSED FORM

RECORD OF MOST IMPORTANT EVENTS TOLD IN BRIEFEST MANNER POSSIBLE.

AT HOME AND ABROAD

Happenings That Are Making History—Information Gathered from All Quarters of the Globe and Given in a Few Lines.

Foreign.

A special dispatch from Saloniki says that Sultan Abdul Hamid has handed the authorities there a check for \$5,000,000 which will be devoted to the needs of the second and third army corps. Abdul Hamid wished \$300,000 of this amount to be devoted to purchase the villa where he resides, but the request was refused on the ground that as the nation's prisoner he cannot own property.

The correctional court of Auch-Floch-Abbeyon has ordered a fine of \$100 for making public a pastoral letter in which he denounced secular education as anti-Christian and anti-patriotic. Six priests of the diocese also were fined \$10 each for complicity with the archbishop. The ecclesiastical refused to pay and the court ruled that if they did not comply with its orders they would be imprisoned for the minimum period.

Count Zeppelin intends to make an effort to reach the north pole in his airship. The emperor accepted protectorship over the undertaking after listening to a report on the subject recently at Kiel by Prof. H. Hergesell of the University of Strasburg. The plan embraces a thorough exploration of the polar regions by means of a Zeppelin airship, before undertaking to reach the pole. A craft of special strength will be built for the purpose, and the expedition will be fitted out under the management of Count Zeppelin.

Domestic.

The strike of the amalgamated association of iron, steel and tin workers, as a result of the "open shop" order is effective in practically all of the union mills of the American Sheet and Tin Plate company.

Kentucky now has but twenty-four counties in all parts of which liquor can be sold.

It is practically certain that the Rock Island railroad has secured an option on the properties of the New Mexico Central, which has a line from Torrance, on the El Paso & Southwestern, to Santa Fe, and is building an extension to Albuquerque, and to the rich Hagan coal fields in the Sanda mountains.

Harvard defeated Yale in the annual varsity boat race on the Thames river.

The New York police think it is only a question of time until Leon Ling, the Chinese murderer, will be caught.

C. S. Paine of Lincoln was elected secretary and treasurer of the Mississippi Valley Historical association which met at St. Louis last week.

A temporary injunction, enjoining the governor of Nebraska and the other defendants named in the bank guaranty case, has been issued and restrains them from enforcing any of the provisions of the bank guaranty law.

The Holiday state-wide prohibition law went into effect in Tennessee, July first.

The Alpha-Portland Cement company announced a ten per cent increase in the wages of its 1,000 laboring men. The company says the additional pay is granted in consideration of the high cost of living.

Application was made by District Attorney Lamb for a perpetual injunction restraining the Standard Oil company from operating in Mississippi and seeking to collect \$11,000,000 penalties for the alleged violation of the anti-trust law.

C. B. Gulet, a wealthy retired farmer of Wichita, Kas., was found dead under a culvert five miles from Burton.

Joseph H. Brown was inaugurated governor of Georgia at noon Saturday.

After the lapse of eight months, digging was resumed on the Guinness farm in order that it might be settled positively whether or not any more victims of Mrs. Bella Guinness lay buried in the private burial ground from which ten bodies were taken.

Former President Charles W. Elliot of Harvard University, has been elected president emeritus of the institution.

The Nebraska Securities company has been organized for the purpose of taking over and financing the Omaha Independent Telephone company.

Governor Stubbs served notice on the directors of the Topeka club that he will cancel his membership unless the plan of keeping liquor at the club is abandoned.

Mrs. Albert Pulitzer, wife of the well known journalist, died in New York Friday.

Two men in a black automobile robbed the postoffice at Winona, Ill., of \$200 in currency and about \$800 worth of stamps. The interior of the postoffice was wrecked.

The new Carnegie science building at Doane college, Crete, Neb., is to be dedicated Tuesday.

Two negroes were killed and five others wounded at Ripley, Okla., over a crap game.

The report of the national cotton ginner's association gives the cotton average up to June 24, as 75.6.

The collection of a fund of \$5,000 has been begun by Omaha saloon men to test the validity of the 8 o'clock closing law.

