

NEWS NOTES CONDENSED

A Boiling Down of the More Important Events Here and There

Foreign.

The United States Pacific fleet under Rear Admiral Spree has begun target practice in Manila, P. I. bay.

President Taft sent the following telegram to his majesty, Mohammed Ali at Teheran: "I tender your majesty congratulations on the opening of the constitutional parliament. The American people wish welfare and peace for Persia under this new order of things."

The body of the late dwager empress of China, which was removed from the forbidden city, was buried in the eastern tombs.

At an all-night session the Finnish Diet rejected the government bill providing for Finland's contribution to the Russian military appropriation. A resolution was adopted requesting the emperor to reintroduce the measure in a constitutional form.

The chief of police of Buenos Ayres, Senor Falcon, and the police secretary were assassinated while driving in Callao street. A man, supposed to be a Russian anarchist, but not yet identified, sprang from a secluded spot, where he had been in waiting, and threw a bomb directly under the carriage. The vehicle was blown to pieces and both Senor Falcon and the secretary were terribly injured.

The state department has called upon the Cuban government for a statement of facts intended to disclose whether or not the newly negotiated treaty between Spain and Cuba constitutes such an arrangement as would destroy the preferential treatment accorded to United States imports into Cuba under the existing Cuban reciprocity treaty.

General.

The body of five-year-old Frank De Rosa, who, it was supposed, had been kidnaped ten days ago, and for whom wide search had been made, was found jammed in the top of a chimney at his aunt's house on East Sixty-third street, where he had been visiting with his mother when he suddenly disappeared. It was the coroner's opinion that the boy had been strangled and pushed down the chimney.

The naval question is likely to be uppermost at the meeting of the Ontario parliament at Ottawa.

Evidence is thought to be forthcoming against "the man higher up" in the sugar-weighting frauds.

Demands of railway switchmen for an increase in wages are to be considered within the next two weeks by railroads operating west of Chicago and will supersede the claims of the firemen.

Congressman Kinkaid of the Sixth Nebraska District says that "The currency question probably will be of paramount importance this term. There is no question that our financial system must be revised, and it is not too early now to begin legislation. Senator Aldrich has aroused considerable interest among bankers and business men in the necessity of a better banking system."

Miss Margaret Illington, the actress, divorced from Daniel Frohman, New York theatrical manager, married Edward J. Bowes, a millionaire real estate operator of Tacoma. The wedding took place at Reno, Nev.

The court at Washington denied a stay to Gompers, Mitchell and Morrison in the contempt cases.

American federation of labor leaders declared themselves against the saloon.

A South Dakota claim-holder was held up in a freight car and robbed of three thousand dollars.

Ex-Sheriff Shipp and five others of Chattanooga, Tenn., were sent to prison for contempt of court.

Aid for families of miners lost at Cherry Vale, Ill., is being solicited.

Grain exchanges of the country have organized under the name of the Council of North American Grain Exchanges. Temporary officers were elected at the meeting held in Chicago.

There has been a marked increase in rice production in the United States.

It is rumored that Gifford Pinchot, government forester, has written to President Taft expressing a desire to have his status in the administration more clearly defined.

Secretary Ballinger has ordered more land withdrawn from settlement.

The American federation of labor declared for an investigation of the steel industry.

There will be fifty republican insurgents in the national house ready to fight Speaker Cannon.

The Bell Telephone company has absorbed the Western Union telegraph, and is still reaching out.

An International Labor Press association was organized at Toronto, Can., with Charles W. Fear of Joplin, Mo., as president.

George Robert, former director of the mint, is an advocate of a central bank of issue.

LAW DECLARED VOID

SUPREME COURT PASSES UPON LATE ENACTMENT.

OLD STATE NORMAL BOARD

They Are Reinstated by This Decision But Eligibility of Majors Not Passed Upon.

The supreme court has declared void the normal board law which State Oil Inspector Arthur Mullen had introduced in the last legislature. As the court declared the new board invalid it did not pass on the question of the eligibility of T. J. Majors of Peru who was a member of the legislature when he was appointed by Governor Shallenberger. The object of the law was to legislate out of office the old state normal board to give place to a new one that was to be appointed by the governor.

