

SUMMARY OF A WEEK'S EVENTS

Latest News of Interest Boiled Down for the Busy Man.

Foreign.

The postoffice in Vienna was robbed of \$25,000. While an official was called to the telephone, probably as a ruse, the thieves reached across the counter and abstracted gold notes to that amount.

The Cuban congress adjourned Friday evening.

Prince Chan, regent of China, received an extended visit to the United States. An imperial edict was issued making Tang-Shao-Yi expectant vice-president of one of the imperial boards. This is interpreted as meaning that his services are not to be recognized by the Chinese government.

The meetings of the international banks, so far as London is concerned, have been concluded with arrangements for the participation of Americans in the Hankow-Sze-Chuen railroad loan of \$27,500,000 being agreed upon. The negotiations, however, are still going on and further meetings will be held in Paris and probably Berlin. The meeting was adjourned to permit of government consultations.

The official journal published an imperial decree appointing Dr. Alexander Wekerle premier of Hungary. The other members of his cabinet are re-appointed.

A bill levying an export duty on potash has been drawn up by Herr Debruk, minister of commerce and industry, who admitted during the finance debate in the reichstag that the government would bring the measure forward in the event of the potash syndicate's being broken up. He argued that foreign countries least of all the United States, could not regard such an enactment as unfriendly.

The French government has decided that it is at present unable, on account of the budget situation and other conditions, to accept the American proposal to enter upon negotiations with the view of establishing a 2-cent rate on letters between the two countries.

Incomplete reports from Palermo, Sicily, say that violent rioting has broken out in many parts of the city following the imposition of a new tax assessed for the benefit of the shipping industry. The people were bitterly opposed to the tax and fought against it step by step. The authorities had their way, however, and since the decision of the government was announced there has been constant danger of an outbreak.

Emperor William was entertained at dinner by Allison V. Armour, of New York, on board the yacht Utowana.

Domestic.

Ten persons were injured, two probably fatally, when a trolley car on the Warren and Bristol line of the Rhode Island suburban railroad company left the rails at a curve at West Barrington and crashed into a tree. The fatally injured are Augustin Fletcher, motorman and George Green, conductor.

John D. Rockefeller has given another \$10,000,000 to the general education board.

The Lake Champlain tercentenary celebration came to a close Friday evening.

The Nebraska liquor dealers have decided to fight the early closing law.

Omaha gets the next meeting of the Missouri river navigation congress.

Hundreds of saloons now operating in Iowa under a saving clause of the new Moon law, limiting the number of saloons to one for every 1,000 population in Iowa, were ordered closed by Attorney General Byers. He declares that all saloons which opened since April 15, after having secured the consent of a majority of the voters, are operating in violation of the law, and he has instructed prosecutors in every city of the state to institute proceedings against the saloonists.

A new west-bound record was established by the Cunard liner Mauretania, which arrived off Sandy Hook lightship at 9:16 o'clock Thursday. The boat clipped seventeen minutes from her best performance heretofore, covering the long course in four days, sixteen hours and thirty-six minutes.

The allied printing trades council of New York sent a letter of Governor Haskell of Oklahoma, calling his attention to the fact that the union label does not appear on the books now being manufactured for the state as specified in the contract with a printing house.

Steve Veasey, a negro, was hanged at Senatobia, Miss., for the murder of A. T. Veasey, a young white man. Among those present at the execution were the four sisters of the murdered man, one of whom asked to be allowed to spring the trap. Her request was refused.

James Yarkin Joyner, of North Carolina, was elected president of the National Education association.

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.

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

The Missouri and Kaw rivers are very high and great damage is being done in many parts of Missouri and Kansas.

The United Society of Christian Endeavorers is in session at St. Paul, Minn.

The Missouri river congress convened in Yankton, S. D., this week with seven states represented. Omaha is bidding for the next congress.

Riddled with bullets, the body of Stephen Kish, thirty years old, of West Berwick, Pa., was found in a deserted section of the town. He had been dead but a few hours. There is no clue to the identity of the slayer, nor to the motive for the murder.

