

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 union evangelist meeting at Holdrege are proving a great success. Mary is the name of a new post-office in Brown county, with Mary O'Neill as postmaster.

Loss in the burning of the Gering mills is \$15,000. The insurance is \$6,000.

Congressman Kinkaid has recommended Martha E. Wood for the postmastership at Eclipse, Hooker county.

The Gering roller mill at Scotts Bluffs owned by J. B. Boyer, was totally destroyed by fire. The loss is partly covered by insurance.

The saloon men of Lincoln will contest in the courts the right of the excise board to limit the number of saloons in the city to twenty-five.

The state railway commission had its first birthday on March 27, and a report of what it has done during its first year will shortly be prepared.

Frank Hanken of North Bend committed suicide by shooting himself in the head with a shotgun. He had been in poor health and despondent for some time.

Rural letter carriers appointed for service in Nebraska: Hugh E. Mallory and A. L. Edmiston at Litchfield, Earl C. Spicer and Frederick C. Scott at Fairfield, Z. L. Hudson and T. A. Hudson at Gothenburg.

Owen Warren, who has been in jail in Beatrice for the last few months on the charge of threatening the lives of Julius Ipson and family, was released by Judge Iaper on bond of \$500.

Thomas Kearns, one of the oldest and best known pioneer residents of York, while hauling a load of household goods in from Charleston, drove off a small culvert tipping the wagon over and breaking Kearns' neck.

The city treasurer of Wynore has made his report for the municipal year just closed, and it shows that the city lacked just \$150 of paying the school expenses, without the \$3,000 saloon license money turned into the school fund.

The Board of Secretaries of the State Board of Health held a meeting to make arrangements for the meeting to be held May 27, 28 and 29, at which time about a hundred would be D. D.s will try for authority to hang out shingles.

George E. Merrill of the Department of Horticulture, Washington, D. C., was in Tecumseh last week. He comes to the First congressional district of Nebraska for the purpose of demonstrating spraying results in fruit orchards.

The city council and some of the leading citizens of Grand Island are still much at sea as what to do with the water question. A greater supply of water is sorely needed, the deficiency again being emphatically demonstrated by the present drought. All the water that can be pumped from the present wells is profitably sold.

C. Y. Young, deputy corn commissioner for Cumming county, has commenced his campaign in his jurisdiction by making personal visits to the towns outside of the county seat, Beemer, Wisner and Bancroft, in all arousing a healthy enthusiasm. In the current newspaper issues throughout the county Mr. Thompson is out with an ably written appeal to the farmers, in which he exhaustively presents the subject of intelligent corn raising.

On the ground that the recent election has put the saloons of Alliance out of business, an appeal has been made to the deputy food commissioner that the cases pending against liquor dealers of that city for violations of the pure food law be dismissed. The plea that the result of the election is sufficient punishment for the offenders does not seem to appeal to the food commissioner, who declares that all prosecutions begun before election should be completed.

State Oil Inspector A. B. Allen's report for March shows that his department inspected 16,859 barrels of oil and collected \$1,617.50 in fees. There is due for the month's inspection \$68.40 from the Union Pacific and Burlington roads, which they refuse to pay. The expenses of the department amounted to \$97.53 and in addition \$644.97 was paid into the state treasury, leaving a balance of \$1,100 on hand.

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NEBRASKA NEWS AND NOTES.

Items of Greater or Lesser Importance Over the State.

Robbers visited the home of Peter Claassen, living north of Beatrice. Aside from a few old coins they secured little for their trouble.

N. Keith Neville of North Platte was awarded the contract for the erection of an opera house in that city to Peter Wind of Council Bluffs.

William Robinson, a prosperous farmer near Beaver City, shot himself in the head, blowing the top of his head off. He is believed to have been temporarily insane.

The body of little Lillie Olson, who strayed from her home December 8 last, was found in a ravine on the Winnebago reservation where she had perished from exposure.

