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NEWS OF THE WEEK

CONDENSATIONS OF GREATER OR LESSER IMPORTANCE.

A BOILING DOWN OF EVENTS

National, Political, Personal and Other Matters in Brief Form for All Classes of Readers.

Foreign.

The Observatore Romano at Rome prints a dispatch from Harar, a town of southeastern Abyssinia, saying it is reported that King Menelik died December 23, and that the news was concealed in order to avoid internal troubles.

The new Turkish cabinet, of which Hakkia Bey is grand vizier, has been completed with the exception of the ministries of public instruction and of pious foundations. Changes have been made only in the ministries of war, marine and mines and forests.

The proposed Austrian cabinet of Dr. Ladislaus Von Lukacs having failed to meet the approval of Emperor Francis Joseph, the latter in an audience entrusted Count Khuen Von Hedervary with the responsibility of forming a new ministry.

The Russian foreign office has taken no action on the memorandum presented by the United States government relative to the neutralization of the Manchurian railroad, which has been submitted for a careful examination conjointly by the ministers of finance and war. The ultimate attitude of Russia will depend largely upon the reception of the proposals by the other powers, and the developments in this matter will necessarily consume a great deal of time.

Dr. Frederick A. Cook's original note books have arrived at Copenhagen and will be examined by the committee immediately. Hector Salmonson says, however, that the investigation will not alter the committee's judgment. He has seen the notebooks and is still convinced that the explorer's claim to the discovery of the Pole is not bonafide.

General.

Census Director Durand says cooperation of the people is necessary to make the enumeration a success.

The house refused to take away from the speaker the right to refer the president's message.

The United States government is careful to in no way recognize Madrid as president of Nicaragua.

A statue of General Lew Wallace was placed in the capitol at Washington.

George Harris, president of the Burlington railroad, has presented his resignation to the board of directors, and it will be accepted.

No recount of the vote for mayor of Boston will be asked for on the part of the principal defeated candidate, James J. Storrow, if the revised official returns show 1,145 plurality.

Public men at Washington are waiting for the next move in the Pinchot-Ballinger controversy.

Bleaching of flour does no good says Dr. Wiley, but is employed simply to please the eye.

In ten years the United States has exported nine billion dollars' worth of agricultural products.

The house discussed the army bill and refused to economize.

A ruling by the supreme court grants the interstate commerce commission greater power.

Japan can see no good in the proposed neutralization of the Manchurian railroad property.

J. C. Mabray and other alleged members of the "big store" swindling syndicate will have to stand trial under the indictment returned against them last September by the federal grand jury in Council Bluffs on the charge of conspiracy to use the mails fraudulently.

Nebraska millers lock horns with Dr. Wiley on the subject of bleached flour.

Honoring the memory of Albert Pike, the great exponent of Scottish Rite masonry, exercises celebrating the hundredth anniversary of his birth were held in Washington.

The United States government is dissatisfied with President Madriz in Nicaragua.

The names of ten successful architects who have submitted comparative designs for a \$2,500,000 monument in New York to Robert Fulton, were made public by the jury of the Robert Fulton Memorial association.

Representative James M. Griggs of the second Georgia district died suddenly at his home.

In far from good health and grief-stricken at the recent sudden death of his daughter, Jean, Samuel L. Clemens, better known as Mark Twain, sailed for Bermuda.

An Alaskan prospector denies Cook's story in which he is alleged to have been rescued from a bear by the explorer.

Treasurer Lindsay of the Nebraska republican state committee favors republican primaries to settle the senatorial contest next fall.

The senate adopted the joint resolution, providing for the Ballinger-Pinchot investigation.

CLAIM IT A SWINDLE

ALLEGED DEATH IN SPAIN RECALLS SIMILAR INCIDENTS.

