

NEWS NOTES CONDENSED

A Boiling Down of the More Important Events Here and There

Foreign.

Arthur Mason Tappan Jackson, chief magistrate of Nasik, in the presidency of Bombay, was assassinated by a native while attending a theatrical performance.

The Ethiopian government gave official assurance that King Menelik of Abyssinia still lives though his condition is grave.

The estate of the late Consuelo dowager duchess of Manchester, is valued for probate at \$1,634,330. After making provisions for her grandson the Viscount Mandville and the younger children of the duke of Manchester, the residue of the property was left in trust for the duke for life and for the successor in the title.

The Baroness Vaughan quietly bid farewell to Belgium.

A Los Angeles man told of cases of extreme cruelty practiced by Zelaya.

The pope appointed Rev. James O'Reilly, now rector of St. Anthony of Padua, Minneapolis, Minn., to the bishopric of Fargo, N. D., and Rev. F. M. Fallon of the provincial oblates of Buffalo, N. Y., to the bishopric of London, Canada.

The Reichsrat at Vienna rose after a continuous sitting of eighty-six hours and after passing a bill modifying the rules of procedure which authorizes the president of the chamber to suspend from one to three sittings any deputy insulting him or disobeying the rules.

Commander Robert E. Peary smiled broadly when informed that a Copenhagen dispatch had been received quoting a paragraph of the University of Copenhagen in its preliminary examination of Dr. Cook's records, and falling to find proof that the physician had found the North pole.

An official telegram from Buenos Ayres states that the authorities having the 1910 exposition in charge have set apart a special building for American railway exhibitors.

General.

Aside from having hundreds of lives and millions of dollars worth of property involved in marine disasters, the United States life saving service managed to render assistance to many unfortunate persons in distress.

Schley calls upon Peary to submit his proofs to the same body as did Cook.

An enraged miner killed three and then shot himself at Pittsburg, Ky.

Revolutionists in Nicaragua won a great victory over government troops, killing 600 and taking 1,800 prisoners.

The defaulting cashier of the Big Four was sentenced to six years in the state penitentiary.

Senator McLaughlin died unexpectedly at his home in Brandon, Miss., from heart disease.

The attendance at the Omaha Corn show the last day was 9,353. This makes a total attendance for the entire show of 118,503, as against a total last year of 95,897.

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Industrial education, what it has accomplished and its present conditions in all probability will be made the subject of a general investigation under the supervision of the bureau of labor.

Reports from the east say Mr. Willard has been offered the presidency of the B. & O. railroad.

Among United States marshals named by President Taft was Cretchton M. Foraker of New Mexico, who has held the office there for sixteen years.

Incoming trans-Atlantic liners report terrific weather during the passage.

The supreme court handed down some decisions and took a recess of two weeks.

"We will report a general river and harbor bill about the first of February," said chairman Alexander of the house committee on rivers and harbors.

Every American who takes his cup of coffee might like to know that in the ten months of this year he has helped use up just \$61,000,000 worth, or \$45,000,000 pounds.

Soldiers and sailors celebrated Christmas at government expense.

Four leading saloons in Omaha have lost their licenses for violating the 8 o'clock law.

Far better progress is being made with legislation in the house than was anticipated when congress met.

Testimony of the Brokaw divorce went to show that the plaintiff made the money of the millionaire fly.

Thorough investigation fails to show that Dr. Cook got to the north pole.

Approximately 70,000 acres of public land have been withdrawn from entry in the west, according to an announcement at the interior department

The United States battleship Georgia, recently in collision with the battleship Nebraska during fleet maneuvers, was struck by the propeller of the collier Vestal while coaling in Hampton Roads, causing a considerable leak.

News of the resignation of Zelaya was received with seeming satisfaction at Washington.

Ex-President Zelaya declares his surrender of the presidency was caused by a desire to save Nicaragua the humiliation of outrages threatened by a powerful foreign nation.