A collection of 500 rare coins was stolen from the Utica (N. Y.) public library.

Joseph Bertucci, alleged black hand slayer, was sentenced to twenty years in the penitentiary at Chicago.

Mrs. Howard Gould was granted a divorce and \$26,000 yearly alimony by a New York court.

It is now thought that Leon Ling is on a steamer bound for San Francisco.

Charles R. Richardson, of Pittsburg, a broker convicted of conspiracy in connection with the alleged attempts of Charles S. Cameron, president of the Tube City railroad, to bribe Councilman W. A. Martin, was sentenced to serve one year and three months in the western penitentiary.

John Quincy Adams Ward, the oldest living American sculptor, entered upon his eightieth year Tuesday, and was kept busy receiving congratulations from many friends and admirers. Mr. Ward is reported to be in much better health than he was a year ago.

Governor Hoke Smith of Georgia suspended from office Chairman D. G. McLendon of the state railroad commission because of McLendon's recent decision refusing to order the railroads to reduce rates between Savannah and Atlanta.

W. H. Haskell, warden of the Kansas penitentiary, forwarded his resignation to Governor Stubbs. The resignation takes effect July 1. No reason is given. Mr. Haskell's fourth year as warden would have expired September 1.

Two baby antelopes, sent by ex-president Roosevelt to his daughter, Mrs. Nicholas Longworth were brought on the steamer Vaderland, arriving from Antwerp and Dover.

William J. Bryan, Jr., and Miss Helen Virginia Berger were married at Grand Lake, Colo., Thursday.

Washington.

Rear Admiral William F. Potter, who commanded the fourth division of the Atlantic fleet on its voyage around the world, became chief of the bureau of navigation, relieving Rear Admiral John E. Pillsbury, retired.

About 2,000 employees of the bureau of engraving and printing were shifted from the monthly payroll to the per diem basis. This was done by Secretary of the Treasury MacVeagh and Director Ralph, with a view to placing the bureau on what they believe will prove to be a more strictly business system by the order.

The new copyright law marks a distinct advance in copyright legislation in the United States. One of the most interesting changes from the old law is that which affords copyright protection for subject matter prepared for oral delivery, such as lectures, sermons and addresses. Heretofore printing has been necessary before copyright protection could be obtained. The new law also expressly provides that copyright control shall extend to perforated music, phonograph records and similar mechanical reproductions.

The president sent to the senate the nomination of Samuel G. Mortimer to be receiver of public moneys at Bellefourche, S. D.

The comptroller of the currency authorized the following national bank to begin business: City National bank of Omaha, capital \$200,000; John F. Flack, president; J. A. Sutherland, vice-president; W. S. Hills, cashier.

Preliminary work already has begun at Panama on the locks of the Isthmian canal. By the end of the summer construction in force will commence on these important adjuncts for the great waterway.

Following full discussion by the general board of the navy of the question of the establishment of a permanent naval base in the Philippines, Secretary Meyer soon will take up the issue with President Taft for final decision. The permanent location, it is believed, rests between Manila and Olongapo.

Senator Brown, of Nebraska, has succeeded in having paper and wood pulp put on the free list in the new tariff bill.

Conferees on the census bill were in session but did not come to a full agreement on the differences on the bill. The only question which remains to be settled is in connection with the gathering of statistics in the turpentine districts of the south.

There is a strong probability that President Taft will find it necessary to postpone until next year the Alaska tour which he had been planning for next August and September.

The excess of government disbursements over receipts for the fiscal year to date is \$93,173,000.

Wright brothers announce that the first aeroplane to be sold in America has been contracted for by the son of the late Russell A. Alger, at a price of \$7,500.

Owing to a high wind the Wright brothers did not make their expected aeroplane flight Monday.

DON'T HURT FARMER

PRODUCERS ARE IMMUNE FROM ANTI-TRUST LAW.

HAPPENINGS OVER THE STATE

What is Going on Here and There That is of Interest to the Readers Throughout Nebraska.

