

# NEBRASKA NEWS

A GENERAL RESUME OF THE HAPPENINGS OF A WEEK.

## COUNTIES MUST PAY TAXES

Notwithstanding the Lower Levy, An Increase Over the Assessment of Last Year Will Result— Other News.

Notwithstanding a decrease of three-fourths of a mill in the state levy the total amounts of state taxes charged against the counties of the state will be \$2,448,729.40, or an increase of \$142,835.49 over the amount to be raised by taxation last year for state expenses. This is accounted for by the fact that the total assessed valuation of all property in the state was increased \$62,383,355.41 last year. The total assessed value of the state this year is \$391,796,704.73. These figures are approximately correct, the only change to be made by the state board of assessment being a slight change in the valuation of banking property in Douglas county. The state levy has been reduced from 7 mills to 5 1/2 mills. This is divided as follows: General fund, 4 1/2 mills; redemption of state warrants, one mill; university fund, one mill. The two latter levies are fixed by statute and cannot be changed by the state board of equalization and assessment.

Under the levy made this year, to be collected next year, the university will receive \$391,796. The redemption fund, which is to be used for wiping out the state debt by the retirement of outstanding state warrants, will receive the same amount, and the revenue for the general fund will amount to \$1,665,125.99 annually. This will be the amount realized, providing all the taxes levied are collected. The levy last year contemplated the collection of \$329,413 each for the redemption and the university funds, and \$1,647,967 for the general fund. In addition to the revenue from state taxes there is a considerable revenue from fees and other sources.

### Crushed Between Cars.

William O. McManus, a teamster for the Merchants' Express Company of Omaha, was crushed between two freight cars at the Webster street station Friday morning, and died a few moments later while being taken to the hospital. Two freight cars were standing on the second track, about six feet apart. McManus had hitched his team, started to go between the two freight cars. Just at this moment a switch engine kicked some cars down the track, and they struck one of these cars, and the two came crashing together. McManus did not discover it until too late, and was crushed between the bumpers of the two cars.

### New Church for North Platte.

The Presbyterian people of North Platte will at once proceed to erect a new church that will cost at least \$19,000. This was decided at a congregation meeting held recently. The successful bid was submitted by R. P. Basta of Schuyler, Neb. It is \$1,500 in excess of the maximum set by the congregation and estimated by the architect who drew the plans, but as it seemed impossible to get a bid within the required amount, several previous attempts having been made, the building committee was authorized to accept the bid. Towards the required amount there is \$9,000 in cash on hand and \$6,800 in additional subscriptions.

### Barneston Without Saloon.

Judge Pemberton of the district court decided the Barneston saloon remonstrance case, finding in favor of the remonstrators. One of the main points taken by the court in refusing the applicant, Walter I. Judah, a license was that there is no ordinance in Barneston providing for the granting of saloon licenses by the village board. Twice has the village board granted a license to Judah and in each instance the court has overruled it. It is the intention of the board to pass an ordinance as soon as possible with a view of winning out in its fight for a saloon.

### Rates for State Fair.

Secretary W. R. Mellor of the state board of agriculture and Secretary W. H. Whitten of the Lincoln Commercial club appeared before the meeting of the Western Passenger association at Chicago, together with representatives from five other states, and secured a rate of one and one-half cents per mile for all state fairs in this western territory. This will be the first reduced rate granted to farmers since the enactment of the two-cent fare law, and should result in an increased attendance for the Nebraska state fair, August 31 to September 4.

## WATER POWER FOR KEARNEY.

Electric Light System to Be Run by Fall from New Canal.

The work of overhauling the Kearney electric power house so that water power can be used instead of steam power is being carried on. New machinery will replace all of the old fixtures of the water wheel except the flume, which is in good repair. Material for new gates and guides has arrived and will be installed as soon as possible, which will not be an extended length of time.

The work of repairing the canal has practically been completed. The head-gates have been put in good repair. The walls about the lake have been repaired, remodeled and new ones have been constructed. Already the water is running two miles down the canal and as soon as the work at the electric power house is finished the head-gates will be opened, and providing there is water in the river, which there is not at this time, the lake will soon be filled.

### Nebraskans Lose Investment.

The Great Western Coal Company of Cannon City, Colo., in which many Grand Island and Hall county people had invested has been disposed of in the courts. The total loss to residents of Hall county is estimated from \$25,000 to \$40,000. The property of the Great Western Coal Company and the Great Western Railroad Company was put up at private sale and was bought by the bondholders of the corporation, their bid being \$114,894.55. It was held that the certificates given out to residents there were void because the stockholders did not authorize the issuance of the same. Thus while great dividends were promised in this venture there was not only never a dividend but not even a dollar of the principal will be repaid.