State Bank Commissioner Young gave out a statement in which he said that all the depositors of the First State bank of Keifer, Oklahoma, have been paid.

Major Smedley D. Butler, in command of one of the battalions of marine on the United States cruiser Dixie in Nicaragua, is the son of Congressman Butler of West Chester, Pa.

At Philadelphia, rather than face her six children Christmas morning without presents or the money to buy them, Mrs. Sarah Ennis took her life.

Headquarters of the American mining congress have been opened in Washington to promote legislation for the establishment of a national bureau of mines.

Sudden death of Senator McLaurin of Mississippi will necessitate an appointment by the governor.

The District of Columbia bill, carrying about \$10,275,000, was passed by the house without opposition.

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Richard Parr, the man who discovered the sugar frauds, is to be rewarded in the sum of nearly a million.

The next national encampment of the Grand Army will be held at Atlantic City, September 17 to 24.

Two aged spinster sisters, Frances and Isabel Riche, were found dead in their home at Newark, N. J. The sisters had lived alone for twenty years in the same house.

A comprehensive enlargement of the activities of the department of agriculture in the administration of the pure food act is contemplated in orders just issued.

Notwithstanding his unpopularity, there seems to be much mourning over the death of the king.

The proposed plan to abolish the isthmian canal commission met with vigorous opposition.

Washington.

Severely attacking Secretary of the Interior Richard A. Ballinger, the Guggenheim interests, and the administration of the land office in general, Representative Hitchcock of Nebraska urged upon the house the necessity of appointing a special committee to investigate "the notorious land frauds of recent years."

President Taft is trying to find a way to make future payments in the Panama canal work and reimburse the treasury for amounts expended from the working balance for canal digging. To do this the president wants to devise a way to issue the Panama canal bonds authorized in the Payne tariff law.

Gifford Pinchot, chief of the bureau of forestry of the agricultural department, talked with President Taft regarding participation by the United States in the international conservation congress proposed by former President Roosevelt, which, it is planned, will be held at The Hague next year.

"Urge upon Mexico the importance of hurrying the trial of James A. Cook," was in substance the message telegraphed by the state department to the American ambassador at the City of Mexico. The action followed a conference between Assistant Secretary of State Wilson and Representative Scott of Kansas. Cook is a constituent of Mr. Scott.

News of the resignation of President Zelaya at Nicaragua was received with evident satisfaction at the state department and elsewhere but not one syllable of comment could be elicited from any responsible officer of the administration.

Major General Leonard Wood will be appointed chief of staff of the army next April, succeeding Major General J. Franklin Bell, who has been chief of staff since April 6, 1906. General Wood was colonel of the rough riders during the Spanish war.

Conservation of all the timber lands lying within the bounds of the Yosemite National park in California is urged by Major Forsythe, acting superintendent of the park, in his annual report to the secretary of the interior.

Personal.

Senator Brown has sprung the name of Attorney General Thompson for Nebraska district attorney.

President Taft sent a long list of important diplomatic nominations to the senate.

The Nicaraguan congress elected Dr. Jose Madriz as president.

Secretary Ballinger has demanded vindication and urged President Taft to take the initiative.

Horace E. Lurton was confirmed as associate justice of the supreme court.

There may be opposition in the senate to the confirmation of Robert Bacon as ambassador to France.

George Dudley, former commissioner of pensions, died in Washington.

Senator Norris Brown believes that the Omaha Indians as well as the white people of Thurston county are in favor of the taxation of Indian lands.

HOG CHOLERA SERUM

PROGRESS BEING MADE BY STATE FARM EXPERTS.

APPROPRIATION FOR THE WORK

Call Issued for Meeting of Mayors of Nebraska to Form a League for Municipal Research.

"Production of Hog Cholera Serum" is the title of a bulletin issued by the Nebraska agricultural experiment station and edited by J. H. Gain of the department of animal pathology. The contents of the bulletin follow:

The last legislature made an appropriation of \$5,000 to be used in the production of hog cholera serum by the bureau of animal industry of the United States department of agriculture. This work is under the direction of the department of animal pathology of the Nebraska experiment station.