Several hundred Nebraskans are expected to accompany Governor Sheldon and his staff to the Pacific coast to present the silver service to the battleship Nebraska.

Prof. E. S. Cowen, principal of Ogalala High school, has accepted a similar position of the Creighton schools. Mr. Cowen has held his present position for four years.

V. R. Hainer, who has been night operator for the Northwestern at Arlington, turned up missing the other morning and with him about \$11 from the cash drawer, \$5 being left in it.

A big, prairie fire started in south of Long Pine. The fire was traveling in a southwestern direction and at the last report had covered considerable territory. Much hay has probably been destroyed.

Ogalala citizens find the water works proposition voted at Tuesday's election for bonding the village for \$15,000 to carry out the same illegal, owing to an error in publication. Another election will be held.

Jefferson East of Crab Orchard, Johnson county, who was given a trial in the district court on the charge of wife and child desertion, has been sentenced to six months in the Nebraska penitentiary.

Thomas Luchine, a Polish miner from Dietz, Wyo., died a Alliance as a result of having a leg amputated by a train two hours earlier. He and a companion were beating their way when the accident occurred.

A grand jury has been called to convene at Seward, May 4. The action was taken on the petition of about 100 people from the vicinity of Milford, who desire an investigation into the killing of Mrs. Smith some months ago.

Mrs. Mary Alexander, the wife of Sheriff W. C. Alexander of Howard county, committed suicide at her home by swallowing carbolic acid. She died almost immediately. The only reason is that she had been suffering from a diseased arm.

Lieutenant Charles A. L. Totten, United States army, retired and a former Yale professor, died at his home in Milford. Lieutenant Totten was widely known because of mathematical deductions upon which he based prophetic interpretations of the scriptures, most of these as to the coming of the end of the world.

York coal dealers claim that since the York Commercial club investigation and trial before the state railroad commission, they have saved considerable on overcharges for freight on coal received. The York Commercial club will soon ask its business men to accept no freight without first weighing and pay only the weight here.

The supreme court has granted the attorneys for R. Mead Shumway, sent up from Gage county for the murder of Mrs. Sarah Martin at her home, near Adams, thirty days more time in which to make application for a new trial for their client. This gives until May 15 for the filing of briefs setting forth the grounds on which the application for the new trial is made.

D. T. Byrne, a Burlington fireman on a westbound passenger train, fell from his engine in the tunnel at Belmont and had his leg so badly crushed that it was later amputated below the knee. The accident was caused by gas blowing the fire box door open. In stepping back to escape the flames and heat, Byrne fell from the gangway of the engine.

Sergeant James E. Cox, said to be the first Nebraska soldier killed in the civil war and who died at Pittsburg Landing, left a soldiers' dress coat which his brother, G. A. Cox of Potosky, Mich., has offered to the state of Nebraska as a relic. A letter containing this information was received by the secretary of state. The garment will probably be asked for and placed in the case of war relics in the adjutant general's office, where torn and tattered flags carried by Sergeant Cox's regiment have been deposited.

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EVEN CASTRO WOULD COME AS A REFRESHING CHANGE.



If He Could Put the Continuous Society Drama into the Background for Awhile.

TOOK ALL MONEY IN SIGHT

ROBBERS ENTER CHAUTAUQUA, KAN., BANK IN DAYLIGHT.

Locked Officials in Vault, Secured the Cash, Walked Out, Mounted Horses and Rode Away.

Cherryvale, Kan.—Two men entered the Citizens' State bank at Chautauqua, 25 miles west of Coffeyville at 9:30 Friday morning, and after forcing Cashier C. C. Walterhouse and Del. Easley, a business man, to enter the vault, locked them in, secured all the currency in sight, amounting to about \$3,000, and escaped into the Osage hills across the line in Oklahoma.

The robbery was one of the most daring ever executed in this part of Kansas, the scene of many bold hold-ups on the part of the Dalton, Starr and other gangs of outlaws who from time to time have made their rendezvous in the mountainous country of nearby Oklahoma.