The court overrules the demurrer filed by the new board which alleged that the petition of Attorney General Thompson did not state facts sufficient to constitute a cause of action and that there was a misjoinder of parties. The writ in quo warranto prayed for by the attorney general will be issued declaring the old normal board to be the legally constituted board.

In adhering to the constitutional provision that an act of the legislature must contain but one subject clearly expressed in the title and that it must name the sections to be amended and repeated, the court finds that the act did not refer in any way to an independent act creating the state normal school at Kearney which says the normal board now in control shall manage that institution. To hold the new act was amendatory of this separate act would be contrary to the constitution and to hold the new act constitutional would result in retaining the old board in control of the Kearney school and the new board in control of the Peru school and junior normals.

The opinion says: "The amendatory act contains an attempt to amend and repeal the governing statute of the Kearney normal school by amendment of an independent statute relating to the state normal school at Peru and for that reason contravenes the constitutional provision that no law shall be amended unless the new act contains the section or sections so amended and the section or sections so amended shall be repeated."

"It was suggested in consultation that the point last above mentioned was not pertinent on the argument or in the brief of the relator, and therefore should not be considered. The answer to the suggestion is that this is an action on behalf of the state brought by the attorney general to test and determine the question of the validity of the statute in order to further the educational interest of the state, and if for any reason we are convinced that the statute is unconstitutional we ought to so determine; for if the courts can, under such a pretext, nullify the constitution, we will soon find ourselves openly defying the provisions of the fundamental law which we have solemnly sworn to uphold."

Fine Drove of Hogs.

Thomas W. Smith, warden of the state penitentiary, has the finest drove of red hogs in Nebraska at the state institution. The state drove numbers something over 400 of which 100 have been born within the last three weeks and Mr. Smith says he does not intend to lose a pig. In addition to the hogs at the penitentiary Mr. Smith farmed some 500 acres and now has stowed away some 900 bushels of potatoes, his crop, he said, being almost a failure; 350 bushels of turnips, 200 bushels of carrots and 14,000 head of cabbage.

What Governor Says.

Prosecute the Omaha men accused of violating the excise rules. When convictions are had lay the matter before the governor and attorney general. This was the answer Governor Shallenberger made to Elmer E. Thomas, W. R. Patrick and J. D. Holmes, who filed complaints against Mayor Dahlman and the fire and police commissioners of Omaha. The complainants charged infractions of the excise and gambling laws and that it was being carried on with the permissions and knowledge of the officers of the law.

Requisition for Auto Thieves.

Governor Shallenberger honored a requisition from the governor of Iowa for the return of two unidentified men to Sioux City on the charge of stealing an automobile. The men ran away with an automobile owned by Dr. Sawyer of Sioux City, Ia., and were caught in the town of Jackson.

Missouri Pacific Bonds.

The Missouri Pacific secured permission from the railway commission to issue bonds to the amount of \$29,000,000 for betterment of its road in Nebraska and other purposes.

Fees of Supreme Court Clerk.

The report of H. C. Lindsay, clerk of the supreme court, showing the collections of his office for a period of six months, filed with Governor Shallenberger, shows a total of \$77.35 was collected. This included court costs and copies of opinions.

State Cannot Buy Bonds.

State Treasurer Brian is turning away offers for the purchase of county, district and municipal bonds. He has bought a great many school district and municipal bonds under the provisions of the amended constitution of the state, but recently had to refuse to buy \$100,000 of Phelps county bonds. During his period of service Treasurer Brian has invested \$3,000,000 of state funds, but \$2,000,000 of this was in state warrants that constitute a state debt when they are outstanding.

NEBRASKA FOR CORN.

The Year 1909 Shows Up With 166,565,105 Bushels.

The state labor bureau reports a total of 166,565,105 bushels of corn raised in Nebraska this year. At 58 cents a bushel this means a total valuation of \$96,608,460. The average yield per acre this year was 25.7 bushels. That the hot weather in August did not do so much damage as estimated is shown by the fact that last year's bumper crop was 178,599,000 or an average of 28.17 bushels per acre. The acreage this year was slightly in excess of that of last year, being 6,477,282, as compared with 6,399,019 last year.

The following is this year's acreage, average yield and total production by counties as compiled by the state labor bureau:

Table with columns: County, Acreage, Av. Yd. Production, Total Production. Lists counties from Adams to York with corresponding statistics.