HAPPENINGS OVER THE STATE

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

Fremont, Neb.—That Edward Stollberg, a Snyder man who received a mysterious letter from Madrid, Spain, is a little too credulous in assuming his forgotten cousin, Edward Blansd Stollberg, died in a Spanish prison, is the opinion of B. F. Stump of Fremont, J. F. Heine of Hooper, Joseph Novak of Howells and several other persons who have received similar communications from the same source. Mr. Stump had a relative named Stump expire in the same mad manner and Mr. Heine and Mr. Novak have been called upon to experience similar grief.

They say if Mr. Stollberg will continue communicating with his Spanish correspondent he will receive a picture of a sweet looking little girl, purporting to be a daughter of his unlucky anarchist relative, and later a letter assuming to be from a Catholic priest to whom the lamented wealthy engineer cousin has confided he left \$90,000 concealed in a secret compartment in his trunk, which is being held by the Spanish authorities. Then an official looking document bearing many Spanish stamps and seals will come with the information that the trunk will be released upon receipt of \$500 to settle a fine that was imposed upon the owner of the same trunk. It will go, they say, to a smooth bunch of Spanish swindlers.

The principle of the swindle is old and hundreds of German-American families are said to have been made the recipients of the smoothly written letters. The letters, which follow a stereotyped phraseology, with exception to the names, are carefully written, apparently by an expert penman, and have formed the means, no doubt, of beguiling cash from many American pocketbooks. When B. F. Stump received the first one several weeks ago, purporting to come from his ill-fated cousin who had been imprisoned and was still alive, he concluded at once that it was a scheme of some kind to swindle him. He decided to follow the matter up and replied to as many as a dozen letters, while the swindle plot was being slowly developed. These are now in his possession.

Mr. Stump learned later that several of his acquaintances in Omaha and other towns had received similar letters. Will Vote on School Bonds. Nebraska City, Neb.—The board of education held a special meeting Tuesday evening at which time it was decided to call a special election to vote \$70,000 bonds for the purpose of erecting a new high school building. The board did not set the time for the calling of the election, but suggested they wait until next May. This matter was up a year ago when the people refused to vote the bonds, but it was at a time when other matters were up for the people to vote on and they defeated all of the propositions. The board claims that the present building is unsanitary and too small for the large number of pupils which are attending school at the present time, saying nothing of the large number who will enter this school next year.

Takes \$200 From Hotel. Holdrege, Neb.—While Night Clerk Frank Grace of the Evans hotel was at the depot early Tuesday morning a burglar entered the hotel office and by working quickly made his get-away with about \$200 in cash which he took from the safe. Landford Craig is in the habit of leaving the outside door with its combination open, but taking precaution every night to see that the inner door is locked before he retires. The key he always retains himself, as it is the only one that will unlock the safe. The robber had evidently made a duplicate or had a skeleton key with which the work was done and was evidently familiar with the hotel.

Oldest Pythian in Nebraska. Schuyler, Neb.—The Pythians of Pallas lodge, No. 110, publicly installed their officers Tuesday night at their lodge rooms. Fred Barnholt of Richland, a pioneer, the oldest Pythian in Nebraska, and probably in the United States, was present. He was made a Pythian knight in lodge No. 12, of New York city, about the time of the birth of the order.

Papers Are Consolidated. Butte, Neb.—A deal was closed here Tuesday whereby A. R. Armstrong, editor of the Butte Gazette, purchased the Boyd County Register of Butte, and will consolidate the two papers, O. R. Robinson, late editor of the Register, will leave at once for Lamro, S. D., where he has accepted a position as editor of a new paper being started there.

County Seat is Selected. Chappell, Neb.—At the special election held in Garden county Oshkosh was chosen for the county seat over Lewellen by almost two hundred votes. The republican ticket was elected with the exception of clerk and county judge.

New Pastor at Dunbar. Dunbar, Neb.—Rev. E. K. Love of Missouri has accepted the pastorate of the Presbyterian church at this place. The congregation here has been without a pastor for eight months.

NEBRASKA HAPPENINGS.

State News and Notes in Condensed Form.

The meetings of the Pierce county farmers' institute and poultry show were largely attended.

The Midwest Life of Lincoln closed the year 1909 with \$2,000,000 of insurance in force, all written in Nebraska. The Creighton farmers' institute held its annual two days' session Tuesday and Wednesday. All the meetings were well attended and much interest displayed.