Hastings, Neb.—Officers of the winter wheat growers' branch of the American society of equity, whose headquarters for the state of Nebraska, Kansas and Oklahoma are located here, declare that the decision of the federal court in Kansas City, imposing a penalty for the organization of a live stock pool, will not affect the wheat pool which they have promoted here.

"Farmers are immune from prosecution under the anti-trust law because they are actual producers," said National Director Davis. "The difference between the live stock pool and the wheat pool is that the live stock pool was made by commission men or brokers while the wheat pool is exclusively the work of producers. There is a decision by the supreme court of the United States declaring expressly that farmers may pool their own products."

The penalty imposed on the Kansas City organization is \$58,000.

Fall From Horse Is Fatal.
Chadron, Neb.—While riding his horse on his ranch near here, Prof. S. F. Wright was thrown to the ground with much force and died from the result of his injuries.

Professor Wright was driving some cattle when the accident occurred. His horse shied and threw him over a gate. He fell on his head and broke his neck. He did not regain consciousness and died six hours later.

Professor Wright was formerly principal of the Kansas City schools for several years. He had recently purchased the ranch. A wife and two children survive him.

The body has been taken to Bedford, Ia., where relatives of the deceased live, for burial. It was accompanied from here by Dr. Payton, a brother of Mrs. Wright.

Men Fall From a Steeple.
Central City, Neb.—To fall from a church steeple and suffer a broken leg three days after his wedding, was the misfortune that fell to Fred Cummings at Hordville, Tuesday afternoon. Cummings and an assistant were painting the steeple of the Swedish church, when the scaffold supporting them gave way. They fell fifty feet to the ground. Cummings suffered a very severe fracture of the leg, and was taken to his home in Polk. Mr. Milderbach, his assistant, was injured internally and was cared for in Hordville. His injuries may prove to be of a serious nature.

Drowns in Platte River.
Shelton, Neb.—In company with several other employees from the lower Meisner ranch near here, Mill O'Neil was drowned in the Platte river Tuesday morning. He was in the river bathing, and was saved once from going down in a deep hole. He again went into deep water and sank. His companions have searched all day in vain for his body. He was twenty-six years old and unmarried. He came from Chicago about three months ago.

Kills Self in a Cellar.
Crete, Neb.—J. W. Sedaleck, a marble cutter of this city, shot and killed himself sometime between Sunday night and Monday morning. The body was found in the cellar of his house by his wife. Death was instantaneous and financial troubles are given as the reason for his suicide. The deceased was a member of the local Z. C. B. J. lodge.

Aged Man Found Dead.
Hard, Neb.—Hiram Cramer, the senior member of the firm of H. Cramer & Sons, was found dead, lying on his face in his back yard Tuesday morning between ten and eleven. He felt as well as usual in the early morning and had helped put out the family washing. He was seventy-seven years old. He came to Nebraska in 1890 from Pennsylvania.

Introduce Sliding Scale.
Fremont, Neb.—The city council at its regular monthly meeting Tuesday night passed a water ordinance providing a sliding scale. Under the ordinance the consumer of over 200,000 gallons a quarter gets a rate of eight cents, whereas the small consumer of less than 50,000 gallons pays fifteen cents for the same service.

Farmer Murdered in Bed.
Lodge Pole, Neb.—Antone Krupitska, living southeast of here, was mysteriously murdered in his bed Wednesday night. Friends have no clue as to who did the shooting.

Fairfield to Have Plant.
Fairfield, Neb.—Everybody in Fairfield were on the street Tuesday night celebrating the success of the election held to bond the city for the purpose of installing a system of waterworks and electric light plant. Out of 245 votes cast, 208 were for the bonds. The city has awakened from a slumber of many years and the prospects of its future is unusually bright. A commercial club was organized a short time ago, and is doing good work for the advancement of the town.

NEBRASKA HAPPENINGS.

State News and Notes in Condensed Form.

The Fremont postoffice has been granted an additional clerk and Carl Byroth has gone to work in that capacity.

Forty-two marriage licenses were issued in June by the Dodge county judge. This is the record for any month in the history of the office.

