

IMPORTANT NEWS NOTES OF A WEEK

LATEST HAPPENINGS THE WORLD OVER TOLD IN ITEMIZED FORM.

EVENTS HERE AND THERE

Condensed into a Few Lines for the Perusal of the Busy Man— Latest Personal Information.

Domestic.

The solicitor of the treasury department rendered an opinion that bank checks may be drawn for sums less than \$1 and that it was not this character of "checks" for fractional cents that was intended to be prohibited in the criminal code as adopted by congress last session...

The trial of J. C. Maybray and 80 alleged co-conspirators, indictments against whom were returned by the federal grand jury, has been set by Judge Smith McPherson for December 7 at a special term of the federal court at Council Bluffs...

Nebraska ranks badly as a church-going state, according to the census statistics on the subject, which are just issued. They represent the year 1906, and indicate that only eight states have so small a proportion of church members as Nebraska...

Fifty persons were injured, one fatally, in a street car accident near the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition grounds, Frank Hill, of Tacoma, aged forty-six, died of his injuries.

Two women are dead, one man is dying, two men are badly injured and two women are seriously hurt as the result of a "joy ride" in an automobile at Seattle, Thursday.

The appointment of Lee McClung, treasurer of Yale university, as treasurer of the United States, to succeed Charles H. Treat, of New York, whose resignation has been accepted by the president, to take effect November 1, was announced at the White house Thursday.

Detroit was selected as the next meeting place of the annual session of the supreme council of the Scottish rite masons, northern masonic jurisdiction, at the open session of that body in Boston.

Dr. Frederick A. Cook will receive \$20,000 for two lectures to be delivered at St. Louis, October 6 and 7.

Louisiana and other southern states were visited by the most severe storm known for years, and the loss of life will run into the hundreds, while millions of dollars of damage to property is reported.

A verdict finding Police Inspector Edward McCann guilty of accepting money from resort keepers for police "protection" was returned at Chicago by the jury which has been hearing the evidence in the case for three weeks.

The citizens of Lincoln, Neb., are conducting an active campaign to raise \$100,000 for a new Y. M. C. A. building, and over half the amount has been secured.

A very small increase in the number of pensioners in the western states, accompanied by a slight increase in the amount paid in pensions, is shown by the pension commissioner's report for the year ended June 30 last.

A new world's record was established at the military tournament at Camp Corse when the machine gun platoon of the Sixteenth infantry defeated the Thirtieth infantry platoon, and clipped four seconds off the former record for practice with a mule battery. The piece was unlimbered and fired and then loaded onto the back of a mule in 5 1/4 seconds.

The memory of Ansel Briggs, first governor of Iowa, was honored in the unveiling of a monument in Andrew cemetery, where his remains were recently buried after removal from their original resting place in Omaha. The dedication exercises were attended by state officials and many other prominent persons. The shaft was unveiled by Mrs. Alexander D. Robertson of Cherokee county, granddaughter of Governor Briggs.

Dr. Cook is taking a few days' rest in New York since his arrival from Denmark.

A body which is thought to have been in the Detroit river since September 18, was picked up by a large man. In the pockets were memorandum books and letters indicating that the man was John C. Long, of Pittsburgh or Scranton, Pa., a salesman for a porcelain house in Cincinnati.

The largest banking deal transacted west of Chicago for many years was made at Sioux City when the Iowa State National bank took over the First National bank. The merged banks, which have deposits amounting to \$5,500,000, will be headed by John McHugh as president.

Judge Cohen, Swearingen and Carnahan, handed down a decision refusing to appoint a commission to determine if Harry K. Thaw is insane. The petition was filed last Friday in behalf of Attorney James B. Graham of New York, who alleges he has a claim against Thaw for \$2,954.

Tom Tiger, the owner of much Oklahoma oil land, whose trial on a charge of murder was set for Tuesday, was shot by another Indian named Skeeter and mortally wounded. Skeeter escaped. The shooting was the outcome of an old quarrel.

Commander Robert E. Peary, after a successful quest for the north pole, returned to Sydney Tuesday on board the steamer Roosevelt. The explorer's wife was the first to greet him, and as the Roosevelt, after an absence of more than one year steamed into Sydney harbor under a brilliant sun, the explorer and his ship were given a hearty welcome from the assembled shipping.