Walter Barnard, who for the last six years has held a position with the Dierks Lumber and Coal company of Callaway, has purchased a half interest in the Loup Valley Queen, and the paper will hereafter be published by Barnard brothers.

The Midwest Life has good openings for active, progressive men to represent it locally. Write the company at Lincoln for particulars.

As the result of boys fooling with a loaded shotgun, Harry Kelley, the nine-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Kelley, who live on the Simpson farm, two miles southwest of Tecumseh, has lost the thumb and first finger of his left hand at least, and possibly the hand.

In buying life insurance it is a sound business proposition to buy it in a Nebraska company. The Midwest Life of Lincoln issues all the standard forms of policies. Write the company, giving age nearest birthday, and it will send you a sample policy.

A. J. Hull sold his homestead near Kimball for \$9,600, a section of land. Less than five years ago Hull landed at Kimball with nothing, took his homestead and went to work. His army service gave him time off and he proved up. The good crops and consequent increase in the price of land did the rest.

Frank Brunst of Nebraska City had a narrow escape from being killed Monday. He was operating a wood saw, which was operated by a gasoline engine, when the saw burst and pieces passed through his clothing and made slight flesh wounds, but missed any vital parts. The saw was revolving at a rapid rate when the accident occurred.

William Madgett, who is at the head of the movement for the new hotel at Hastings, announced that he had obtained subscription from business men amounting to \$41,000. He expects to bring the amount up to \$50,000 by February. When that sum is reached the stockholders will be called together to determine a location and a means of raising the remaining \$50,000.

John S. Bland, formerly city superintendent of the schools at O'Neill, Neb., dropped dead from heart failure in the barnyard on his farm a mile north of Fremont while he was doing the chores Wednesday evening. Mrs. Bland on returning from the funeral of R. D. Kelly, the veteran newspaper man, found Mr. Bland. Evidently he had been dead only a few minutes, for the body was still warm.

Edyard H. Haose, aged seventy years was found dead near the home of his son, six miles south of Kimball, by his daughter-in-law. He had taken an ax to cut ice from a water barrel and had slipped and fallen, striking his head on the ice and crushing his skull. His daughter started for a neighbor, three miles away, but she lost her way on the prairie, but finally got back home, and, after resting, went to another neighbor and summoned aid.

H. W. L. Jackson has won a warm spot in the hearts of the firemen of Beatrice by coming to their relief and assisting them in meeting the outstanding indebtedness on their new headquarters. The firemen have been short about \$3,500, most of which Mr. Jackson has agreed to furnish them. Mr. Jackson is a former mayor and has always taken a deep interest in the affairs of the department. The firemen have arranged for a reception to be held in their new rooms the evening of January 26.

The Missouri river is frozen over at Nebraska City and the ice is over two feet in thickness. Mike Bauer and Henry Sneed have completed approaches to the ice and thus made a free bridge over the river, something the town has not had but twice since the Burlington railway built a bridge in 1888.

The farmers' institute and school of domestic science and art will open at Broken Bow Monday, January 24, and continue throughout the week. The program this year will be of unusual interest and in addition to the regular courses special features in the way of instructive entertainment will be arranged each evening.

A girls' culture club has been organized in West Point, with the following officers: President, Miss Maria Chambers; vice president, Miss Blanche Shearer; secretary, Miss Mildred Langer; treasurer, Miss Lillian Chambers; librarian, Miss Nellie De Bell. It is the intention to eventually federate with the state organization.

The county officials of Buffalo county have asked for an increase in salaries under the theory that the population of the county exceeds 25,000. If the county has this many inhabitants the request must be granted. Under a ruling of the supreme court the population may be estimated by the vote of the people for congressmen. Buffalo county had last fall 5,200 votes cast, which multiplied by five gives a total of 26,000. If the county board does not object to the raise there will be no contest, but if they do a test case will be made. The increase will amount to about 33 per cent.