A new state bank was organized in David City, to be known as the Butler county state bank. The capital is \$35,000, which is fully paid up.

The Midwest Life of Lincoln wants a local agent to represent it in every town in Nebraska. For particulars write the company. It pays good commissions.

While working around a threshing machine at Diller, Delbert Monasmith had a finger so badly smashed in a gearing that amputation was necessary.

Thomas Cole and his wife, pioneer settlers of Nebraska City, were thrown out of their buggy on their way home and both seriously injured. It is feared that Mrs. Cole is fatally hurt.

D. M. McElhinny, former mayor of Hastings and pioneer settler was stricken with paralysis in Santa Cruz, Cal. His condition is critical and his son has been called to the bed side.

Owners of camp grounds on the Platte and Elkhorn rivers, near Fremont have formed an association for their own protection. A fund is to be maintained for the purpose of prosecuting trespassers.

Work on the excavation for the new government building at Kearney has been started. The Northwestern Construction company has the contract for the building. It is to be finished by the last of May next year.

Charles D. Densmore, formerly of Wymore, died Sunday at his home in Oketo, Kan. Mr. Densmore was one of the oldest residents of Wymore. He was at one time employed as a fireman on the Burlington.

The office of the Grand Island steam laundry was burglarized and eighteen dollars in cash were obtained. The thieves tried unsuccessfully to get into the inner cash box of the safe and thus missed obtaining \$300 more.

A number of small whirlwinds, formed into a tornado southeast of Beaver City Friday evening and raged over a territory of two miles wide and thirty-five miles long, extending from Beaver City to Woodruff, Kans.

Dr. Mark Davis, a pioneer resident of Beatrice celebrated his ninety-fifth birthday anniversary Saturday. He has been in feeble health for the last two years, but was able to entertain several of his friends on his anniversary.

Frank Traller, the nine-year old son of John Traller, of Beatrice was shot under the right ear by Dee Hardin while the two boys were playing with a pistol shooting blank cartridges. It is not expected that the wound will prove serious, although the services of a physician were necessary.

On the 26th day of April, 1906, The Midwest Life was authorized by the insurance department of this state to do a general life insurance business on the level premium, legal reserve plan. The stockholders are Nebraska people, associated together to insure Nebraska people, and thereby to keep within Nebraska the premiums paid for their insurance. The business methods of The Midwest Life are clean. It sells and always has sold life insurance as life insurance. Home office 1007 "O" street, Lincoln, N. Z. Snell, president. Write for an agency.

Seth, the fifteen-year-old son of Mrs. J. Magley, living fifteen miles north of Mead, went to the barn Monday morning to harness a team of mules, preparatory to a day's work in the field. About half an hour afterwards the boy was found between the mules and the side of the barn. Medical aid was summoned and after examination it was found that his injuries consisted of six kicks.

The recent rulings of the Nebraska insurance department, through the auditor of public accounts, the Hon. S. R. Barton, did not affect The Midwest Life, in the slightest degree. It had never used "estimates"; sold "special" or "board contracts"; placed misleading "statements" on the face of its policies or elsewhere, as to how or in what manner its policies were secured; or sold "stock, bonds or securities" of any insurance or agency company as an inducement to take life insurance with it. The rulings against such practices are in harmony with the position publicly taken by The Midwest Life ever since its organization. Home office 1007 "O" street, Lincoln, N. Z. Snell, president. Write for an agency.

During a thunder storm Friday, lightning struck Ed Whachter's residence in North Madison, tearing off a portion of the roof and some of the plastering. Fortunately no one was near enough to be hurt.

A gain of \$1,083,000 over last year is shown by the returned list of the assessment of Adams county. The entire amount this year is shown to be slightly over \$28,000,000.

The carriers of the rural mail routes of Cumming county have just made a showing of their work during the past three months. The number of pieces of mail collected was 14,697, and the number delivered by them was 138,109, making a total of 152,806 different pieces of mail matter handled. The county is completely covered by the rural mail service.

PUTS ON THE TAX

SENATE VOTES FOR THE CORPORATION AMENDMENT.