In producing this serum, pigs are used that are immune to cholera either by having recovered from an attack of this disease or by having been inoculated. These pigs are then made hyperimmune by injecting under the skin large amounts of blood taken from a hog sick with cholera.

Two methods of hyperimmunizing are used: (1) The slow method, by which increasing amounts of virulent blood and injected at regular intervals. (2) The quick method, by which a large amount of the virulent blood is injected at one time.

The latter is the method used at present. Three weeks after injection the pig is bled from the tail, the clot removed from the blood and the serum is ready for use.

Hyperimmune pigs are bled four times at intervals of one week, and at the end of the next week are bled to death in order to secure the largest possible amount of serum. By "hyperimmune" is meant "more than immune." The blood of a "hyperimmune" has more resisting power (immunity) against hog cholera than that of the ordinary immune hog.

Two methods of inoculation are used in immunizing pigs against cholera:

The Serum-Simultaneous Method.—The pig is injected subcutaneously with the correct dose of serum for its weight and at the same time receives a small amount of virulent blood. This method produces a slight reaction and the pig requires the same immunity that it would be having recovered from a natural infection. This method is not recommended at present.

The Serum-Alone Method.—By giving the serum alone to well pigs they are given immunity for a few weeks only. If the serum alone is used at once on the well pigs as soon as cholera is discovered in a herd, the natural infection at this time will give the same immunity that is given by the serum-simultaneous method.

A Meeting of Mayors.

Mayor Love is sending out invitations to the mayors and city councils of 267 Nebraska towns and cities, asking them to meet in Lincoln through representatives on January 26 and 27 for the formation of a league of municipal research and discussion. A program is being arranged and will be sent to each of these cities when published. The general purpose of the organization is set forth in the invitation as follows: "The general objects of this organization will be the affiliation of municipal officials and the general improvement of every branch of municipal administration by the following means: First, the perpetuation of the organization as an agency for the co-operation of Nebraska cities in the practical study of all questions pertaining to municipal government; second, the meeting of annual and other conventions for the discussion of municipal affairs; third, the establishment and maintenance of a central bureau of information for use in the collection, compilation and dissemination of statistics, reports and all kinds of information relative to municipal government."

Morphine Smuggler Fined.

Frank Hart was fined \$100 for smuggling morphine into the state penitentiary. Deputy Warden Delehanty discovered the drug in English walnuts and Hart was arrested in Omaha.

Physician Charged with Murder.

An anonymous letter received by a citizen was sent to the county attorney which may result in an investigation of the case of the death of a Lincoln young woman some weeks ago. The letter said the young woman had been murdered by malpractice on the part of her attending physician. Some days ago the county attorney received an anonymous letter telling of the death of a young woman at the hands of physicians. The result was the arrest of the physician, who has since been bound over.

Can Always Be Busy.

It is the theory of J. J. Keleher, local recruiting officer for the United States navy, that a man can always find something worth while to employ his spare hours, if he wants to. The duties of a navy scout in an inland city like Lincoln leave plenty of time for other pursuits, and Keleher devotes a good deal of it to embroidery work. He is as proficient in this line as most women who profess it. A fancy bag containing a threadwork representation, in colors, of the gold-en gate at San Francisco is his work.

BANKS OF NEBRASKA.

Eight Millions Less After the Autumn Drain.

The reports of the state banks of Nebraska at the close of business November 30 have been compiled by Secretary Royce of the state banking board, showing a total deposit of \$73,283,626.75. This is a decrease of only \$8,000,000 from the high water mark reached in August.

Of the report Mr. Royce said: "Although the demand upon the banks for money has been unusually active during the last two months, caused largely by the impassable condition of the country roads, making it almost impossible for the farmers to market produce of any kind, and the increase of loans over four and one-half millions of dollars since the report of August 31, last, the banks are running strong, carrying an average reserve of over twenty-six per cent, being almost double the amount required by law.