WILL RETAIN POWER

LIBERAL VICTORY IN GREAT BRITAIN ALMOST SURE.

MAJORITY MAY BE A HUNDRED

Conservative Forces Nearly Ready to Confess Their Defeat—Balloting of Monday Will Forecast the Final Result.

London.—Sunday gave a welcome respite from the strenuous work at the election stations, and an opportunity for calm reflection over the prospects of both parties striving to gain control of the government. The greatest animation prevailed at the clubs and other rendezvous of the politicians, and Saturday's results were excitedly discussed from every possible viewpoint. Although both sides preserve a sanguine air of confidence, it was evident that the conservatives have abandoned hope that their party will form the next government. The utmost they dare to expect is that the liberal majority will be so reduced in the next parliament as to place the liberals at the mercy of the nationalists.

It must be remembered that Mr. Balfour, leader of the opposition in the house of commons, in a speech some days ago, said that the great political issues now in question would not be settled by one general election, and perhaps not by two.

Clearly, the ex-premier accurately measured the situation and the hopes of the tariff reformers must now be centered upon some future general election.

An estimate made after careful calculation by a well informed unionist, based on Saturday's pollings, gives the liberals and laborites a clear majority of ninety or one hundred over all parties, which would provide the liberal government with a good working majority. Many of the unionists, however, are less dependent. They do not believe that the liberals will finish the election with so good a record as this.

At the national liberal club great satisfaction is expressed over the results so far. Some further losses are expected at Glasgow and a reduced vote in the English counties where the agricultural interests would be likely to benefit from tariff reform and where the landed interests have great influence.

The pollings Monday which includes thirty-one London constituencies and fifty-seven provincial boroughs, will provide a better index as to how the country is going. Should the liberals retain the hold on the metropolis which they gained in 1906, their prospects will be regarded as much rosier than they appear now.

At present, to sum up, nothing could be predicted with absolute certainty, but only a very great increase in the unionist gains over Saturday's results, when they gained only half the number of seats they had counted on, will give them a victory. If the unionists continue to gain at the same ratio the liberals will still retain a majority somewhere in the neighborhood of ninety.

Chancellor Lloyd-George said Sunday: "We are winning. England is declaring emphatically against government by the peers and beer. The north is overwhelmingly with us."

John Burns, president of the local government board, said: "All things considered in the fight between those who have too much and those who have too little, Saturday's results are exceedingly good. London has done much better than I expected. In my judgment it has done supremely well. To win the seats that have been lost would have required almost superhuman efforts."

Will Crooks, the well-known labor leader, who was in Australia when the budget crisis began, and has been running against time to reach London so that he might take part in the elections, arrived Sunday. He represents Woolwich in the house of commons and was received by his constituency with remarkable demonstrations.

China Opens the Door.

Peking.—China has opened Hun-Chun and Lun-Chin in Chientao, Manchuria, to international trade, notwithstanding the fact that an agreement has not been reached with Japan regarding the matter of the tariffs to be collected. The questions of tariff will come up for settlement at an early date.

Hun-Chun and Lun-Chin are two of the treaty ports provided for in the agreement between Japan and China, signed at Peking, September 4, last, and designed to settle the Chientao boundary dispute between the two countries. Recently a disagreement arose over the subject of Korean immigration into Chientao. This and the question of tariff delayed the promised opening, which was expected on January 1. The importance of the opening of Hun-Chun to foreign commerce is apparent when it is understood that the town is situated nine miles northeast of the Korean boundary, thirty-five miles above the Tuman river and less than one hundred miles from Vladivostok.

Men May Quit in a Body.

Mexico City, Mex.—According to the report from reliable sources here, members of the Mexican branches of the order of railway conductors and the brotherhood of locomotive engineers now employed on the national railways of Mexico, will resign in a body next Friday, unless their representatives are satisfied with the result of conferences with the railway management before that time. Joint committees of the engineers and conductors will have a conference Monday morning at 10 o'clock with A. Clark, general manager.

NEWS FROM THE CAPITAL CITY

Items of Interest Around the State House

The University of Nebraska.