Cashier Walterhouse had scarcely opened the bank at Chautauqua Friday morning and placed his currency on the counter ready for the day's business when the two robbers entered. The only other person in the place was Del. Easley. The robbers, both of them well dressed, entered and made their way leisurely to the cashier's window. One of them was a man well known about town, and when he commanded Walterhouse and Easley to throw up their hands, the latter two took the matter in the light of a joke. The serious intentions of the robbers was realized a moment later, however, when they both drew revolvers and pointing them at their victims ordered them to get into the vault. Without further ado Walterhouse and Easley both complied. The robbers quickly slammed the door shut, and then leisurely went about their business of looting the bank.

First they drew down the window shades facing the street and locked the doors to prevent interference. When they had scraped up all the money in sight they walked out the front entrance and up the main street. A black away they mounted horses that they had tied at the curbing and drove off.

For Taft and Revision.

Minneapolis, Minn.—Wm. H. Taft was endorsed for president Thursday by the Republican state convention, the delegates chosen to represent Minnesota in the national convention being instructed for the secretary of war. Harmony was the keynote of the convention, every element of contest being eliminated. President Roosevelt's administration was commended and revision of the tariff, "by a Republican congress" was urged in the resolutions which were adopted.

Labor Sunday May 10.

New York.—The ministers of the 11,000 Presbyterian churches throughout the United States were requested Wednesday by the department of church and labor to observe labor Sunday on Sunday, May 10. The 28,000 local labor unions throughout the United States, affiliated with the A. F. of L., have been requested to cooperate in the observance of Labor Sunday.

Arkansas River Flood.

Fort Smith, Ark.—The Arkansas river has broken through its banks and flooded the Oklahoma bottoms. Over five hundred people are homeless.

TAKES THREE JUDGES NOW.

If Senate Bill Becomes Law One Judge Cannot Enjoin State Officers.

Washington, D. C.—A bill regulating the granting by federal courts of temporary injunctions against state officers in the enforcement of state laws was considered by the senate Friday. Senator Overman, in calling up the measure explained that it prevents the granting of such injunctions except by a majority of three judges, two at least of whom are required to be circuit and the third either a circuit or district judge.

"As Justice Harlan recently said in his dissenting opinion in the case of Attorney General Young of Minnesota," said Mr. Overman, "we have come to a pretty pass when one federal judge can enjoin an official of a state from the enforcement of a law passed by the legislature of the state."

The fact that the bill applies only to injunctions against the enforcement of state laws was made prominent by Senator Knox of Pennsylvania, who declared it would not endanger proper enforcement of the law under present methods.

After a brief discussion the bill, as reported to the senate, was passed.

Nebraska Ruling Upheld.

St. Louis, Missouri.—An opinion handed down Friday by the United States court of appeals rules that a federal court has no authority to interfere by injunction to prevent a state railway commission from changing rates, until the rates actually are fixed. The opinion upholds the decree of the United States circuit court of Nebraska which refused to restrain the Nebraska railway commission from modifying rates on grain and grain products transported in Nebraska.

Japan Needs Money.

Victoria, B. C.—Baron Sakatani will leave Japan shortly for America and Europe to endeavor to float national loans to relieve the financial situation in Japan, according to advices received by the steamer Teucer Thursday. The treasury has only \$31,500,000 ready money to discharge the first installment of repayment of the war loan. The authorities calculate that many of the bondholders will rewrite their bonds to encourage them to do so, 8 per cent is offered.

The American Car Comes Back.

Seattle, Wash.—On the steamship Glenlogan the American and German cars in the New York-to-Paris automobile contest will leave Seattle Saturday afternoon at five o'clock for Vladivostok. The American car arrived here from Alaska Friday morning on the steamship Bertha, having failed to make any progress whatever on Alaska's frozen trails. The German car arrived here Friday night from Ogden.

A Sane Audience.