An ordinance was passed by the city council and signed by the mayor, legalizing the erection in Kansas City of a new union railroad station. The proposed station, it is said, will cost \$20,000,000.

Members of the South Carolina press association are assembled for their annual meeting.

The street railway strike at Pittsburgh, Pa., has been settled.

Former President Charles W. Eliot 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.

Harry K. Thaw has been released from the asylum and placed in the custody of the sheriff pending the hearing to determine his sanity.

Oscar Strauss, who was recently appointed American ambassador to Turkey, sailed for his new post at Constantinople.

The twenty-fifth biennial convention of the Kappa Alpha fraternity has attracted to Birmingham, Ala., several hundred delegates representing many of the prominent colleges and universities of the country.

A court martial convened at Denver for the trial of Lieut. Clarence S. Nettles, U. S. A., retired, on charges of financial irregularities preferred by General Thomas, commanding the department of Colorado.

The last round of shots in the Gunnison irrigation tunnel at Montrose, Colo., was fired at 5:30 Tuesday afternoon. A few minutes later, when the debris had been cleared away, the workmen from the two holdings shook hands through the opening. The tunnel is six miles long, and has been four and a half years under construction.

Allan Collins, Wallace Sauer, and a companion, members of prominent Mississippi families, were killed by lightning during a severe storm which did considerable damage, twelve miles north of Long Beach, Miss.

Washington.

First Lieutenant Ulysses S. Grant, third corps of engineers, United States army, grandson of President Grant, was appointed superintendent of the state war and navy building in the city of Washington.

President Taft will make an extended tour of the western and southern states, starting on his birthday, September 15.

The tariff bill passed the senate by a vote of 45 to 34 and is now ready for final action by the house.

There are strong indications, that James T. McCleary of Minnesota, former assistant postmaster general, will be appointed director of the mint, to succeed Frank Leach, resigned. McCleary is known to be the choice of Secretary McVeagh and his nomination is expected before the expiration of the present session.

Investigation by government authorities into the cargo of the British steamer Ethelwood has convinced them that the vessel cannot lawfully be detained longer at the port of New York.

Commander John Hood has been designated as the head of the board appointed to make a second inquiry into the cause of the death of Second Lieut. James H. Sutton of the marine corps at Annapolis in October, 1907. Sutton's mother declares that he was murdered instead of having committed suicide as stated at the time.

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.

The Italian Red Cross society has presented to the American National Red Cross society a beautiful gold medal and handsome diploma as tokens of appreciation of the great assistance rendered by the United States after the earthquake in Sicily and Calabria, Italy.

Engineers in charge of the construction of the Panama canal have decided to use rails no longer fit for use on railroads for the purpose of reinforcing the concrete work on the locks of the canal. About 70,000 tons of this kind of rails have already been collected on the isthmus.

NEBRASKA IN BRIEF

NEWS NOTES OF INTEREST FROM VARIOUS SECTIONS.

ALL SUBJECTS TOUCHED UPON

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

S. F. Clark, a pioneer of Polk county, hanged himself last week.

Betty, the 11-year-old daughter of F. M. George of St. Paul, was severely kicked by a vicious horse she was trying to lead. Her skull was fractured and she is in a serious condition.

Fire starting in Michael's restaurant at Sterling destroyed five business buildings, causing a loss of about \$10,000. The flames were checked just in time to save a large two-story brick building on Main street.

At Fremont one Fletcher felled his wife with an alarm clock. The woman grabbed a pistol and he double-quickened from her presence. Now she has left him, and gone back to her folks at Cullinville, Wash.

A telegram was received in Nebraska City telling of the sudden death of Charles M. Hicklin at Denver, Colo. The deceased was born and reared in Nebraska City and was aged 43 years.

Orville Sloggett, the 12-year-old son of Alfred Sloggett, a well-known farmer living five miles east of Broken Bow, is dead from the effects of injuries received by a horse falling on him.