Figures compiled by the United States bureau of education show that the university ranked sixth in 1908-09 in enrollment among all universities receiving state aid. The institutions leading Nebraska are the state universities of Minnesota, Illinois, Michigan and Wisconsin, in the order named, and Cornell university, the latter occupying a place between Illinois and Michigan. Cornell is supported only to a slight degree by the state, whereas the other institutions are almost state supported. Nebraska ranks considerably lower as to maximum salaries paid. Nebraska's highest salary for professors is \$3,000, whereas nine institutions pay \$3,500 or over and a number of others lead Nebraska. Thirteen presidents receive larger salaries than does the Nebraska chancellor and six the same. On total expenditures Nebraska ranks ninth. The per capita expenditure shows Nebraska spending the least of the institutions recorded as devoting more than \$500,000 annually to education. Nebraska pays \$179 per student in the university, while Minnesota spends \$251 per student and others vary from \$534 by the state college of Washington to \$221 by Iowa state university.

Spinal Disease Killed Many.

Dr. W. H. Wilson, state health inspector, has completed his report of vital statistics for the year 1909. The report shows an increase of 708 births in Nebraska over the year 1908, but also shows that the number of deaths increased 774 over the number in 1908. It may be said that the increased number of deaths was due to spinal meningitis. The disease was epidemic in form and during the past year caused 144 deaths. Out of a total of 23,651 births there were 236 sets of twins. This number of twins is considered somewhat amazing to those who have not kept account of births. In addition there were three sets of triplets. Tuberculosis still ranks highest as the cause of death. During the year there were 504 deaths caused by this disease.

Girls Learn to Cook.

State Superintendent E. C. Bishop has issued a pamphlet containing a course in cookery for Nebraska girls' domestic science clubs. He tells how the girls of the York high school organized a club in domestic science and how the plan has spread and become popular. He gives instructions in the organization of domestic science clubs in schools and outlines a course of study. In the work he was assisted by Gertrude N. Rowan of the University of Nebraska. The course of study contains many recipes and instructions for experiments in the preparation of food.

Attacks Railroad Saloons.

The supreme court has allowed Attorney General Thompson to docket his suit for a restraining order to prevent the Union Pacific and Burlington railroad companies from selling intoxicants on dining cars without a license and to prevent the companies from permitting the drinking of intoxicants on trains. The companies are to show cause February 7 as to why the restraining order shall not be issued. Soon after the Randall law against drinking on trains became effective the railroads ceased serving liquors, but later resumed the sale on dining cars.

Troops to Go to Fort Riley.

Adjutant General Hartigan has been asked to name a date for the assembling of Nebraska national guard at the army maneuvers at Fort Riley, Kas. He has expressed a preference for September 11 to 23, and has said he desires all of the guard to attend. This will include two regiments, the signal corps and the medical corps. The war department will say how many troops shall attend. Assistant Adjutant General Phelps has mustered in company A, Second regiment, at Kearney.

Militia Company of Blair.

Adjutant General John C. Hartigan has consented to permit the organization of a new company of the Nebraska national guard in the stable and substantial town of Blair. W. J. Cook, postmaster of that town, has been authorized to recruit the company and if he is lucky he may be elected captain by the men whom he permits to enlist. The company will not be assigned to a position with the two regiments for some time.

Release Quarantine on Cattle.

Governor Shallenberger has received notice from Washington that Secretary of Agriculture Wilson, has released Boyd, Custer and Dawson counties from the scab quarantine against cattle. State Veterinarian Jackness is in conference with government officials in Denver and hopes to soon get the quarantine against other counties raised.

To Appeal Guaranty Deposit Suit.

Attorney General W. T. Thompson has taken the initiative in appealing the suit of banking corporations against the enforcement of the Nebraska guaranty of deposit act. The circuit court of the United States declared the act unconstitutional, but it will be appealed to the supreme court of the United States. The attorney general is not particularly aggrieved by the holdings of the court, but he believes the case should be appealed to the highest court in the land for a final decision so that the question may be settled.

