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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 Italian cabinet has resigned. The retirement of the ministry, which was formed on December 10, 1909, with Baron Sidney Sonnino as premier, was due to the realization that the government's mercantile marine subsidies measure was doomed to defeat.

Preparations for the visit of former President Roosevelt, who will be in Paris throughout the week of April 21-28, continue. In addition to the set functions already announced visits to the Pantheon and other great French monuments have been planned and there will be, it is expected, automobile trips to Versailles and Fontainebleau and other interesting points.

A wireless dispatch from Operator Paragher, who has been handling press dispatches at Bluefields, Nicaragua and who is now with the steamer Antilles, says that General Juan Estrada recently received a large supply of ammunition and has declared that he can hold the Atlantic coast against 10,000 Madriz troops, should they attempt to take Bluefields and the coast towns.

Crown Prince William opened the American art exhibition at Berlin. He came with a large staff to the galleries of the Royal academy, where several hundred persons distinguished in the official, artistic and social life of Berlin awaited the prior view by royalty before having their own enjoyment of the pictures. American Ambassador Hill and all the other members of the American embassy, except Secretary Irwin M. Laughlin, who has been called home by the death of a brother, were present with their wives.

General

Weston, the pedestrian, is now hiking through Kansas.

Car men at Philadelphia have voted to continue the strike.

Dr. Cook is said to be broken in health and pocketbook.

Work on the Panama canal is going forward at a great rate.

President Taft was given an enthusiastic reception at Rochester, New York.

Indiana is preparing to give ex-Vice-President Fairbanks a hearty welcome home.

A slight improvement in the condition of Senator Daniel of Virginia is reported.

Nebraska is the second state in the union to call a state conservation congress.

The academy of science of the University of Nebraska will be divided into sections this year for the first time.

Chief Justice Fuller is to act as arbitrator in the Costa Rica-Panama boundary dispute.

John C. Mabry and members of his gang were convicted at Council Bluffs of swindling.

The appointment of Sir Chen-Tung Liao Sheng as minister at Berlin was gazetted at Peking.

Joseph Fels, a millionaire sack maker, is spending \$250,000 yearly to spread the single tax theory. Mr. Fels does not believe in charity.

Hugh Brown, owner of the hotel at Cheyenne and a large land owner, fell dead, overcome by heat while fighting a prairie fire at his ranch three miles from the city.

The house passed a bill providing for raising the wreck of the battleship Maine.

A petition praying for the independence of the Philippine islanders was presented to the senate by Senator Crane.

A general strike of leather workers on horse goods, involving 103 cities and about 4,000 men, was ordered in Chicago.

Forty-seven are thus far dead from the railroad wreck in Iowa. Some of the wounded cannot survive.

Governor Wilson of Kentucky signed the bill providing for electrocution as the means of inflicting the death penalty.

President Taft's cabinet ate cookies made out of cottonseed flour. Secretary Dickinson provided the feast. It came to him from his nephew in Ennis, Tex.

There is big demand for babies in New Orleans, and another carload will be shipped there from New York.

William A. Bousack, of St. Louis, millionaire president of the Bousack Lumber company, was drowned while yachting in Lake Ponchartrain at New Orleans.

House insurgents regret that they did not, while they had the opportunity, oust Cannon as speaker.

An official call and program for the Nebraska conservation and state development congress has been issued.

President Clemmons of Fremont (Neb.) declares he has proof that a student started the fire which caused a loss of \$40,000 to a normal building two years ago.

W. L. Parks of the Union Pacific has been elected vice president of the Illinois Centra.

In a speech full of bitterness, Speaker Cannon denounced the insurgents, who caused his undoing.

General Bell was injured and Mrs. H. J. Stocum was killed in an auto accident near Washington.

Fourteen hundred laymen sat down to a banquet in Omaha in the interest of foreign missions.

The number of dipsomaniacs in the Nebraska asylum for the past year has been only half that of the year before.

The firemen and managers' committee reached an agreement and will arbitrate the question of an increase in wages.

Not a single insurgent is included on the tentative group selected for the house rules committee.

Gifford Pinchot has sailed for Europe to meet Colonel Roosevelt. It is rumored at the latter's request.

The health of banker Walsh, now in the federal prison at Leavenworth, has not improved since his incarceration.

Paul Morton has gone to Mexico to inspect the Pan-American railroad of which he was recently elected a director.

The Transvaal government has decided to give a first contribution of £100,000 for the establishment of a Transvaal agricultural university.

