

# NEBRASKA NEWS

EXPRESS COMPANIES ENJOINED BY SUPREME COURT.

## MUST ENFORCE SIBLEY ACT

Judge J. J. Sullivan is Appointed Referee and Suit of the State to Be Tried on Its Merits.

After more than nine months of litigation the state of Nebraska has obtained a temporary injunction to prevent express companies from violating the Sibley rate law which reduces rates on express 25 per cent below the charges in force January 1, 1907. The preliminary injunction was ordered by the supreme court of Nebraska to take effect April 15, Judge J. J. Sullivan of Columbus, formerly on the supreme bench, was appointed by the state referee. The injunction will remain in force until the referee takes testimony and the court determines the case on its merits. Attorney General Thompson filed the suit in the state court the 5th day of last July. Soon afterward the express companies removed the case to the federal court, where it remained some time before that court remanded it to the state court. In the meantime the express companies began a counter suit in the federal court to prevent the attorney general and railway commission from enforcing the Sibley act. An injunction was not granted, after the attorney general had made a showing and this suit is still pending in the federal court.

The effect of the injunction is to require the enforcement of the 25 per cent reduction demanded by the Sibley act.

### WOMAN A SUICIDE.

Wife of Howard County Sheriff Drinks Carboic Acid.

Mrs. Mary Alexander, the wife of Sheriff W. C. Alexander of Howard county, committed suicide by swallowing carboic acid. She died almost immediately after having taken the deadly drug. The only reason to which the rash act can be attributed is that she had been suffering considerable pain from a diseased arm. She had entertained company during the afternoon and had apparently been in her usual spirits. After the departure of the guests she had lain down and, while thus reposing, had requested her husband to perform some slight service in an adjoining room. While he was out she called to him "good-bye" and expired very soon after. She had been married about two years.

### Milling in Transit Rates.

The Burlington railroad has received permission from the railway commission to publish and put into effect a milling in transit rate between certain stations in Nebraska. This rate permits the shipper to have his grain milled while in transit and then be forwarded for an additional charge of two cents per 100 pounds. The rate is good between the following stations, the final destination being Missouri river points north of St. Joseph and in Iowa: Salem to Tecumseh via Nebraska City; Salem to Curtis via Tecumseh; Beatrice and Holdrege; Table Rock and Wray, Colo., including Oberlin and St. Francis branch, to be milled in transit at Falls City. The order becomes effective April 24.

### Search for Lost Child.

The fire department and a hundred citizens searched Grand Island for five hours for Vance Cribbs, the three-year-old son of B. W. Cribbs, foreman of the Union Pacific roundhouse. The child wandered away early in the evening, and when his parents were unable to locate him the police were notified. The child was found at midnight in an outhouse a mile from his home. He evidently wandered away and, becoming lost, took refuge in the building against the cold. He was dressed only in a blouse and trousers and was partially overcome by cold.

### Find Piece of Steel.

In performing an operation for appendicitis upon T. J. Biskup, a resident of Crab Orchard, at a Beatrice sanitarium, a small piece of steel was found in the appendix, which the doctors believe must have been swallowed by the patient, lodging in the appendix and causing inflammation.

### Peaches Not Damaged.

The peach trees in the vicinity of Table Rock are almost ready to break into full bloom. The recent cold weather seems not to have injured them, and if one-fourth of the buds blossom and nothing intervenes, the outlook for peaches is very promising.

## PROPOSED AMENDMENTS.

Parties of State Have Opportunity to Add to Constitution.

The electors of the various political parties in Nebraska will have an opportunity at the primary election this fall to make two proposed constitutional amendments a part of their party ticket to be voted on at the general election. One is to increase the number of judges of the supreme court from three to seven and the other is to permit the investment of state and school funds in school district bonds of this state and such other securities as the legislature may from time to time designate. Only a majority of the electors of any party is necessary to make the amendments a part of the party ticket. If the amendments are made a part of a party ticket at the primary, all straight votes cast at the general election by electors of such party will be cast for the amendments. This system of endorsing a constitutional amendment at the primary election merely takes the place of similar action by a party state convention. When the amendments to the constitution are voted upon at the general election a majority of all votes cast to make them a part of the party ticket at the election will be necessary to make them a part of the state constitution.