Seven farmers in Rockford township, Gage county, living along Mud creek, lost over 100 acres of wheat owing to the high water. The grain had been cut and was in the shock when the high water carried it away.

Sheriff Mencke of Blair went to Herman, where he searched the residence of J. A. West for liquor and found five large boxes, containing 155 pint bottles full of whiskey, which were seized and stored to be used as evidence.

Reports from the southern part of Gage county are to the effect that hundreds of acres of corn and wheat are standing in water and will be a total loss. Thousands of bundles of wheat have been seen floating down stream.

Stevenson (Wash.) dispatch: Prosper Marion, wanted at Bowling Springs, Neb., on a charge of having killed John Murphy in 1884, was arrested here this afternoon, and is being held awaiting instructions from officers in Cherry county, Nebraska.

Peter Uruh, former postmaster at Tyndall, S. D., after languishing in jail at Madison, Neb., for over a year awaiting trial at the fall term of the district court, was released on \$3,000 bail, and he left for his home and family at Tyndall.

A young man by the name of Marrott, of Long Pine, was run over by a train between Long Pine and Bassett and was literally cut to pieces. It is not known how the accident happened but it is supposed he was riding on the rods under a car of the east-bound passenger train and fell off.

Due to the negligence of the engineer or fireman at the Hastings asylum, so Dr. Baxter, superintendent, has written to the state board, the boiler exploded there, and it will cost \$100 or \$500 to make repairs. The letter said the water was permitted to get too low in the boiler.

N. C. Abbott, superintendent of the institute for the blind at Nebraska City, is making a campaign for more pupils for his school. He has written letters to all the junior normal schools and to the ministers he knows and to school teachers, asking them to send him the name and address of any blind child they may know.

Some of the farmers in Gage county have equipped their harvesters with a small gasoline engine, which is attached to the gear of the machine, for the purpose of assisting them in cutting their wheat in muddy weather. The idea is to operate the harvesting mechanism by power from the engine, thus relieving the team of the extra work of furnishing power for driving the machinery.

Plans are being formulated to combine the next boys' and girls' agricultural contest for Adams county with the projected county institute and have the two held in Hastings in October, in connection with a stock show and exhibition of grains. The scheme contemplates a county fair on a somewhat miniature though intensified scale, with the institute as the chief feature.

Dr. J. G. Neff, a dentist of Sterling, was brought into the county court at Tecumseh on a statutory charge, his 17-year-old daughter, Lora Neff, signing the complaint. The case was heard before Judge James Livingston, J. C. Moore appearing for the state and E. R. Hitchcock for the defendant. Dr. Neff refused to plead. He was placed under bond in the sum of \$1,000 to appear for trial at the district court.

For years Mrs. Minnie Green has been a trusted employe in the store of Miller & Paine at Lincoln. She was ambitious and thrifty and was allowed to buy stock in the enterprise. Now she is in jail, and will have to account for about \$2,500 worth of pilfered goods.

Mrs. J. E. Caldwell, formerly of Lincoln, manager of the Reneau hotel, in Broken Bow, nearly made a fatal mistake when she unconsciously substituted a bottle of carbolic acid for one containing medicine. Doctors worked long and vigorously before she was out of danger.

A TEST OF SAMPLES

INVESTIGATIONS BY THE NEBRASKA SEED LABORATORY.

RESULTS THAT WERE SECURED

State Board of Assessment Completes the Work of Valuation of Railroads.

The experiment station bulletin No. 110 presents in a popular form the most important results secured by the Nebraska Seed Laboratory from the time of its establishment to July 1, 1908, together with a statement showing the various tests made up to May 1, 1909.

A grand total of 463 samples was received and 636 different tests made during the first year and 617 samples and 950 tests during the second year up to May 1, 1909. Over 50 per cent of these samples were received from the farmers and seedsmen of Nebraska.