THE FINAL VOTE WAS 60 TO 11

Aldrich Back in Charge of the Bill, and Things Move With Accustomed Regularity—Doubt of Constitutionality.

Washington.—The corporation tax amendment, suggested by President Taft, drawn by Attorney General Wickersham and presented to the senate by Mr. Aldrich, chairman of the committee on finance, is an integral part of the tariff bill as that bill now stands.

After much tribulation the senate reached a vote on the proposition shortly before adjourning at 7 o'clock Friday evening, and the amendment was agreed to by the large vote of 60 to 11. With all modifying amendments disposed of, many democrats voted with most of the republicans for the amendment. Only three democrats voted against the provision on the final vote, but some refrained from voting at all.

The test vote was on the substitution of the corporation tax amendment for the income tax provision, and on that vote forty-five senators cast their ballots in the affirmative and thirty-one in the negative. On this ballot all the democratic votes were cast in favor of the income tax which also received the support of a number of the insurgent republicans. The income tax question disposed of, the senate Saturday will enter upon the administrative features of the tariff bill, probably taking up the maximum and minimum rate provision.

The reaching of a vote came as somewhat of a surprise to a large majority of the senators, but not to Senator Aldrich, and his intimate advisors. Mr. Aldrich himself had been confident from the time of his arrival in the senate early in the day, after a brief vacation, that he would succeed in getting a vote before adjournment. The result shows that while the situation seemed extremely critical for a time, the chairman of the finance committee did not count without a thorough understanding of the situation. He therefore kept his lieutenants busy holding the supporters in the chamber and at no time during the day was the senate without a quorum.

Air Ship Has a Mishap.
Washington.—Resembling a great bird swooping down upon its prey, the Wright aeroplane, after the motor which propels it had come suddenly to a standstill, glided gracefully to earth Friday after having made two successful flights.

The machine was on its way around the Fort Myer drill grounds for the ninth time in its second flight when the motor stopped, sixty feet above the earth and exactly in the same place where the propeller blade broke the last September, which resulted in the fatal accident which terminated the trials at that time. In gliding to the earth, the machine struck a tree, and was swerved around with such force that the skid was broken and the right wing badly ripped. Mr. Wright was not hurt.

Body is Not Ling's.
New York.—The body supposed at first to be that of a Chinaman, which was found in the Hudson river Thursday night was not that of Leon Ling, who is charged with the murder of Elsie Siegel. After an autopsy Friday, Dr. Thomas Curtin, coroner's physician, declared the body was that of a white boy, not more than sixteen years old. The discoloration following long immersion gave the body the appearance of that of a Mongolian and it was not until after the careful examination that the police were convinced that the search for Leon was still unfinished.

Higher Tax for Tobacco.
Washington.—Decision to recommend the prohibition of prize coupons in tobacco and snuff packages, and a practical agreement of increases on most of the sections of the tobacco schedule for the administrative portion of the tariff bill were reached at a long session of the republican members of the sub-committee of the senate finance committee Friday. The increases will be made not only in the tax proposed by the house on cut and plug tobacco, but also on cigars, cigarettes and snuff.

Told To Return to Work.
Pittsburg, Kas.—An order was issued here Friday by the local board of the united mine workers of America instructing the strikers in the Kansas district, \$900 in number, to return to work pending the outcome of a conference of miners and operators requested of President T. L. Lewis Thursday. But few of the mines reopened in response to the order, but it is believed that eleven will start up Tuesday, next, following the Fourth of July celebration.

Orders Rich Men to Jail.
San Francisco.—Henry Miller, multimillionaire, head of the firm of Miller & Lux, among the greatest cattle ranchers in the world; J. Leroy Nickel, Edward T. Allen, Louis Montegate and Gustave Gotschall, millionaires, and trustees of the firm, were ordered put in jail without bail for failure to comply with a court order issued three weeks ago to pay Mrs. Melissa Potter \$22,902 dividend on her stock in the firm. They wanted her to take stock in the company's Nevada corporation in lieu of cash.