"Halley's" comet has been located by Herbert D. Curtis and photographed with the aid of reflecting telescope. The following officers of the national association of stationary engineers were elected: President, W. T. Reynolds, Hoboken, N. Y.; vice-president, C. S. Pearce, Denver, Colo.; secretary, F. H. Raven, Chicago; treasurer, Samuel B. Forse, Pittsburg, Pa.

C. L. Watrous of Des Moines, Ia., was elected chairman of the executive committee of the American Pomological society.

The condition of Governor Johnson of Minnesota, is very critical and small hopes are entertained for his recovery.

A head-on collision on the New Orleans & Northeastern railroad, four miles south of Hatteries, occurred late Wednesday. A southbound work train crashed into a northbound excursion train, killing Fireman Fitzgerald of the work train and injuring others.

William K. Vanderbilt, Jr., donor of the Vanderbilt cup for automobile races, and his wife, formerly Miss Virginia Fair of San Francisco, have signed a separation agreement, according to an afternoon newspaper. Mrs. Vanderbilt is now returning from Europe with her two children, Mauriel and William K. Vanderbilt III. It is expected the separation will be announced formally as soon as Mrs. Vanderbilt reaches New York.

Chancellor James A. Day of Syracuse university announced that Mrs. Russell Sage had given \$50,000 to the institution on her birthday.

Dr. Cook arrived in New York harbor Tuesday morning on the Oscar II, from Denmark.

The Chicago & Northwestern rail road carried 27,000,000 passengers during the year ending June 30, 1909, without a single life being lost, according to a report issued by that road. The other roads which have thus far announced a clear record of this kind for a year include the Pennsylvania, Burlington and Santa Fe.

The First National bank of Burnside, Ky., closed its doors Friday. The bank has \$25,000 capital stock. Over loans and some unfortunate business deals are given as the cause of failure.

A campaign for a constitutional amendment for prohibition in Alabama was launched at Birmingham at a conference which was participated in by several hundred prohibitionists, anti-saloon league members and partisans from all over the state. An official statement was made prior to the beginning of the meeting that the conference represented no political faction or set of politicians.

Foreign.

It is generally believed that the complications which have arisen between Spain and Mplai Hafid, the sultan of Morocco, are likely to result in war between Spain and the forces of the sultan of Morocco.

George Caldwell, an official of the Canadian marine department who started three years ago to make a trip from Chesterfield inlet to the Arctic circle, has been given up for lost. It was expected that Caldwell, who was accompanied by two Eskimos, would reach Cape Pulerton this autumn, but advices received at the mounted police department state that he did not arrive at the post and nothing has since been heard from him. Chesterfield is at the northwest end of Hudson bay.

A second earthquake was felt throughout a large part of southwestern France, Thursday. The quake itself caused little damage, but it was followed by a terrific hailstorm that destroyed the remaining crops.

The highest telephone line in the world, running to the Queen Marguerita observatory on Monte Rosa, more than 15,000 feet, has been placed in operation. The observatory and the telephone line which has been constructed at the expense of the government took six years to complete. The new line will be of great help to Alpinists in distress on Monte Rosa.

John M. Gilce, an American mining contractor, and five Mexican miners were instantly killed by an explosion of dynamite in the Petgrina mine in the Guanajuato district of Guanajuato.

The success of aviation week at Rheims has prompted the holding of another such meeting in Berlin, beginning September 26. Fifty thousand dollars in prizes will be given and among the entries are Farman, Bleriot, Latham, Le Blanc, Roughter, Besa, Edwards, Orville Wright and Dfour.

The one hundredth anniversary of the Chilean declaration of independence was observed at Guayaquil with much enthusiasm. The festivities began last night with a torchlight parade, in which all the local societies and clubs and a number of military bands took part.

THE APPOINTMENTS

PASTORS GIVEN ASSIGNMENTS AT KEARNEY M. E. CONFERENCE.