Giovanni Lamperti, the famous singing teacher, died in Berlin. He was 70 years old and had trained many famous singers, including Mme. Sembrich.

A two days' aviation meet will be held in Atlanta, Ga., May 2 and 3 in connection with the automobile races. Glenn Curtiss has been engaged for the trials.

Just as Frank H. Young of Lincoln, Neb., was boarding a train for home he was served with a summons in a breach of promise suit for ten thousand dollars damages.

Robert E. Peary has announced that he will turn over the proceeds of his lecture before the Philadelphia Geographical society April 7 as a contribution to the south pole expedition fund.

Following closely on the failure of the Kentucky legislature at its recent session to accede to his request that the Lincoln memorial park be exempted from taxation came Governor Wilson's veto of a bill appropriating \$15,000 for improvements to be made in the birthplace of Jefferson Davis in Todd county, Kentucky.

The condition of United States Senator Daniel of Virginia, who has been lingering between life and death for some days as the result of a stroke of paralysis, is somewhat improved.

Judge Riner of the United States court of appeals has held that the twenty-eight hour food and water law does not apply to terminal railroads unless the latter delays shipment the full time on its tracks.

Washington.

One hundred dollars per head was paid at Fort Worth, Texas, for a herd of 450 Oklahoma fed beef cattle. This is said to be the highest price for this class of cattle ever paid in the United States.

Satisfied that the present methods of operating its smelters by the Anaconda Copper Mining company are not only destructive in a widespread degree to the surrounding natural forests, but unnecessary, Attorney-General Wickersham caused a bill in equity to be filed at Helena, Mont., against the company. The bill asks for a permanent injunction to compel the company to operate its plant at Anaconda in such a manner as to avoid the destruction complained of.

Continued denials that the American meat packers' association discussed or attempted to fix prices in any way were made by George L. McCarthy, publisher of the National Provisioner and secretary of the association, in concluding his testimony before the senate high cost of living committee today.

"Squatters" on unsurveyed lands within the national forests, who have occupied their tracts continuously since before the creation of the forest reserves, and who have complied with the homestead law, have had their rights increased by an order which has just been issued by the secretary of agriculture. Such settlers can now acquire title, prior to survey, to 160 acres a full homestead entry, wherever possible.

The last chapter in the postoffice scandals of 1903 was written when United States Attorney Baker nolle prossed the remaining undisposed indictments. Baker told the court that George W. Heavers, former superintendent of salaries and allowances, and August W. Machen, superintendent of rural free delivery, had served sentences for similar offenses and that the government had no desire to further prosecute them.

Personal.

There will be no strike of firemen on western railroads.

Past and present Pittsburg councilmen were indicted by wholesale.

Memorial services to the late Judge Gaslin were held at Lincoln, Neb.

Strike troubles in Philadelphia appear far from settlement.

Ex-President Roosevelt will not get home until some time in June.

Speaker Cannon is quoted as saying he prefers defeat to any compromise with the insurgents.

Norris of Nebraska called the recent speech of Cannon the vapors of an angry old man.

In an address at Rochester President Taft said he had hope that congress will yet do something.

President Taft declared he would take no hand in the house fight.

MAY LOSE LICENSES

STATE AUDITOR'S WARNING TO INSURANCE COMPANIES.

THE TESTING OF SEED CORN

Superintendent Bishop Sending Out a Bulletin Advising as to How the Work Can Be Done.

State Auditor Barton recently published a letter in which he stated that if rate wars did not cease among fire insurance companies of this state he would revoke the licenses of companies that sell insurance for less money in one town than in another of the same class. His desk is stacked high with letters called forth by this statement and in most of the insurance officials assert that they are always opposed to rate wars but they cannot control their agents. The replies are so nearly uniform that they have caused some little amusement at the auditor's office.

While the rate war may be justified by the necessities of competition in one town, says the auditor, it is evident that it works a discrimination against the other towns. Moreover, the auditor does not believe that fire insurance companies can afford to sell insurance as cheap as they frequently do and he thinks that the rule might work toward the conserving of life insurance funds.

Tests on Seed Corn.

Superintendent Bishop is now sending out a bulletin advising school superintendents and teachers how to test seed corn.

The school men are advised to get together classes that will handle the testing of seed corn. They are admonished to "be sure that the test is so accurate and thorough that the owner of the seed corn may rely upon the result as indication of the actual condition of his seed corn as to germinating power."

Blanks are enclosed, so that interested school men may send in notice of their needs in the way of copies of instruction.