HER POINT OF VIEW.



Sweet Maid—You must remember that ours was a summer engagement.
The Man—That means, if you see anyone you like better, you'll break it?
Sweet Maid—Yes.
The Man—And if I see anyone I like better—
Sweet Maid—I'll sue you for breach of promise.

SOFT, WHITE HANDS

May be Obtained in One Night.

For preserving the hands as well as for preventing redness, roughness, and chapping, and imparting that velvety softness and whiteness much desired by women Cuticura Soap, assisted by Cuticura Ointment, is believed to be superior to all other skin soaps. For those who work in corrosive liquids, or at occupations which tend to injure the hands, it is invaluable.

Treatment.—Bathe and soak the hands on retiring in a strong, hot, creamy lather of Cuticura Soap. Dry and anoint freely with Cuticura Ointment, and in severe cases spread the Cuticura Ointment on thin pieces of old linen or cotton. Wear during the night old, loose gloves, or a light bandage of old cotton or linen to protect the clothing from stain. For red, rough, and chapped hands, dry, fissured, itching, feverish palms, and shapeless nails with painful finger ends, this treatment is most effective. Cuticura Remedies are sold throughout the world, Potter Drug & Chem. Corp., sole proprietors, Boston, Mass.

Fight Against Plague Goes On.

Although the survey of the past year's anti-tuberculosis work shows that much has been done, the reports from all parts of the country indicate that this year the amount of money to be expended, and the actual number of patients that will be treated will be more than double that of the past year. For instance, special appropriations have been made in the various municipalities for next year's anti-tuberculosis work, aggregating \$3,576,500. In addition to these appropriations over \$4,000,000 has been set aside by the different state legislatures for the campaign against tuberculosis this year. Besides these sums, a large number of the present existing institutions and associations are planning enlargements of their work, and new organizations are being formed daily.

A Good Head for Business.

"I want a hat pin," said Little Mary of four years, as she gazed eagerly at the cushion full of sparkling ornaments on the milliner's showcase. "How much is it?" she asked, after making a very deliberate choice and laying her purchase money, a bright penny, on the counter. "Oh, nothing," returned the kind-hearted Mrs. Briggs, as Mary's mother was one of her regular customers. Imagine her amusement as the little "bargain hunter" said most eagerly: "I'll take two, then."—Delinicator.

An Anti-Suffragist Argument.

Mother—Johnny, if you don't behave I shall spank you.
Johnny—Er—don't you think it would be more womanly to use indirect influence?

Excused.

"Shame on you! You came home last night actually tipsy."
"So I did, my dear. I just couldn't resist the pleasure of seeing two of you at once."

Every time we see a sponge it reminds us of some men we know.

WHEN DINNER COMES

One Ought to Have a Good Appetite.

A good appetite is the best sauce. It goes a long way toward helping in the digestive process, and that is absolutely essential to health and strength. Many persons have found that Grape-Nuts food is not only nourishing but is a great appetizer. Even children like the taste of it and grow strong and rosy from its use.

It is especially the food to make a weak stomach strong and create an appetite for dinner.

"I am 57 years old," writes a Tenn. grandmother, "and have had a weak stomach from childhood. By great care as to my diet I enjoyed a reasonable degree of health, but never found anything to equal Grape-Nuts as a standby.

"When I have no appetite for breakfast and just eat to keep up my strength, I take 4 teaspoonfuls of Grape-Nuts with good rich milk and when dinner comes I am hungry. While if I go without any breakfast I never feel like eating dinner. Grape-Nuts for breakfast seems to make a healthy appetite for dinner.

"My 13-months-old grandson had been very sick with stomach trouble during the past summer, and finally we put him on Grape-Nuts. Now he is growing plump and well. When asked if he wants his nurse or Grape-Nuts, he brightens up and points to the cupboard. He was no trouble to wean at all—thanks to Grape-Nuts." Read the little book, "The Road to Wellville," in pkgs. "There's a Reason."

Never read the above letter? A new one appears from time to time. They are genuine, true, and full of human interest.