HAPPENINGS OVER THE STATE

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

Kearney, Neb.—The following appointments were made at the M. E. conference here:

Holdrege district, C. C. Wilson, district superintendent, Holdrege; Alma, Raymond Rush; Axtell, L. E. Lewis; Arapahoe, B. J. Crum; Atlanta, M. L. Gardner; Bartley, C. A. Norlin; Beaver City, B. F. Eberhart; Benkelman and Max, J. F. Hageman; Bloomington, E. E. Crippen; Box Elder, supplied by F. S. Tyler; Cambridge, W. T. Gally; Culbertson, H. E. McFarland; Danbury and Lebanon, W. J. Miller; Edison, C. S. Hawley; Franklin, George F. Cook; Haigler and Laird, supplied by L. S. Foutch; Hendley and Spring Creek, J. A. May; Holdrege, W. J. Crago; Holdrege, E. C. Newland; Huntly and Salem, G. W. Burnett; Indianola, A. D. Burris; Lowell and Newark, C. W. Muir; Loomis and Plain View, supplied by N. H. Lines; Hildreth, M. S. Satchell; McCook, Bryant Howe; Minden, M. D. Carman; Norman and Hartwell, supplied by A. J. Kerr; Orleans, L. S. Powell; Oxford and Frank Naylor, R. E. Gilpin; Ragan and Sacramento, R. S. Rutledge; Republican City, W. F. Haskins; Riverton, J. W. Custer; Stratton and McCabe, J. D. Hollister; Trenton, J. L. Murr; Upland and Campbell, R. N. Throckmorton; Wilcox and Boardner, G. H. Chader; Wilsonville and Tyrone, J. G. Hurlbert.

Kearney district, L. C. Shumate, district superintendent; Almeria, Albert Elliott; Amhers, Earl Pray; Anselmo, J. A. Seabrooke; Ansley, W. E. MacCallister; Arnold, N. E. Bottom; Arcadia, J. S. Davis; Burwell, Harold Miles; Broken Bow, R. H. Thompson; Callaway, Neal Johnson; Cozad, Russell Link; Elm Creek, Henry French; Gothenburg, J. W. Morris; Gibbon, Alfred Gibson; Kearney, First church, G. A. Abbott, Trinity, Alfred Chamberlain; Lexington, B. F. Galtner; Lexington circuit, Nathan English; Litchfield, to be supplied; Leona, W. C. Harper; Mason City, Kent Clifton; Merna, J. West Thompson; Miller; Max Jegorids; North Leup, A. H. Brink; Overton, R. H. Scott; Ord, M. Bramford; Ord circuit, E. H. Maynard; Ravenna, A. J. Clifton; Ravenna circuit, to be supplied; Ringgold, W. A. Hornada; Roosevelt, E. E. Pickering; Sumner, W. C. Swartz; Sargent, W. E. Matthews; Shelton, A. L. Umphey; Whitman and Mullen, Thomas Deaton; Westerville, F. W. Smith; Walnut Grove, L. R. Hansbury.

North Platte district—Bayard, supplied by Hawey O. Cooper; Bertrand, F. J. Schank; Big Spring, supplied by J. R. Smith; Brady Island, supplied by J. H. Tabor; Chapel, H. A. Taylor; Curtis, E. J. Hayes; Elwood, George B. Mayfield; Farnam, H. A. Hornada; Gandy, L. B. Shellingberger; Gering, O. E. Richardson; Grant, supplied by William Horner; Harrisburg, supplied by Edward F. Clower; Hayes Center, to be supplied; Harshay, supplied by Fred H. Johnson; Imperial, to be supplied; Kimball, John Maclely; Lewellen, to be supplied; Lodge Pole, supplied by James G. Day; Maywood, D. W. Parker; Mayflower, supplied by H. L. Case; Mitchell and Morrill, W. N. Paxton; Montrose, W. F. Harper; Moorfield, supplied by Herbert Hutchinson; Mt. Zion and Highland, supplied by T. E. Gillet; North Platte, W. S. Porter; Ogallala, A. M. Ransom; Pallsdale, W. H. Mills; Potter and Dix, A. E. Murliss; Scotts Bluff, D. A. Leeper; Sidney, Henry Zineker; Smithfield, supplied by R. H. Chrysler; Stockville, supplied by J. J. Christner; Sutherland and Paxton, A. W. James; Wallace, supplied by E. Moore; Wenneka, Charles M. McCorkle.

D. W. Crane, missionary to Utah; C. E. Fenton, missionary to Wyoming; W. H. D. Hornaday, missionary to Nevada; C. E. Woodson, conference evangelist, member Kearney quarter ly conference; T. W. Owen, conference evangelist; Henry C. Barrett, left without appointment to attend school.

Kenesaw Man Shoots Himself. Hastings, Neb.—Within the hearing of his bride of one week, George Bradshaw, aged thirty-seven, Wednesday morning shot himself in Kenesaw, presumably with suicidal intent. The bullet passed through his head, leaving him in a critical condition. He has been unconscious since the shooting and his chances of recovery are believed to be small.