GEORGE W. NORRIS

The Nebraska congressman who was central figure in the great revolutionary movement in congress. Unexpectedly to the regulars of the Republican organization, he put over a resolution of the highest constitutional privilege, changing the rules of the house so far as the composition of its committee on rules is concerned by creating a committee of fifteen to be selected from various geographical divisions among the membership and eliminating the speaker from the committee. The confusion and consternation which that resolution created is history.

Out for Senator.

William B. Price of Lincoln, a pronounced county optionist, has issued a formal statement announcing himself a candidate for the United States senate on the democratic and populist, or people's independent tickets.

Petition to the Governor.

Governor Shallenberger has received a petition for the removal of a house of ill repute which is said to be located half way between Wymore and Blue Springs. The petition is signed by fifty-two persons, many of them women.

Making Room in State House.

Bids from contractors will shortly be received by the state railway commission for putting the basement under the commission rooms in shape to house a part of the office force. The commission is now crowded and the physical valuation department, now housed on the second floor, must give up its quarters as soon as the next legislature meets. The basement under the commission rooms will be further excavated, a cement floor will be laid, the walls will be plastered and decorated.

Wants Suit Dismissed.

The Union Pacific has decided that it does not care to exchange transportation for advertising when this is done under pain of prosecution, but it does not care, if possible, to acknowledge that the act is illegal. Edson Rich, attorney for the Union Pacific, called on the state railway commission, hoping to have the suit now dismissed. The commission conferred with Attorney General Thompson. It was decided that the case would be dismissed at once.

VETERANS COMPLAIN

Want Commander Barnes to Make Concession.

Complaints of the members of the Soldiers Home at Grand Island against the treatment accorded them by Commander Eli Barnes was the subject of discussion by the Board of Public Lands and Buildings. The latest action of the commander was to prohibit the soldiers from using the chapel for their meetings and the board was informed that Mr. Barnes refused to permit them to use the chapel in which to practice for their Easter day exercises.

As a result of this last complaint the board adopted the following resolution:

Whereas, The Board of Public Lands and Buildings has on numerous occasions received communications from the inmates of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Home at Grand Island, Neb., complaining that they were deprived of the use of the chapel building for the holding of meetings that were in no way detrimental to the interests or good government of the home, and,

Whereas, The Board of Public Lands and Buildings is desirous of furnishing for the inmates of said home everything in its power that will add to the comfort and amusement of said inmates, believing that they are justly entitled to all that the state of Nebraska can extend to them, and believing further,

That the chapel building was erected for the sole purpose of furnishing a place of public gathering for the members of the home and that the expenses of heating and lighting said building are so insignificant as not to receive any consideration whatever; therefore, be it

Resolved, by the Board of Public Lands and Buildings, That the commandant be and is hereby instructed to allow the said chapel building to be used by the inmates of the home for all gatherings of whatsoever kind that are not detrimental to the good government of the institution.

Adopted by the Board of Public Lands and Buildings this 17th day of March, A. D. 1910.

State Normal at Chadron.

Acting for the Commercial club of Alliance, Ira E. Tash secured a temporary restraining order to prevent the State Board of Education from proceeding with the construction of the State Normal school at Chadron. Judge Frost, who granted the temporary injunction, set March 28 as the date upon which to hear argument for a permanent injunction.

The attorneys appearing for the Commercial club of Alliance are N. K. Griggs of the Burlington railway and C. C. Flansburg. It is alleged in the petition that the law under which the board acted is unconstitutional in that the object of it is not set out clearly in the title; that the law required that proposals for the new school be filed with the board within sixty days after the law became effective, and that with the exception of Alliance no city or town filed such proposal within the time limit; that the secretary and president of the board of trustees of the Chadron academy had no right to make a deed to the property which it is thought to turn over to the state, and that there is doubt of the title which the state can secure to the ground.

Prominent Laymen Speakers.

During the laymen's meeting in Omaha some very prominent speakers were in attendance, many of them fresh from fields of work. Among them were: George Sherwood Eddy, National Secretary V. M. C. A., India; M. D. Eubank, M. D., Missionary, Nanjing, China; George Heber Jones, Missionary, Korea; John E. Merrill, Missionary, Turkey; Dr. John Aberly, Missionary, India; Rockwell Clancy, Missionary, India; J. L. Deering, Missionary, Japan.

The state railway commission has found no law or precedent that will allow it to retire the alleged watered stock of the Lincoln Traction company, and it is highly probable that County Attorney Tyrrell's effort to get this stock retired will fail.