NEWS FROM THE CAPITAL CITY

ITEMS OF INTEREST AROUND THE STATE HOUSE.

Ralston Rate Case.

The hearing of the application of the Missouri Pacific railway company to cancel its switching rate of \$5 a car between Omaha and Ralston was concluded Wednesday before the state railway commission. J. H. Van Dusen, attorney for the remonstrators, contends that insufficient reason has been given by the railroad company for a desire to change from a switching rate to a flat rate. He alleges that the switching rate has been in force for ten or fifteen years and combats with proof the assertion of the company that the present rate is unremunerative. It is asserted that the proposed rate would be prohibitive upon several new industries that have started in business at Ralston and that the proposed in-rate to Ralston will work a hardship in that it will be absorbed only on freight arriving over the Missouri Pacific and would not be absorbed by any of the other railroads entering Omaha. The line to Ralston or Seymour Park was formerly a part of the belt line around Omaha on which industries are located and on which a switching rate now applies. The Missouri Pacific has bought and now uses a part of the belt line that runs to Ralston. The matter has been taken under advisement by the railway commission.

Kearney Normal Pays Salaries.

Dr. Thomas, principal of the state normal school at Kearney, was at the state house Wednesday, Dr. Thomas has paid three months' salary to the employees of the state normal under his control, in spite of the fact that the state auditor refused to honor claims from either the Kearney or the Peru state normal schools until the courts decide which of the two contending boards of control is the legally constituted board. He has begged, borrowed or raised from his own bank account \$10,900, which has been paid to employees of the state. He will pay the fourth month's salary, and by that time it is hoped the suit involving the validity of the new board of control will have been settled by the supreme court.

Increase in Express Revenues.

Rate Clerk Powell of the railway commission has completed a compilation of the revenue received by express companies during the month of April. All the companies operating in Nebraska received \$91,477.85 during the month of April, 1908, and for the same month of the year 1907, received \$103,828.70, an increase of \$12,350.85. The Pacific Express company showed a small loss in business for April, 1909, and the American and the Adams express companies show the greatest gain for that month. The reduced rates provided for by the Sibley act went into effect by injunction issued by the supreme court of Nebraska in the middle of the month of April, 1908.

Governor Appoints.

Governor Shallenberger has listened to delegations from South Omaha and after giving due weight to all that has been told him has appointed James J. Fitzgerald and John J. Ryan members of the fire and police board of the packing house town. The appointments take effect July 2 under the terms of the charter which Senator Tanner has passed but failed to get it passed with an emergency clause attached. The two members with the mayor comprise the fire and police board. The South Omaha delegation in the legislature differed from the Omaha delegation in that the packing town men did not want their fire and police board elected by the voters of the city.

State Buys Bonds.

The first county bonds bought for some time by the state is a purchase of \$60,000 of Otoe county refunding bonds. The county of Otoe has refunded so many times that it had to keep pace with its steps. This time the refunding bonds bear 4 per cent interest and take the place of an issue bearing 5 per cent. The original issue was \$78,000. Treasurer Brian has received \$12,000 of bonds bought by the state from the school district of Clay Center. The first of July the county of Douglas will deliver to the state \$100,000 of an issue of \$1,000,000. The state bought \$800,000 of the issue.

Need of Harvest Hands.

The state labor bureau has received a request from a man at Holdrege for fifty men to work in the harvest fields. The bureau has no means of furnishing men or transportation to laborers. In the past whenever the bureau advertised for men to work in any certain locality the employment agencies of Lincoln and other towns usually took advantage of the offer and collected fees for sending men to such places. The same information would be furnished by the state labor bureau free.

Three New Banks.

Three new banks were authorized to begin operations Tuesday and given charters as state institutions. The Boyd County State bank of Anoka, capital \$10,000, with Will D. Forbes, E. Forbes, Herman Bauman and R. L. Tienken, incorporators, is to succeed the National there, by the same men. At Glenville the Farmers' State bank has been organized by George W. Flessner and sixteen others, capital \$10,000. The Butler County State bank at David City will have \$35,000 capital, and is started out by Joseph Shramck and forty-eight others.