"The deposits amount to over seventy-three and one-quarter millions of dollars, being only about one and one-half million dollars less than the amount reported August 31, 1909, which was the high water mark in the history of this state. This is an unusually light decrease in deposits for this season of the year.

"Compared with one year ago the number of banks has increased thirty-four, deposits have increased nearly eight millions of dollars, and loans and discounts have increased \$10,300,000.00.

"The banks show a very strong and healthy condition generally and there has been no bank failures in Nebraska this year, and only one since November, 1904."

Following is the abstract of the condition of the incorporated, private and savings banks of the state of Nebraska at the close of business November 16, 1909. Number of banks reporting, 662. Average reserve twenty-six and one-half per cent.

Resources.

Table with 2 columns: Resource, Amount. Includes Loans and discounts, Overdrafts, Bonds, securities, judgments, claims, etc., Real estate, etc., Current expenses and taxes, Cash, and other assets.

Liabilities.

Table with 2 columns: Liability, Amount. Includes Capital stock paid in, Surplus fund, Undivided profits, Dividends unpaid, General deposits, Notes and bills rediscounted, Bills payable, and Total.

Death of Mrs. Barton.

Mrs. S. R. Barton, wife of the state auditor, died at her home in Lincoln. She had been confined to her bed but a short time and death came with a suddenness that found the family entirely unprepared. The remains were taken to Aurora, her former home, for interment. Mrs. Barton had not enjoyed good health for several years, but her troubles were not considered dangerous. A complication of long standing ailment in virulent form resulted in her final illness and death.

Thanks to the Guard.

Adjutant General Hartigan has issued a statement thanking the members of the National Guard on behalf of the governor and himself for efforts put forth to improve the service.

For Oil and Gas.

The Producers' Consolidated Oil company of Lincoln has filed articles of incorporation with the secretary of state. The company proposes to drill for oil and gas and reserves the right to conduct light and gas plants, carry passengers and freight and do many other things on an authorized capital stock of \$500,000.

Exhibit Comes to Lincoln.

The government good roads exhibit, which attracted considerable attention during the national good roads convention at Topeka, will be transferred to Lincoln to be used during the state convention during the week of January 17. Representative Maguire went to the agricultural department and requested Secretary Wilson to send the exhibit to his home city. The secretary promptly sent telegraphic orders in compliance with Mr. Maguire's request.

Work of Normal Board.

Luther P. Ludden has issued a statement to the towns which want the new normal school in the northwest, asking them to have definite propositions ready for the committee when they arrive.

Thompson Not Candidate.

Attorney General Thompson said he was not a candidate for district attorney of the federal court at Omaha, had not been and would not be, and had so informed Senator Brown.

Body Taken to Aurora.

Funeral services were held over the remains of Mrs. S. R. Barton, deceased wife of Auditor Barton, at the family residence. The remains were taken to Aurora for interment.

Governor Holds Back.

"I have not yet decided what to do about calling the legislature together in special session," said Governor Shallenberger. "I am still considering the matter." It is the belief of many who have talked to the governor that the proposed income tax amendment will be bitterly fought whenever it is brought before the legislature. While he is saying little, the governor gives out the impression that he personally sees no reason for the extra session at this time, and it is probable that none will be called.

EAST STORM SWEEP

WINTER BEGINS IN NEW ENGLAND WITH A VENGEANCE.

GALE HOWLS AROUND BOSTON

Three Persons Lose Lives by the Onrush of Wind-Driven Water—

New York and Environs Are Storm Bound.

Boston.—Winter began in New England Sunday on the wings of a north-east storm with terrific energy. The gale drove a tide into Massachusetts bay which nearly equalled that of the famous storm of 1851. The wet snow prostrated all wires—telephone, telegraph, electric light and trolley—and railroad trains were stalled. Three persons lost their lives in Everett and Chelsea by the sudden rise of the tide.