The Union Pacific railroad has asked permission of the railway commission to put on two local trains to care for travel between points in the state and discontinue the practice of permitting local travel on the Los Angeles limited.

Uniform Charges for Shows.

Mayor Love has a communication from the president of the Denver Post Publishing company, asking that the city join in a movement to establish a uniform system of licensing circuses and menageries. It encloses copies of an ordinance which provides a sliding scale of fee, increasing as the size of the circus increases, but basing the increase on the railroad transportation car used, as a unit. Shows using from two to thirty-six cars shall be charged \$10 per car, where using up to fifty cars \$25 per car.

State Institutions' Expense.

Land Commissioner Cowles has prepared a quite lengthy table showing the expenses of state institutions which are under control of the state board of public lands and buildings for December, January and February.

Deputy Warden Resigns.

James Delahanty, for the last nine years deputy warden at the state penitentiary, has resigned, to take up his residence on his farm near Clay Center.

NETWORK OF GRAFT

DISCLOSURES RAPID IN PITTSBURG BRIBE CASES.

COUNCILMEN OUT FOR CASH

Thirty-one Indictments Are Returned Against Past and Present Officials—Banks Included in Presentments.

Pittsburg, Pa.—Laying bare the details of Pittsburg's civic unrighteousness, ordering indictments against thirty-one present and past councilmen, and making a demand upon the directors of the city depositories to investigate their own boards and ascertain the bribe-givers in connection with the ordinance designating their institutions as city depositories, formed the meat of two presentments made by the grand jury Friday. The presentments made a small story of the inside history of corruption in the municipal bodies in 1908, and the demand made on the banks named indicates that even more small developments than have been exposed are expected on Monday, when the bank officials, complying with the demand of the grand jury, make their report in court.

A further result of the presentments of the jury was the order of City Comptroller Morrow, late Friday for the withdrawal of all city funds from the six banks, and the practical nullification of the ordinance designating them as custodians of city funds. There is about \$3,610,320 in these banks now, and this would be increased many millions during the next week by the taxes that are being paid. According to the comptroller the withdrawal of funds will be gradual, however, so that the institutions may not be embarrassed, or any undue alarm caused depositories.

The presentments give the full details of the plot of the present councilmen to obtain bribes from the six banks, the means adopted for paying the bribes, and the names of the officials of the transfer of \$45,000 by an unnamed man to former Councilman Charles Stewart in the Hotel Imperial, New York, is told.

It is related that Max Leslie, former chairman of the republican county committee, received \$25,000 by arrangement between E. P. Jennings and R. A. Griffin of the Columbia National bank, and that Leslie gave William Brand, who was then president of the common council, directly or indirectly, \$17,000 to obtain the city deposits for the Columbia National bank. An unnamed man is said to be interested and concerned in the payment of the money by Leslie to Brand, either as intermediary or principal.

It is declared that Morris Einstein received \$15,000 from the Workingman's Saving and Trust company to have that bank named a city depository, but the name of the bank official who paid him the money is unknown.

It is further declared in the presentments that the members of the grand jury are of the opinion that the books of the Workingman's bank have been mutilated, three pages referring to this deal having been cut from the ledger. Einstein, it is also declared, kept \$5,000 for his services in arranging the deal.

Further declarations in the presentments are that two city clerks were given \$1,000 each, and that \$1,750 was set apart for newspaper men, and that Henry M. Bolger, the saloonkeeper already convicted of bribery, was given \$500 for his services in bringing about the meeting between officials of the German National bank of Pittsburg and the councilmen.

The public is urged not to pass hasty judgment on any officials of the banks mentioned, and stress is laid on the solvency of the institutions. It is recited that John F. Klein and Joseph C. Wasson by reason of their confessions, and statements making possible the exposure of the facts, are entitled to great consideration, and a reduction of Klein's sentence is urged.

It is also recommended that no further indictments be found against Klein or Wasson for any of the crimes to which they have confessed.

The grand jury declares that it is convinced that Charles Stewart and William Brand can unravel the entire network of criminal work, and are in position to disclose the names of all guilty parties.

It is recommended that the court be lenient as possible in passing sentence on those who confess their guilt.

Diaz for Re-election.

San Antonio, Tex.—Political affairs in Mexico are all tending towards the re-election of President Profrío Diaz and Vice President Ramon Corral. On April 2 the re-electionist clubs of the republic will hold a political meeting in the City of Mexico, which will undoubtedly result in the nomination for their respective offices of Diaz and Corral. It is expected that for the coming election Diaz and his adherents will find less opposition in the northern Mexican states than they did during the last campaign.