Secretary of State Junkin is already preparing to publish the amendments three months prior to the general election. The first publication will be August 4. As the primary election is to be held September 1, this publication will not only serve as notice for the voters at the general election which is to be held November 3, but also as notice to voters at the primary which is to be held September 1. Each proposed amendment must be published in one newspaper in each county for three months prior to the last general election. The last amendment submitted cost the state \$52,20, or a total of \$4,725 for publication. This was the amendment creating the state railway commission. This year the cost will probably be more than doubled, because there are two amendments and one contains considerable reading matter.

Returns upon constitutional amendments are returned to the state canvassing board, but there is no express provision in the statutes giving that board or the legislature power to canvass the vote.

The amendment increasing the number of supreme court judges provides that upon the adoption of the amendment "by the electors of the state" the governor shall immediately upon issuing his proclamation declaring said amendments adopted, appoint four judges. Two of these are to serve till their successors are elected in 1911. The amendment carries with it a proposition to increase the salaries of judges of the supreme court from \$2,500 to \$4,500 a year, and to increase the pay of judges of the district court from \$2,500 to \$3,000 a year.

Already some opposition has been expressed on account of the proposed salary. No opposition has been started against that part of the other amendment authorizing the investment of state school funds in school district bonds, and the only opposition looked for is against that provision which gives the legislature power to designate the kind of securities these funds may be invested in.

### Quarantine Delays Immigrants.

Cattlemen are having trouble getting their stock across the river between Santee, Neb., and Springfield, S. D., by reason of the demand for inspection and the absence of a sufficient number of inspectors. The department of the interior has written the governor that immigrants are caused considerable delay at this point because they have to wait for the inspection of their cattle, and the suggestion is made for the appointment of an inspector for that place.

### THE MIDWEST LIFE OF Lincoln, Nebraska, an old line Nebraska Company wants local agents to represent it in every town in the state. The Midwest Life issues all kinds of life policies and they are liberal and along the best lines in life insurance.

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### Court Commissioners Reappointed.

The supreme court reappointed its six commissioners. Department No. 1 comprises E. R. Duffie of Omaha, E. E. Good of Wahoo, and A. C. Epperson of Clay Center. Department No. 2 is made up of Jacob Fawcett of Omaha, E. C. Calkins of Kearney and Jesse L. Root of Plattsmouth. If the constitutional amendment increasing the number of judges is adopted, the court commission will be succeeded by four judges appointed by the governor.

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## NEWS OF THE WEEK

Most Important Happenings of the Past Seven Days.

Interesting Items Gathered From All Parts of the World Condensed into Small Space for the Benefit of Our Readers.

### Congressional.

Many business men and bankers are appearing before the house committee on banking and currency in opposition to the Aldrich financial bill.

In one of the shortest messages which he has yet transmitted to congress, President Roosevelt has called the attention of that body to the necessity of further legislation on the subject of anarchy. With the message was transmitted a report reviewing the legal phases of the question by Attorney General Bonaparte.

The house employers' liability bill has passed the senate without amendment. The bill is expected to meet the requirements of the recent decision of the federal supreme court which declared the old law unconstitutional.

A bill has been introduced in the house prohibiting the dealing in futures in agricultural products by forbidding dealers to use the mails, interstate transportation and banking facilities.

The naval appropriation bill carrying an aggregate amount of \$103,067,581 has been reported to the house.

Representative Scott of Kansas, has introduced a bill requiring every common carrier of interstate commerce by railroad to maintain its roadbed, tracks, bridges, ties, etc., in a safe and serviceable condition.

Plans are being elaborated in Washington for the mobilization of a joint military and naval force in Venezuelan waters. The president is still awaiting the consent of congress to resort to force against Castro.

The house has passed the resolutions introduced by Speaker Cannon calling for information from the departments regarding the paper trust.

The belief is expressed in Washington that there will be little legislation from now on in congress except the appropriation bills and it is likely that an adjournment may be had by the end of May. The measures urged by the president seem to be doomed.

On motion of Senator Gore of Oklahoma the senate has granted to that state the first flag with 46 stars that floats over the National capitol. It will be preserved by the Oklahoma Historical society.

Senator Warner of Missouri has been made chairman of the senate committee on the Mississippi river and its tributaries.

The house has passed the bill appropriating \$650,000 for a naval station at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

The Sterling employer's liability bill making common carriers liable for personal injuries to employees received in the service of the companies has passed the house with but one vote against it.

The army bill carrying an appropriation of \$100,000,000 which has passed the senate materially increases the pay of the officers and men of the army.