From midnight until late Sunday the storm's destructive powers were unusually extensive and severe. Its center was small here off Nantucket, but the gale swept over the greater portion of New England and was accompanied by a heavy fall of snow.

Coming on a full moon, the gale rolled a wave along the coast, which in some places reached a height of over fourteen feet above low water mark. In this city the tide went across Atlantic avenue on the water front, filling hundreds of cellars and causing an estimated damage of over \$1,000,000.

In Everett, Cornelius Harken and his wife were caught in their beds and overwhelmed by the flood, while an infant child lost its life in Chelsea under similar conditions. Persons living at some distance from the coast found themselves looking out over the open ocean.

The telephone and telegraph companies had a few wires through to New York by way of northern circuits, and communications with the north and east, where the snow was dry, was in fairly good shape. But Providence clung to the outside world by only a single wire, while communication with Fall River, Newport, Bedford and Cape Cod by ordinary lines ceased at Brockton. The wireless, however, established communication with Cape Cod.

Large cities, such as Cambridge, Somerville, Lynn, Brockton, Providence, Fall River and New Bedford were in darkness, except for the light afforded by the full moon. Hundreds of persons were driven from their homes by a flood rising from the dam gate at a place known as "the dykes," in Chelsea, just over the Everett line. Sunday night the homeless were cared for by the municipal authorities in the city buildings and churches.

At Lynn the tide made a clean sweep across the narrow isthmus, which connects Nahant with the mainland, and for several hours that rocky peninsula was an island. The state highway was covered to a depth of four feet with seaweed.

On Nantasket beach, in Hull, the damage to property is estimated at \$100,000.

Everly, the summer home of President Taft, was cut off from communication with the outside world by wire. A messenger from there said that the storm and tide caused great damage along the water front.

Many Millions Given Away.

New York.—The total public benefactions in the United States during the last twelve months was \$141,250,000, an amount just \$40,000,000 greater than any previous year in the history of the country, according to statistics compiled by a New York newspaper. The amount this year was over twice as large as was given away last year, following the panic of 1907.

The principal benefactors in 1909 have been the late John S. Kennedy of New York, \$26,550,000; John D. Rockefeller, \$12,825,000, and Andrew Carnegie, \$6,065,511.

Of the total amount given in 1909, over a third was specifically for educational work.

Knows What Whisky Is.

Washington.—The definition of the word "whisky" was given when President Taft rendered the final decision on the subject in connection with the construction of the pure food law with reference to labeling. The president held that whisky made of neutral spirits is whisky when reduced to potable strength. The president covered other details in his decision and gave directions for the proper branding of various varieties of liquor, holding among other things, that whisky made from a mixture of "straight" whisky and "neutral spirits" may be called a blend.

John H. Mickey Very Low.

Osceola, Neb.—Suffering from an aneuria at his home here, ex-Governor John H. Mickey, who has been confined to his bed for a month, is believed to have little chance of recovery.

Saturday evening the former governor had a very bad sinking spell and his condition remains alarming.

Robber of Heavy Tresses.

St. Louis.—Mrs. J. Ehlen, whose five feet of heavy blonde hair has been the envy and admiration of St. Louis women for years, was knocked unconscious by an unidentified man as she was leaving her home for church Sunday morning and her hair was chopped off close to her head with a razor. She was dragged, unconscious, into the hallway of her home and lay in that condition for an hour before she was found. Her condition is serious. Today's attack was the third in two weeks.

NEBRASKA NEWS AND NOTES.

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

Efforts are being made in Beatrice to enforce the curfew law, which of late has been lightly regarded.

The county clerk of Custer county has resigned in order that he may give more attention to his coming duties as census directed for the Sixth congressional district.

While playing with a gun Willie Schneider, who lives in the south part of York, was accidentally shot by his little brother. He is not expected to recover.

Representative Hinshaw recommended to Postmaster General Hitchcock the reappointment of Wellington A. Post to be postmaster at Stromsburg. Post's term will expire January 24.