Mystery surrounds the tragedy. Bradshaw appeared contented since he returned from Hastings with his bride a week ago, and so far as is known complained to no one of anything that might make him despondent. Mrs. Bradshaw says he was in his usual good spirits Tuesday night and Wednesday morning.

Clarks Man is Paroled. Central City, Neb.—The regular fall term of the district court is in session here this week with Judge Hollenbeck on the bench and a regular petit jury panel in attendance. There was but one criminal case for trial, that of the state against Alvin D. Kramer, on a charge of bootlegging. Upon being arraigned Kramer, who is a resident of Clarks, pleaded guilty, and in view of the fact that he was the support of his mother he was paroled upon his good behavior.

NEBRASKA HAPPENINGS.

STATE NEWS AND NOTES IN CONDENSED FORM.

Many thousands of acres of fall wheat are being sown in the Auburn vicinity. The ground is in the best of condition.

Beatrice people are pleased at the action of the Methodist conference in returning Rev. U. G. Brown as pastor of Centenary M. E. church for another year.

Andrew Carnegie will be asked to give \$250,000 for a new public library building in Omaha and then the present public library building will be used for a free museum.

O. L. Cole, engineer of a pile driver on the Burlington road, was instantly killed at 5:30 Wednesday afternoon by the breaking of a chain on the machine. The accident occurred between Mason and Litchfield.

Hog cholera has broken out in the vicinity of Dunbar and 160 head of hogs were inoculated with serum and more will be as soon as the serum can be obtained. This is the first time that cholera has broken out among the swine in Otoe county for several years.

The Thomas county agricultural society has held its second annual fair. The weather was ideal and the exhibits of farm products and stock were good. The fair was a success financially. The association owns the ground and buildings and are on permanent footing.

The Nebraska Bankers' association has offered a reward of \$1,000 for the arrest and conviction of the person or persons who broke into a bank at Ashton last Sunday night. Eleven dollars in change was said to have been taken. The two vault doors were blown open.

Frank R. Grover, B. F. March and W. G. Echert have filed their articles of incorporation for the Nebraska City Gas & Electric Light company. The capital stock is \$45,000. They will take over the gas plant and will operate the same, having purchased the plant at a receiver's sale.

The congregation of the Christian church of Hastings has decided to build a new building. A series of revival meetings are planned for this fall and following these the work of construction will begin. This will make three new church buildings during the last twelve months here.

The electric light plant for Table Rock is already well under way. For some time the company has been organized and the stock subscribed and now the poles, wire and other equipment are arriving by the carload. The wiring of the houses began last week, and the setting of poles will begin at once.

Walter W. Morrison, a former Beatrice boy who has been employed as manager of the Postal Telegraph company's office at Des Moines, Ia., has been promoted to the same position with the Postal company at Salt Lake City, Utah. Mr. Morrison commenced his career as messenger boy with the Postal in Beatrice.

Teachers of the Fremont high school decided that they would lend no more official recognition to class parties or high school social affairs of any kind, even to the extent of acting as chaperones. It is the conclusion of the teachers that high school social activities in Fremont have grown altogether too lively and they are to be discouraged hereafter.

Rev. E. D. Clark, who was some time ago selected pastor of the Presbyterian church at Lexington, was installed pastor of this church Tuesday evening. Rev. L. C. McEwen of Kearney spoke of the pastor and his duties. Rev. G. F. Williams of North Platte also spoke and Rec. H. P. Coester of Gothenburg preached the sermon of the evening. After the sermon a general reception was given to the public.

The training season of the football candidates at the University of Nebraska was begun Monday, September 20, when a squad of fifteen players reported for work under Coach "King" Cole. Before the end of the week this squad had grown to number over fifty aspirants, and Coach Cole was delighted with the outlook for another winning eleven. Six of the veterans of last fall have returned to school and will be ready before next week to start work. The men of last fall who were with the squad in the first week were: Captain Beltzer, half; Temple, full-back; Bentley, quarter, Johnson, end; and Harte, guard; Collins, center, and Ewing, guard, will start practice next week. There are many excellent players among the new material and "King" Cole looks for no great task in filling up the holes left by the graduations of three or four stars. James Harvey, captain of last fall's team, is assisting Cole this fall and will have charge of the line men during the greater part of the training season. The opening game of the schedule will be played October 2, when the South Dakota eleven will journey to Lincoln for its annual meeting with the Cornhuskers.