Saginaw, Mich.—The Bijou vaudeville theater here was emptied in two minutes Friday night without a panic when the building was filled with dense smoke from the explosion of a gasoline lighting plant in an adjoining building. Flames were leaping 60 feet in the air as the audience emerged from the theater but cool heads prevailed and the exits were kept clear.

New Kind of Religious Sect.

Medicine Hat, N. W. T.—Nine leading members of a religious sect known as "the dreamers" were arrested Tuesday, charged with arson. Several farm houses in this district having mysteriously burned recently.

NEW PENSION LAW

WIDOWS OF VETERANS SOON TO RECEIVE BENEFITS.

EFFECTS GENERAL IN SCOPE

Will Increase Incomes of Thousands of Dependents—Death of a Nebraska Pioneer.

Many thousand widows of old veterans will share the benefits of a bill which has passed both houses of congress and will be approved by President Roosevelt within a few days. After his signature has been affixed, the law will become effective immediately. Beneficiaries will get \$12 monthly. Those drawing under the dependent widows' law will be increased \$4 monthly, and have the dependent limitation removed. The only widows excluded are those who married veterans since June 27, 1890. The act will increase the income of 181,833 widows of soldiers of the civil war, 6,880 widows of the Mexican war, 8,081 widows of Indian wars, 172 widows of Spanish war soldiers, and 4,324 minor and helpless children now on the rolls.

In addition to these it is estimated that there are 18,000 widows of civil war soldiers who are not now on the rolls who may apply for a pension. They are the widows of honorably discharged soldiers who served 90 days or more, who have died, or may hereafter die. It will not be necessary to prove that the soldier's death was the result of his army or navy service. Altogether it is estimated that the new bill will increase the pension rolls by \$12,021,264.

DEATH OF JOHN N. BALDWIN.

Union Pacific's General Solicitor Succumbs at Omaha.

John N. Baldwin, general solicitor of the Union Pacific Railroad Company, died Saturday night at his home in Omaha of Bright's disease. John N. Baldwin was born in Council Bluffs, Ia., 50 years ago. He was the son of Judge Cabel Baldwin, who was one time chief justice of the Iowa supreme court.

Mr. Baldwin had been afflicted with Bright's disease for two years and had been unable to give attention to his official duties. Ten days ago he was forced to take to his bed, and since then his physicians had little hopes for his recovery.

Mr. Baldwin was appointed general solicitor of the Union Pacific road about two years ago, but has been connected with the legal department of the corporation for 12 years. He was a graduate of Iowa university and law school and has always been a corporation attorney. As an orator he achieved a national reputation and had been prominent in politics in Nebraska.

MANY PERSONS ARE IN NEED.

Thousands Still Homeless as Result of Chelsea Fire.

Many thousands of people viewed the ruins of the fire which one week ago swept through Chelsea, Mass. One more body has been found in the ruins. It is believed to be that of Capt. Benjamin Knowles, a grand army veteran. This makes the twelfth body thus far found in the ruins. The general relief committees in a statement declared that 13,000 people were made homeless and that 10,000 of these need not only temporary aid, but must be rehabilitated at least to the extent of absolutely necessary housekeeping equipment, which will involve the expenditure of at least \$100,000. The relief fund at present amounts to over \$200,000, and is steadily growing.

MOVES MOTOR BY WIRELESS.

Successful Experiment by Omaha Electrical Engineer.

Dr. Frederick H. Miller, an expert electrical engineer at the Union Pacific shops, Omaha, has succeeded in applying the principles of wireless telegraphy in an electric motor and a party of electricians were permitted to examine a wireless electric truck which has been in use in the Union Pacific shops for several weeks. The truck is started and stopped from a wireless central station and has a number of new and unique points.

Appeals to Supreme Court.

Clerk Robert Smith of the district court of Douglas county has appealed to the supreme court from an order of the district court directing him to make journal entries. Until ordered to do so by the district court he refused because the fees had not been paid.