### Miscellaneous.

A St. Paul man recently starved himself to death in an effort to fast 40 days to demonstrate his theory that the mind controls the body. His fast lasted 31 days.

The suit brought by the Pennsylvania Sugar Refining company to recover \$30,000,000 from the sugar trust has been dismissed in the federal court in New York.

The state bank at Huron, Atchison county, Kansas, was recently robbed by burglars of \$6,500 in cash.

The taking of evidence in the anti-trust suit by the state of Kansas against the two live stock exchanges at Kansas City has begun.

The miners and operators of Illinois, Indiana, Ohio and Western Pennsylvania are soon to hold an interstate conference.

The monument erected by the state of Minnesota in the national park at Shiloh to the memory of the Minnesota soldiers who fell on that Civil war battlefield, was dedicated recently.

Gov. Hoch has issued a call for a conference of all the officials of state educational institutions at Topeka on April 28. An attempt will be made to settle the differences in the faculties of the various institutions.

Greater New York has chosen a practically solid Hughes delegation to the Republican national convention.

The arrival of a carload of strike-breakers at Pensacola, Fla., from St. Louis was the signal for rioting and disorder, which resulted in the injury of 15 of the imported men.

Measures are being taken in Port Au Prince to force intervention by the United States in Haitian affairs.

An entire wedding party, including

Industrial, sociological and political problems of the time were discussed at the annual session of the American Academy of Political and Social Science, recently held at Philadelphia, by prominent men in various walks of life.

The police of Paris have captured three widely known anarchists together with a cart loaded with dynamite, which the prisoners had in their possession. A plot has been discovered whereby a series of bomb outrages had been planned for May 1 with the object of creating a reign of terror in Paris.

Ten men lost their lives in a colliery at Somersetshire, England, recently, as the result of an explosion of coal gas.

The Great Northern Railroad company has been convicted of granting rebates to the sugar trust in the federal court in New York.

A wage reduction averaging 10 per cent has taken place in cotton mills of New England, affecting 125,000 people.

The marine hospital and public health service has issued an order establishing a quarantine against Cuba with the exception of Havana.

On her speed trial of four hours the armored cruiser Montana developed a speed of 22.26 knots, exceeding her contract requirements 26 knots.

At a meeting of the Clearing House association of Philadelphia a committee was appointed to draft resolutions opposing the passage of the Aldrich bill.

The local option elections in Illinois resulted in the elimination of 1,500 of the 3,000 saloons in the territory concerned.

Before the California railroad commission an official of the Santa Fe Railroad company has admitted that his road paid rebates on oil shipments as late as 1907.

The vote on the anti-race track gambling bills resulted in a tie in the New York senate thus defeating the measure for the present at least.

The directors in the M. K. & T. Railroad company at their annual meeting at Parsons, Kan., declared the regular semi-annual dividend of two per cent on the preferred capital stock.

A petition has been filed in the supreme court of Missouri to test the constitutionality of the state primary law.

In the opinion of Secretary of State Denton of Kansas, the Populist party has no right under the laws of that state to a place on the official ballot for the names of its candidates as it did not cast sufficient votes at the last general election to entitle it to that privilege.

A plan for the exchange of teachers between schools of the United States and Prussia under the supervision of the Prussian imperial department of instruction and the Carnegie foundation for the advancement of teaching is announced.

Major Reynolds, the government agent on the Crow Indian reservation in Montana, has testified before the senate committee on Indian affairs denying the charges made by Mrs. Helen Pierce Grey of ill-treatment of the Indians.

A car on the South Chicago Elevated railroad in which were 50 passengers jumped the track at Indiana avenue and landed in the back yard of a residence. Every passenger was more or less injured and several are not expected to survive their injuries.

A deal has recently been consummated whereby the Standard Oil interests gain control of all the gas, electric light and power companies in central and northern California. The amount of money involved is \$45,000,000.

### Personal.

H. H. Lee, for several years operator for the Associated press in Oklahoma City, Ok., and widely known throughout the west, is dead.

Senator Housborough, of North Dakota was successfully operated upon in Washington for mastoiditis.

C. E. Billingsley, former president of the Capitol National bank of Guthrie, Ok., has been sentenced to seven years and five months in the federal penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kan.

President Roosevelt has sent a letter to Attorney General Bonaparte directing proceedings by injunctions to compel certain railroads of the south to furnish equal accommodations to white and negro passengers.