Charles M. Chamberlain of the failed Tecumseh banking house was found not guilty on the charge of receiving deposits after his bank was insolvent at the close of the fourth criminal trial growing out of the failure of the institution. The trial took place at Beatrice.

Harry Wyatt, who was killed at Lincoln by a Burlington train at the depot, where he was employed as baggageman, lived in the vicinity of Nelson with his parents for fifteen years and left two months ago to take this position. He was 22 years old and unmarried.

About the 15th of October a young man appeared in Herman claiming to be deaf and dumb, and also claimed he represented Steward's Magazine agency of Oklahoma City, Okl., and was soliciting business for this firm. Several gave him money out of sympathy for his condition, but none of them have received any magazines.

The farm residence of J. E. West of Rushville was totally destroyed by fire. His daughter, Mrs. Warren, and her son, Lewis, were living on the place. They came to town Sunday morning to spend the day with Mr. and Mrs. West. About 8 o'clock that evening a bright light was noticed in the east and on investigation it was found to be the house on fire.

George Looschen and August Saege, two Fremont men, have come into possession of two interesting relics of the Peary arctic expedition in the form of a narwhal tusk and walrus tooth. The relics were presented them by Herman Sievers, a former Fremont man, who is now manager of the Philippine department of the National museum in New York City.

William A. Wagner has brought suit in the district court of Lancaster county for \$10,000 damages against the Farmers and Merchants' Insurance company. He asserts that he sustained permanent injuries to his leg and foot from the negligent handling of an elevator in the defendant's building. Wagner is an expert accountant.

Friends of Mrs. L. H. Donaldson, formerly a resident of Benedict, learned of her sudden death by burning at Los Angeles, Cal. Mrs. Donaldson, on entering their home, stepped to the open fireplace and her clothing caught fire. She tried to extinguish the flames, and falling, ran to her daughter's home and fell, expiring shortly after in the presence of her husband and daughter.

Walter Wuttke, a young man 18 years of age, manager of a drug store owned by his father, who is cashier of the Bank of Thayer, with a crowd of young people, went skating, taking with him a rifle. Only a few feet distant from the crowd the skaters were startled to hear the report of the rifle and when they went to Wuttke's assistance found him fatally wounded. The shooting was decided as accidental.

A westbound Burlington freight train ran into the switch engine at the east end of the yards in Seneca and instantly killed brakeman W. H. Shoemaker and so severely injured fireman Joseph Phillips, who was taken to Alliance on a special train, that he died in the hospital there as a result of his injuries. Engineer Grabbert and Fireman Townley on the regular train were only slightly injured.

George W. Dorsey of Crab Orchard, formerly a neighbor of the John Wilson, Jr., for whom a fortune is in waiting at Tecumseh, comes out with a letter in a local paper stating that in his opinion the John Wilson of Houston, Tex., the latest claimant for the estate, is not the right man. Judge and Mrs. John Wilson died in Tecumseh, leaving an estate valued at about \$30,000 for their son, John Wilson, Jr. If he should claim the same within five years.

The Commercial club of York has ascertained that there is quite a difference in fire insurance rates in cities of the class of York and smaller cities. At Hastings mercantile risks are said to be written as low as 50 cents for \$100 for one year. In York mercantile insurance is written at 75 cents per \$100 for one year and on combined dwelling house insurance the rate is 75 cents per \$100. The York Commercial club is asking the insurance agents why rates should be 50 per cent higher than in Hastings.

Osceola school district voted \$25,000 bonds at a special election for the purpose of erecting a new high school building. The vote on the bonds was 232 for and seventy-three against. The plan is to erect a new modern building for high school purposes only and to equip the institution better than anything else in the county.

A new baptist preacher has arrived in Blair, coming from Denver.

Frank Diauzoff of Omaha, convicted of violating the 8 o'clock closing law, as a result of which he lost his license, has filed a motion for a rehearing in the supreme court.