Alfalfa.—The 201 samples of alfalfa examined varied in purity from 56 per cent to 99 per cent; in germination from 56 per cent to 100 per cent and contained from 0.1 per cent of inert matter and from 0 per cent to 36 per cent of foreign seed. Four species of dodder were found in varying amounts. One sample of alfalfa contained over 9 per cent of dodder and if this seed had been sown at the rate of 16 pounds to the acre there would have been sown 16,355 dodder seeds to the square rod. Buckhorn, wild carrot, wild chicory, lamb's quarters and the seeds of about 75 other weeds were found in the alfalfa samples.

Red Clover.—The 61 samples of red clover examined varied in purity from 75 per cent to 99 per cent; in germination from 67 per cent to 100 per cent and contained from 0.3 per cent to 12 per cent inert matter and from 0.1 per cent to 22 per cent foreign seed. Clover dodder seeds were found in eight of these samples and a total of over 70 other more or less noxious weed seeds were found in the various clover samples. Buckhorn, for example, was present in nearly 50 per cent of the clover samples.

Brome Grass.—The 26 samples of awnless brome grass examined varied in purity from 33 per cent to 96 per cent; in germination from 0 per cent to 86 per cent and contained from 2 per cent to 46 per cent inert matter and from 0.1 per cent to 56 per cent foreign seed. The various species of wheat grass are most frequently found in awnless brome grass, though common cheat and other sorts of brome grass of little or no value are often present.

Pure Seeds and Sure Seeds.—Farmers should not buy and plant weed seeds. The Nebraska Seed Laboratory is prepared to undertake, without cost, the study of any samples of seed sent to it for the purpose of determining the following points:
 1. Presence of adulterants or dodder.
 2. Mechanical purity.
 3. Germination.

The bulletin may be obtained free of cost by writing the Nebraska Experiment Station, Lincoln, Neb., and asking for Bulletin No. 110.

Franchises Are Assessed.

The state board of assessment met and completed the work of placing a valuation on the franchise and rolling stock of the various railroads. This valuation will be distributed to the various towns of the state under the terminal tax law according to mileage of the railroads.

The actual value per mile of the franchise and rolling stock of the Union Pacific and its branches is the same as last year, while the Northwestern is increased from \$10,000 a mile to \$11,500 a mile. The Missouri Pacific is decreased on its main line from \$18,000 a mile to \$16,000. Both of its branches are also decreased. The following table shows the value of the franchise and rolling stock per mile of the various railroads of Nebraska fixed by the state board of equalization:

	1908.	1909.
Union Pacific	\$67,500	\$67,500
Omaha & Neb. Valley Br.	26,000	26,000
Kearney branch	15,000	15,000
Central City branch	10,000	10,000
North Platte branch	2,000	2,000
Chicago & Northwestern	10,000	11,000
C. St. P., M. & O.	18,000	18,000
C. St. P., M. & O. extension	5,000	5,000
Rock Island	25,000	25,000
St. Joe line	18,000	18,000
Nelson line	12,000	12,000
Missouri Pacific	18,000	16,000
Missouri Pacific extension	19,000	17,000
Lincoln branch	19,000	17,000
Crete branch	15,000	13,500
Kan. City & Northwestern	8,000	6,000
Pacific Ry. in Nebraska	5,000	5,000
St. Joseph & Rock Island	19,000	17,000

The Burlington system was assessed different this year from last. Last year the assessment ranged from \$3,000 to \$55,000 a mile and this year the assessment ranges from \$50,000 to \$2,000.

Extra Session Probable.

"Should the federal court make permanent the temporary injunction against the banking law going into effect, it is my intention to call a special session of the legislature immediately after the decision is known."

Gov. Shallenberger made this statement. "The decision will set out just what is wrong with the present law and then it will be an easy matter to prepare a bill in accordance with the decision. I see no necessity for waiting until the supreme court of the United States passes on the question."

CHOISING OF JUDGES.

Secretary of State Junkin Gives Some Instructions.

County clerks have been instructed by Secretary of State Junkin to include state officers in getting out their election notices. This means that unless the supreme court overrules the decision of the Lancaster district court in declaring unconstitutional the non-partisan Judiciary act, candidates for supreme judge and regents of the state university will be nominated at primary elections.