W. A. Peery, an experienced coal miner, has leased the Peru coal mines four miles southeast of Peru. He has run in another and larger tunnel from the northwest and is preparing to remove from the mine many tons of coal daily. He says the coal is there and that he will employ any necessary force to mine it as rapidly as possible. Many citizens of Peru who have burned the coal during the past four years declare it to be of good quality. Peru is the only city in the state that can boast of a coal mine successfully operated and which affords an almost exhaustless supply.

TAKES SIDE OF COOK

HARRY WHITNEY LIKELY TO BECOME HIS PARTISAN.

DOCTOR'S RECORDS IN CACHE

Pole Discoverer Declines to Comment on His Rival's Conduct, and Denies Thought of Bringing Slander Suit.

New York.—Commander Robert E. Peary refused absolutely to allow any of the records or instruments of Dr. Frederick A. Cook to be brought aboard the steamer Roosevelt, and was thus instrumental in causing these records to remain in a cache at Etah, Greenland, according to Harry Whitney, the New Haven sportsman, in a dispatch received in this city by Dr. Cook Sunday. The message, which came as a response to one sent by Dr. Cook, is as follows:

Strathcona, via Indian Harbor and Cape Ray, N. F., Sept. 25.—Dr. F. A. Cook, Waldorf, New York: "Started for home Roosevelt. Nothing arrived for me. Peary would allow nothing belonging to you on board. Said to leave everything in cache at Etah. Met Captain Sam, North Star. Did not go back after going schooner bound St. Johns; take steamer home. Hope you well. See you soon. Good shooting. HARRY WHITNEY.

Dr. Cook was questioned as to his view of the situation, created by the action ascribed to Commander Peary, but he declined to say anything derogatory to his rival. "It may be that the instruments will arrive this year after all," he said, "and as for the records and observations, their non-arrival here makes no difference whatever, as I have complete duplicates, so there will be no delay in completing my story with all its details."

Dr. Cook did not seem to be greatly surprised by the news he received from Mr. Whitney. He hopes to see him in a very short time and hear a complete explanation of the occurrences at Etah.

Dr. Cook denied the report that he was to bring suit for slander against Peary. "There is no truth in the report," he said; "I have no intention of bringing suit. Naturally I am taking measures to have everything in order in case of necessity, but I have never even thought of filing a suit, and I wish to contradict such reports at once."

If they are still at Etah, Dr. Cook's instruments may not arrive in New York until the spring months of 1910. There is a possibility, however, of their reaching here this year, as another vessel may have touched Etah after the Roosevelt left.

Monument to Postal Union.

Washington.—In commemoration of the founding of the international postal union a monument will be unveiled at Berne, Switzerland, on Monday of next week. The cost of the monument will be 200,000 francs—\$40,000, the amount having been contributed by various countries constituting the international postal union. Brutus Clay, the American minister at Berne, will represent the United States.

The Weight of United States mails dispatched was not tabulated until 1876, when it aggregated 1,020,694 pounds annually. The cost to this government then was \$755,759. In 1906 the amount of mails sent abroad by this country reached the immense total of 14,697,759 pounds—an increase of fourteen times in volume, and the cost to the government was about three times as much as it was in 1876—or \$2,875,911.

Losses a Bag of Diamonds.

Des Moines, Ia.—Diamonds valued at \$3,000 were stolen from the residence of W. G. Hunter in the fashionable residence section of Des Moines while the family was absent Sunday. Mr. Hunter is chief dispatcher for the Great Western railway. When Mrs. Hunter returned from a visit she found the house ransacked. Examinations showed that her bag of diamonds which kept hidden, had been stolen, besides other less valuable jewelry. Detectives are on the case. A revolver left lying on the floor is the only clue.

Many Refused Citizenship.

Washington.—Naturalization was refused to 2,607 aliens during the past fiscal year, a material increase over the rejection of would-be United States citizens during the preceding year.

Children Burned to Death.

Pittsburg, Pa.—Three children were burned to death and several persons had narrow escapes from a similar fate Sunday in a fire which destroyed three residences at Millvale, a suburb.

Father Killed by His Son.