Vote In Nebraska Tabulated

State Canvassing Board Will Soon Make Official Announcement of the Result and Issue Certificates of Election to the Successful Candidates.

Large table with columns: Candidate, Vote, and other election statistics. Lists candidates for Supreme Judges and Regents of University.

ANGER NOT YET OVER

TROUBLE MAY FOLLOW KILLING IN NICARAGUA.

WASHINGTON MUCH AROUSED

Explanation of Execution of the Two Americans Not Satisfactory—

Marines on the Way and May Be Landed.

Washington.—Following a conference with the president at the white house Sunday night on the Nicaraguan situation, Secretary of State Knox authorized the following statement:

"If certain representations of fact which have been made to the state department concerning the Groce and Cannon case are verified by inquiries that have been made, this government will at once prepare a demand on the Nicaraguan government for reparations for the death of these two men."

For two hours President Taft conferred with Secretary Knox on the Nicaraguan situation. The secretary of state, accompanied by Henry M. Hoyt, counselor of the state department, reached the white house shortly after 9 o'clock. Previous to going to the executive mansion, Mr. Knox held a conference in his home with Assistant Secretary Huntington Wilson.

It was announced that neither the secretary nor the white house would discuss in any way the pending difficulty with Nicaragua, and both the president and Mr. Knox refused flatly to make any comment on their talk. The secretary carried a formidable array of papers when he entered his carriage to drive to the white house and Counselor Hoyt also carried a bulging portfolio.

The only other important event that transpired during the day was the dispatch of orders to the transport Buffalo, on duty on the Pacific coast, to sail at once for Panama. The navy department's instructions to the commander of the Buffalo were clear and explicit, and the vessel was expected to sail Sunday night from Pithlingue bay, Cal., after taking on adequate supplies of coal and provisions.

This ordering of the Buffalo south on a hurry-up schedule is taken to mean that this government is making ready to throw a column of United States marines into the Nicaraguan turmoil for the protection of American lives and property. While the 500 marines are scattered generally over the canal zone, they can be concentrated by means of the railroad quickly in Panama, where there are military stores and supplies.

Able to See the Bright Side.

New York.—Mortimer F. Elliott, general counsel for the Standard Oil company, said Sunday in commenting for the first time on the decision against the company handed down Sunday by the United States circuit court at St. Paul:

"I have seen what purports to be the text of the decree handed down by the United States circuit court Saturday. The company will take an appeal immediately to the United States supreme court and will cheerfully abide by the verdict of the highest court in the land, whatever that may be.

"Arguments in this case began last April, and we are glad to have reached an opinion. I do not mean that we are pleased with the opinion itself, but that we are glad to get it, whatever its nature. The decree does not order a dissolution of the Standard Oil company; that is a misunderstanding. What the decree orders, as I now understand it, is that the company shall distribute among its stockholders, of whom there are approximately 5,000, its holdings in the stock of subsidiary companies. This distribution, I further understand, is ordered to be effected on a pro rata basis of apportionment. That is to say, the heaviest holders of Standard Oil stock would receive a proportional number of shares in the stock of subsidiary companies."

Big Reward for Murderer.

Milwaukee, Wis.—A reward of \$21,000 has been offered for the murderer of Miss Hattie Zelinda, the fourteen-year-old girl whose body was found in an abandoned building on the north side last Wednesday. The amount of the reward has been subscribed by seven citizens whose names are withheld. The police have run down all leads, and acknowledge that they are baffled. Walter Wilson, a negro who was arrested in Chicago and brought to Milwaukee, was liberated, the police, after questioning him, becoming satisfied he knew nothing about the tragedy.

Astor is Unharmed.

Savannah, Ga.—The wireless operator here states that at 5 p. m., Sunday he caught this message from a ship at sea: "Yacht Nourmahal safe at San Juan."

Wilenstead, Caracas.—John Jacob Astor's steam yacht Nourmahal was safe in the harbor of San Juan on November 15, according to the report brought here by the Red D liner Caracas Sunday. The Caracas reports that the Nourmahal arrived at San Juan on November 14, and that she was still there on the 15th, safely anchored inside the harbor.

Arrested as Bank Robber.