Numerous county clerks have called the secretary over the telephone and have written him for instructions and one of them when instructed to include the state officers replied that the governor had not yet issued a proclamation for a primary election. The secretary of state holds this makes no difference. The secretary has been mandated to place the name of John M. Regan on a primary ballot as a republican candidate for supreme judge and he will follow the instructions of the lower court unless this decision is set aside by the supreme body.

To Study Fish Diseases.

Dr. H. B. Ward of Nebraska university, accompanied by George La Rue of Spencer, Ia., a university student, and Edward Davis of Lincoln, also a university student, have started on a trip to Alaska for the purpose of studying the diseases of the salmon. They expect to be gone until September 1 and will travel over a great deal of Alaskan fishing territory.

Dr. Ward goes under the direction of the government bureau of fisheries and the expenses of himself and one of the boys is borne by the government. The University of Nebraska bears the expense of the other assistant. As a result the university will receive a large number of valuable specimens. The party will be given assistance not only by the government, but by all the large salmon canners, who are interested in the work. Fleets of boats will be at their command, as well as the aid of a number of expert fishermen.

The salmon, according to Dr. Ward, have been suffering from a large number of diseases which are rapidly decreasing the supply. It is to find some means of checking and preventing the spread of these diseases that Dr. Ward is being sent on this mission. He is a well-known expert along this line, his work in connection with the white fish industries on the great lakes being especially commended.

New Laws Ready.

The first copies of the session laws were received by the secretary of state last week from Timothy Sedgwick. The book is smaller than that of two years ago, cost less and is printed on book paper and is pronounced by the secretary of state to be the best looking yet turned out in that line.

Burlington Wants Rehearing.

The Burlington road has asked the supreme court for a rehearing in the Wilber I. Crum case, wherein the court upheld the constitutionality of the act of 1907 which requires live stock trains to move at the rate of eighteen miles an hour on main lines and twelve miles an hour on branch roads. Judge Barnes dissented from the opinion of the court.

Live Stock Pavilion.

The State Fair board will buy the piles and drive them in order to have a solid foundation for its new live stock pavilion. The price asked for the piles by the contractors was more than the board thought it could afford to pay, so it secured them at a cheaper rate by doing its own buying.

Good Wheat in Hitchcock County.

The labor bureau has received word from Hitchcock county that L. B. Harrison of near Trenton has 200 acres of wheat which will average thirty bushels to the acre. Mr. Harrison expects to receive \$1 a bushel for his wheat, which the labor commissioner believes, taken altogether, makes an extremely good showing for Hitchcock county.

Want to Raise Rates.

Lincoln.—The application of the railroads for permission to raise the rates on milled feed to the same rate that applies on raw feed from Humphrey, Norfolk, Albion and Oakdale to Omaha was heard before the railway commission. With it was incorporated the petition of the roads to make the Missouri Pacific put its flour rate on a par with its wheat rate from Crete to Omaha.

Call for Health Records.

Gov. Shallenberger and Attorney General Thompson of the state board of health passed a resolution calling upon the board of secretaries of the board to turn over the records to the new board of secretaries appointed by the governor under the new law.

Motor Car Without Smoker.

The state railway commission gave permission to the Northwestern to run its motor car between Lincoln and Fremont without a smoking compartment. The new law provides a smoking compartment and toilet room on all cars, but it specifies that the state railway commission may set aside the law if the railroad can show the same is not necessary.

Says Assessment is Too Low.

Attached to the history of a bond issue of the village of Cambridge is a certified statement from the village clerk, W. J. Holley, to the effect that for bond issue purposes and for taxation purposes the property of the village has a different valuation. The part of the certified statement bearing on that subject is as follows: The assessed value of real estate and personal and other property, equalized in 1908, is \$169,125. The assessed valuation is the same as returned by the assessor for 1908.

ALL TRAVEL IMPEDED

KANSAS CITY ALMOST EXCLUDED FROM TRAIN SERVICE.