Rev. Charles A. Jacquith has resigned the pastorate of the First Congregational church at South Windsor, Conn., to become principal of Gates academy at Neligh, Neb. He will enter upon his academic duties next fall.

Herbert S. Hadley, attorney general of Missouri, has gone to Fort Worth, Texas, for a few weeks. If his health improves Mr. Hadley may yet enter the race for the Republican nomination for governor.

Charles Henry Parker, 92 years old and the oldest Harvard alumnus, is dead in Boston. He was a member of the class of 1833.

Grover Cleveland is again suffering from the cold and rheumatism which have been troubling him for several months.

## FIRE HAS SWEEP

THE CHELSEA SUBURB OF BOSTON IS BURNED OVER.

## LOSS PUT AT TEN MILLIONS

Over Square Mile of Territory Burned over—Flames Rage Eleven Hours

—High Wind for Long Time

Baffles Firemen.

Estimated property loss... \$10,000,000  
Insurance... 5,000,000  
Houses burned... 1,500  
Known to be dead... 3  
Estimated injured... 100  
Number made homeless... 10,000

A Boston, April 13, dispatch says: At an early hour this morning the ruins of the burned district in Chelsea were under guard of fourteen companies of the state militia and marines from the Charlestown navy yard and the city was put under martial law to prevent looting. The soldiers were supplied with ball cartridges. The bodies of three persons, so badly burned as to be unrecognizable, are at the North Grove street morgue. No other deaths have thus far been officially reported. It is estimated that about 1,500 houses have been burned and 10,000 rendered homeless. The estimated loss by an official of an insurance company places the loss between \$7,500,000 and \$10,000,000. The insurance, it was figured, was about \$5,000,000.

An apparently insignificant fire which started among rags on a dump in the city of Chelsea to-day was fanned by a northwest gale into a conflagration which obliterated about one-third of the city. Over 500 dwelling houses were destroyed and many hundreds of families were driven from their habitations and ten thousand people are homeless. Two lives are known to have been lost and at a late hour to-night it was reported that two other persons had perished, one a woman, having shot herself in a frenzy over her inability to save her property. From fifty to 100 were injured. Accurate estimates of the loss is impossible. The city solicitor estimates it at nearly \$10,000,000. The fire raged before a forty-five mile an hour gale for more than ten hours, and despite the combined efforts of the fire departments of Chelsea and nearby cities and a large detachment of Boston supplied apparatus.

The fire area, which was in the form of an ellipse, a mile and a half long and half a mile wide at its widest part, extended diagonally across the city from a point near the boundary between Everett and Chelsea to the waters of Chelsea creek. It was useless for the firemen to attempt to check the onrushing flames before the gale, and their main efforts were to prevent a spread of the fire on either side. Their last stand was taken at Chelsea, and for hours a doubtful battle was waged. At 9 o'clock word was passed that the firemen were winning and with renewed energy the contest was pressed. At 10:50 official announcement was made by Chief H. A. Spencer that the fire was under control.

A great many of the buildings were of wood and were quickly destroyed, but structures of other material were almost as quickly incinerated.

All the banks, more than three-quarters of the churches, half of the business blocks and nearly all of the school houses were wiped out. One hospital and a day nursery were destroyed.

In the turmoil many of the sick and infirm found difficulty in obtaining assistance and several of them narrowly escaped. Late in the afternoon the wind had carried burning embers across Chelsea creek and buildings in East Boston caught fire, but extensive damage there was prevented by prompt and energetic work by the firemen.

### COUNT POTOCKI IS KILLED.

Austro-Polish Governor Assassinated By Ruthenian Student.

At Lemburg, Austrian Hungary, Count Andreas Potocki, the governor of the Austrian-Polish province of Galicia, was assassinated by a Ruthenian student, Mieroslav Sjojynski, by name, while giving an audience to a delegation of students. The assassin fired three shots from a revolver, all of which took effect. The governor died soon afterward, but first asked his secretary to inform his majesty at once. "Tell him," said the dying man, "I was his most faithful servant."

### Concede Taft one Delegate.

The Wisconsin delegation to the republican national convention will stand La Follette, 25; Taft, 1. At La Follette headquarters it is admitted that complete returns from the tenth district will give Walter Alexander, a Taft candidate for election as delegate, a plurality of about 1,000 votes.