Want New Scale of Wages.

Cincinnati, O.—A committee of the Big Four conductors and another of the trainmen called on General Manager J. H. Van Winkle Friday and submitted requests for changes in working rules and a new scale of wages. The scales are almost identical with those submitted by the employees of the Baltimore & Ohio and Southwestern to the officials of that road, and rejected by them. Mr. Van Winkle informed the committee that he would consider the matter and give them his answer in a day or two.

NEBRASKA IN BRIEF

NEWS NOTES OF INTEREST FROM VARIOUS SECTIONS.

ALL SUBJECTS TOUCHED UPON

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

The Johnson Live Stock and Grain company is a new organization and is composed of farmers, who propose to do shipping for themselves.

The farmers near Lyons report that there are good, sound apples in their orchards which lay on the ground under the trees all winter.

Fish Commissioner W. J. O'Brien sent to M. M. Wainos of Lyons, 15,000 brook trout and 15,000 rainbow trout which were planted in Blackbird creek, eight miles east of the town.

A 6-year-old son of Nicholas Schmidt of Nebraska City, was kicked in the face by a horse and it is feared fatally injured. He was playing about the feed lot at the time of the accident.

The Nebraska Butter and Egg Dealers' association elected the following officers at its annual meeting in Lincoln: Louis Kirschbaum, Omaha, president; E. F. Howe, Fremont, vice president; George Clarke, Omaha, secretary.

William Spahn, who had his leg broken in two places and was otherwise severely injured in the Burlington wreck near Lincoln last summer, has made a satisfactory settlement with the railroad company.

Just before services the Christian church at Beaver City caught fire from the gasoline lighting system. An alarm was turned in, but before the arrival of the fire department the flames had been smothered.

Mrs. E. J. Culbertson of Peru has recently received \$10,000 as her portion of the estate of Charley Draper, a nephew, who died in a hospital in Shelbyville, Ind., about a year ago. The estate was a large one, being valued at \$500,000.

A letter from Mrs. C. A. Sweet of Palmyra, who was taken to the Pasteur institute at Chicago, for treatment of the rabies, caused by the bite of a pet squirrel, states that she is doing nicely and hopes to be able to be home soon.

Farmers in the vicinity of Monroe are very much discouraged over the conditions of the winter wheat crop. The most conservative estimates place the percentage of loss at one-third, while many believe that not over 10 per cent. is alive.

At a special election held in Kearney to vote on the license proposition a total of 1,432 votes were cast, license carrying by a majority of sixteen. Last year 1,295 votes were cast on the proposition and the town was voted dry by a majority of fifty-nine.

Word was received at Beatrice that William I. Shullenberger, a former Beatrice resident and business man, was killed in a railroad accident at Ellensburg, Wash. He was 50 years of age and was formerly engaged in the implement business at Beatrice.

The post office in Bloomfield was robbed, the robbers effecting an entrance by breaking the glass in the front window. The safe was blown all to pieces and the glass in the windows and doors was badly shattered. The loss is between \$600 and \$700.

The board of directors of the Farmers' Grain and Live Stock company of Oakland let the contract for the construction of a new elevator, to take the place of the one destroyed by fire several weeks ago, to E. H. Cramer of Hampton, Neb. It will cost \$5,000.

The state normal board will go to Chadron, April 4, to locate the new \$35,000 normal school, if the temporary injunction granted against this move is dissolved when it comes up for hearing.

So great has been the discussion as to damage done wheat the past winter that newspapers made an investigation in different fields in Phelps county to determine as to what extent, if any, harm had been done. A large number of fields were visited, and the consensus of opinion seemed to be that much of the wheat is not wearing a healthy look.

The furniture store of Edward Landry at Ravenna was entirely destroyed with contents. Building and contents were insured.

Washington dispatch: The Indian appropriation bill, which was in conference, will carry two amendments relating to the Gonaia Indian school in Nebraska. These two carry appropriations for the construction of a new workshop at the school and also the enlargement of the quarters for employees. A third amendment providing an appropriation for the construction of a cottage for the superintendent was stricken from the bill.

Nebraska butter and egg dealers believe that poultry raising should be taught at the state university. About forty or fifty dealers were in Lincoln ready for the annual meeting. Some of them said that they thought the university farm school should not discriminate against the Nebraska hen.

The Union Pacific has filed a request with the state railway commission for permission to exclude all local passengers from its Los Angeles trains. The road promises to put on two additional local trains in the state to accommodate local trade.