CHICAGO TRAINS ARE DETOURED

General Rains in Kansas and Missouri Continue and Situation in Traffic World Considered Serious.

Kansas City, Mo.—With hundreds of travelers detained in Kansas City awaiting the movement of their trains which have been delayed because of washouts due to the heavy floods prevalent in Missouri and Kansas, Sunday, all trains west were from one to ten hours late, while it was merely conjecture as to the arrival time of Chicago trains detained by way of St. Louis.

Two railroads, the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe, and the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul, annulled their regular Kansas City-Chicago trains on Sunday night. The Milwaukee road, however, sent a special out of here at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon for Chicago, detained by St. Louis.

Practically all Chicago trains are being detoured over the Missouri Pacific route to St. Louis. To travelers leaving Kansas City, the railroad promised they would be landed safely in Chicago, but all figures as to probable time were abandoned.

The Chicago and Alton railway's 6 o'clock train for Chicago left here on time, but its later Chicago trains were annulled. This train was routed via the Missouri Pacific to Sedalia, thence via the Missouri, Kansas and Texas railway to Higbee, Mo., there to continue on its own track to Chicago. The Burlington's train to Chicago was detoured via Cameron Junction, St. Joseph, Mo., and Pacific Junction, Ill., and from the latter point on the main line to Chicago.

The Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific ran its Chicago trains over its own track to St. Louis, via Eldon, Mo., and over the Chicago and Western Illinois road. Several other lines detoured over the Rock Island route. The Wabash trains were running almost on schedule.

The Missouri river continues to rise slowly and the Kansas river was slightly above its Saturday night stage. Rains were general in the Kansas watershed Saturday night. Topeka reports a precipitation of 1.6 inches, and Manhattan 2 inches. This rainfall will have no noticeable effect on the river at Kansas City for thirty-six hours.

Propose Lands for Entry.

Washington.—A number of land restorations were announced at the interior department, the acreage amounting to approximately 18,250,000 acres.

In North Dakota 57,000 acres are restored to the public domain of land formerly withdrawn in connection with the Buford-Trenton irrigation project, and 2,500 of that previously reserved under the Nesson project, with 2,500 of that previously reserved under the Nesson project. In Washington 25,000 acres formerly withdrawn from entry in connection with the Yakima project were restored. All of the lands again made a part of the public domain will be open to entry by November 4.

Novel Idea in Service.

Cincinnati, Oo.—The presence of thirty-five canary birds as a part of the choir and participating in the Sabbath morning musical program, constituted a unique and novel innovation in the regular religious services at Lincoln Park Baptist church Sunday. The idea of calling the birds into commission as a part of the choir was original with the pastor, the Rev. Dr. George R. Robbins, and the effect of the use of the canaries along with the choir voices and the great church organ was declared by Dr. Robbins, and the members of the congregation added greatly to the choir service.

Weston Four Days Late.

Stockton, Cal.—With 108 miles of the 375-mile walk from New York to San Francisco still before him, Edward Payson Weston rested Sunday at Roseville, eighteen miles north of here. He will start on his last lap Monday morning at 5 o'clock and now expects to deliver the letter from Postmaster Morgan of New York, to Postmaster Arthur G. Fisk, San Francisco, Wednesday morning, four days behind his schedule of 100 days. Weston says he is feeling fine, but admitted when found lying in the shade of a tree that he was "somewhat tucked out."

Mrs. Roosevelt in Genoa.

Genoa.—After a stormy passage on the steamer Credle, with Mrs. Theodore Roosevelt and her three children aboard, arrived here at 10 o'clock on Sunday evening from Naples. The party remained on board the steamer

Urge Tariff Commission.

New York.—Delegates of a number of New York business associations will go to Washington early this week to urge that a tariff commission be incorporated as a part of the tariff bill finally agreed upon by the senate and house conferences having that measure in charge. Delegates from commercial bodies from other parts of the country will meet the New York delegation at Washington, and the combined gathering will urge the need of a change in present tariff making methods.