Coshocton, O.—William Davis, twenty years old, killed his father, Eli Davis, six miles south of here, during a quarrel between the boy's parents. The son says his father threatened to strike his mother, and in order to protect her he struck his father down with a hatchet. The police say the boy also stabbed his father near the heart with a knife. The son is under arrest. Eli Davis is said to have quarreled with his wife because she did not cook his breakfast to suit him.

NEWS FROM THE CAPITAL CITY

ITEMS OF INTEREST AROUND THE STATE HOUSE.

The test case which is to decide the status of the new state board of education as well as that of the old state normal board was argued before the supreme court Wednesday afternoon. Attorney General Thompson and E. C. Calkins appearing for the state, and Judge Oldham and C. S. Allen appearing for the new board. The case was submitted to the court after the hearing. This suit involves the validity of the new law which did not legislate the old board out of office but which sought to take away its powers and duties. Incidentally, hanging on the decision of this case is the location of a new state normal school in the Sixth district, for which the legislature appropriated \$35,000. One point involved in this suit is the eligibility of T. J. Majors of Peru to hold a place on the new board, he having been a member of the legislature that created it and that approved his appointment. The constitutional provision relating to members of the legislature enjoying the benefits of places created by the session of which they are a member was cited to the court. Whether the new law repeals by implication certain parts of the old, is also a question.

State Superintendent E. C. Bishop reports that the first contest of the Nebraska boy corn growers' association will be held this week at Butte, in the northern part of the state. The contest there will occupy from Thursday till Saturday. On October 29 a similar contest will be held at Clay Center, at Hastings on October 12, at Holdrege on October 13, and at Kearney on October 11. Following that, beginning October 20 a contest will be held almost every day until late in December. The following towns and cities will hold contests although definite dates have not yet been fixed: Beaver City, Alma, Bloomington, McCook, Benkleman, Trenton, Imperial, Fairbury, Hebron, Geneva, Lexington, North Platte, Ogallala, Sidney, Kimball, Harrisburg, Scotts Bluff, Bridgeport, Alliance, Harrison, Broken Bow, Ord, Greeley, Central City, David City, Osceola, York, Aurora, Nebraska City, Tecumseh, Pawnee City, Beatrice, Papillion, Omaha, Fremont, West Point, Stanton, Cedar Bluffs, Tekamah, Wayne, Hartington, Wausa.

The state railway commission has reported a list of telephone companies to the attorney general for prosecution for not having filed their annual reports of business for the preceding year. This report was due August 1. On August 30 a circular letter was sent to all delinquents reminding them that they were overdue, and warning them that if the reports were not forthcoming by September 20 they would be prosecuted. Some of them answered, promising a speedy compliance. From others no response to the circular was received. The penalty for failure to obey the law regarding making annual statements is from \$500 to \$5,000.

J. E. Kelby, for the Burlington railroad, in an answer filed to the complaint made by the George W. Voss Lumber company of Dorchester, relating to lumber rates from the south, declares that the state railway commission has no jurisdiction in this matter. The Voss company complained against in favor of Crete, in that yellow pine lumber brought from the south is delivered by the Burlington railroad at Crete for twenty-six cents, while the rate to Dorchester eight miles farther west, is thirty-one cents. Mr. Kelby says this is an interstate matter in which the state commission cannot assume jurisdiction.

Deputy Food Commissioner C. M. Mayne has been investigating the milk and ice cream conditions in the city, and while he is not ready to make any definite statement concerning what he found, he says that the dealers are offering a much better product than is generally supposed. Some ice cream was found which tested below the minimum required by the pure food law and also some milk that did not contain 3 per cent of luter fat. Where it did not seem to be a case of flagrant abuse the commissioner has decided not to prosecute. There will probably be some prosecutions as the result of the investigations of the inspectors.

Arthur Mullen has received notice from the district court of Antelope county that the damage suit of O. A. Williams against Ernest S. Scofield, editor of the Nellig Register, wherein \$3,000 for injury to his character, has been decided in favor of the plaintiff, who was awarded 1 cent damage by the jury. Williams was a candidate for county attorney last fall, and an article which appeared in the Register was taken by him as a factor that led to his defeat.

The commission Wednesday announced that it would no longer require express companies in the state to make monthly reports. When station reports are in for August no further demands for monthly statements will be made on these companies, the order directing that all information heretofore contained in these be embodied in the annual report to be made at the end of the year. The commission has made compilations from reports heretofore filed and has a sufficient amount of such detail information for the present.