Terre Haute, Ind.—Following his arrest Claude Simpson, a train dispatcher, confessed that he was one of the men who attempted to rob the Merchants' bank at West Manchester, O., October 15. Simpson, who has been a train dispatcher here for two years, was on his vacation at the time of the attempted robbery, and had not been suspected. With his companion he said he drove to the bank at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. When they ordered the employees to hand over the money, Cashier J. W. Less opened fire which was returned.

NEBRASKA NEWS AND NOTES.

Items of Interest Taken From Here and There Over the State.

The new bank at Geneva has opened for business.

Corn husking in some portions of Nebraska has received a setback on account of snow.

Mrs. Robert Pollock, an old-time resident of West Point, died at Erie, Pa.

No. 45, the Burlington's fast freight, was derailed at Alliance, ditching two engines and piling up five cars, with no one injured.

Postmaster Miller of Grand Island will not ask for reappointment, believing that two terms in succession is all that any man should have.

L. F. Hilsinger of Herman began trapping for muskrats and mink November 1 and on the 15th sold sixty-five muskrat and mink skins.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Stuhman of Dodge, Neb., celebrated their golden wedding anniversary at their home. They came to Dodge county in 1869.

John C. Stroh of Plymouth, Neb., was found dead this morning at the home of his son, John C. Stroh, in West Beatrice, where he had been visiting.

At Lynch Ike Pete, 85 years, just married to a woman 45 years, fatally shot himself after a quarrel with his wife. He had been prominent in Nebraska for thirty years.

At Lincoln during a funeral the horse was run into by a street car. The casket was thrown out and somewhat broken, exposing the face of the corpse.

As Mr. Luby and his 15-year-old daughter were crossing the tracks at the depot in Giltner a special train ran into the rig. Luby was badly bruised and his daughter suffered the fracture of her right ankle.

Governor Shallenberger appointed Dr. G. P. Fall of Beatrice as delegate to the special session of the American Medical association, which will meet in the Congress hotel, Chicago, February 28 to March 2.

In spite of the capture and conviction of several horse thieves in Merrick county during the last few months the epidemic seems to be still prevalent. Recently a man and woman secured a team from the Shank livery barn at Silver Creek and brought it to Clarks. Then they disappeared, leaving the team, probably fearing arrest.

W. W. Cook of the Le Grand hotel, York, has had W. N. Young arrested and brought back to York for jumping a board bill. He was caught out in the western part of the state and is now in jail until he squares up.

Many of the farmers in Dixon county have finished the corn husking.

The recent snow storm left about one foot of the "beautiful" in Custer county.

Engineer Davis, who was killed recently in Oklahoma by his locomotive overturning, formerly lived in Madison county.

For the first nine months of the current year Omaha occupied second place among the markets of the country in receipts of corn, sixth place in receipts of wheat and fourth in receipts of oats.

Searching parties are scouring the hills and canyons around Calhoun in hopes of finding some trace of William Blackwood, an old soldier, who disappeared. It is believed he lost his way in the darkness and has perished from the cold.

Special railroad rates will be given for the National Corn Exposition from all points in the east, north of the Ohio river. The Central Passenger association has announced a rate of a fare and one-half for the round trip from its entire territory. This rate will accommodate a large number of people who expect to attend the corn show, as excursions are already being worked up from Indiana, Ohio and Illinois.

Warden Smith of Lincoln received a message from one of his farms in York county that a peculiar malady had broken out in his drove of hogs and several of them had been stricken. The hogs, the message said, became weak in the back and in the course of a few days they were unable to raise their hindquarters, though able to drag around by their fore legs.

Congressman Norris filled some lecture engagements in the northern part of the state just previous to departure for Washington to attend congress.

William Coon, who drove the automobile which killed Miss Smith more than a year ago, was cleared by a jury in district court of the charge of manslaughter. The jury brought in a verdict of acquittal.

Washington dispatch: Postmasters appointed are as follows: Nebraska, Enders Lake, Brown county, Clement D. Langley, vice L. A. Langley, resigned; Palsade, Hitchcock county, Doctor F. Gruver, vice A. J. Blount, resigned; Venango, Perkins county, Janie M. Watkins, vice T. G. Kunkel, resigned; Weyerts, Cheyenne county, Frederick G. Bauer, vice F. G. Busse, resigned.

The Knights of Columbus of Alliance are making elaborate preparations for their big class initiation and banquet, which will be held there December 19.