### Death of Nebraska Pioneer.

Dr. M. P. Brooks, a pioneer physician of Johnson county, died at his home in Cook Friday of a blood disorder. Dr. Brooks located in the old town of Helena, Johnson county, in 1867. At that time he came up the Missouri river in a steamboat from St. Joseph and rode in a coach from Brownville. He built the first residence building in the town of Cook, and was there when the Missouri Pacific opened its line to that point. Dr. Brooks was a prominent Populist and an ardent worker in the cause of temperance. He was a writer of considerable medical and political books, one of the latter, "Hard Times and the Way Out," having gained considerable notoriety.

### Well Diggers Strike Oil.

Well diggers in the vicinity of Nebraska City, after attaining a depth of 1,000 feet, struck several traces of oil and they have encountered a number of layers of shale, which is encountered above oil beds in oil fields. The well is dry and it is intended to go to a depth of 2,000 feet. These contractors struck traces of oil in the well which they dug to a depth of 850 feet for the Oteo Development company, in Nebraska City, but deferred operations on this well until fall.

### Elkhorn Farmer Ends Life.

Ferdinand Martin, a well-known and prosperous farmer living four miles northeast of Elkhorn, committed suicide about nine o'clock Wednesday morning by blowing the top of his head off with a shotgun. The deed was committed at his home, with his family near him. Mr. Martin had been in poor health for some time and it is believed he took his life in a fit of despondency over his condition. He owned 160 acres of land and was considered well fixed financially.

### Name Goes on Ballot.

After wrestling with the subject for nearly a week, Secretary of State Junkin has decided to put the name of Sophus Neble on the Populist as well as the Democratic ticket in the Second congressional district. The question hinged on whether the Populists had cast one per cent of the vote or not. At the last primary, the Populists in the Second district cast 35 votes, but Mr. Junkin has figured out that the Populists are more numerous this time.

### Sarpy County Appeals.

The county of Sarpy has appealed to the supreme court from a judgment of \$1,645 obtained by the Papillon Times for publishing a "scavenger" tax list in the year 1905. The county commissioners allowed \$565.70 for the work and the district court allowed a larger amount, but refused to allow for five publications of the list, one of the publications having been made on account of corrections in the list.

### High Weeds Cause Accident.

The coroner's jury that heard the evidence in the case of Miss Mary Brooking, who was killed at Lorion by a Missouri Pacific freight train as she drove on the track ahead of the train, exonerated the train crew from any blame and censured the road for permitting weeds to grow so high along the country roads in that vicinity.

# 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.

### Miscellaneous.

Fire at Oklahoma City destroyed the Lee hotel, one of the finest in the city, and other buildings. The loss is estimated at \$250,000.

The riot at Springfield, Ill., was continued in defiance of the state troops. The entire negro section of the city was given over to the flames and the frenzied mob even went so far as to storm the capitol building and several bullets entered the windows of Gov. Deneen's office in which the executive sat, but he escaped injury.

Rev. D. P. Roberts, pastor of a negro church in Chicago, advised his congregation to arm themselves and be prepared to resist mob violence.

The new \$4,000,000 west Nebish channel at Saulte Ste. Marie, Mich., has been opened to traffic.

Kansas City bank clearings for the second week of August were the largest on record with one exception. They amounted to \$39,205,257.

Capt. P. C. Hains, son of Brig. Gen. P. C. Hains, shot and killed William E. Annis, editor of Burr McIntosh's Monthly at Bayside, L. I. He accused the editor of breaking up his family. A scandal was recently caused in eastern army circles by Mrs. Hains' actions with Annis while her husband was absent in the Philippines.

A three-year-old son of James Magerell of Holton, Kan., was killed by eating ice cream. No trace of poison was found.

The town of Palco in Rooks county, Kansas, was recently partly destroyed by fire. The loss is estimated at \$25,000.

The telephones in three directions out of Salina, Kan., were recently put out of commission by an electrical storm. A soaking rain accompanied the storm.

The survivors of the Fifth Kansas cavalry will hold a reunion at Kansas City in October. Gen. Powell Clayton of Arkansas, who commanded the regiment, is to be the principal speaker.

The "miracle" wheat exploited in an article in the Saturday Evening Post is denounced as a fake by agricultural authorities of Kansas.

The six Chinamen recently captured in a freight car at Herington, Kan., have been ordered deported.

Two persons were killed and six injured by the explosion of a balloon in London. The balloon, owned by Capt. Lovelace of the New York Aero club, was being prepared for an ascent when the accident occurred.

Springfield, Ill., was in the hands of a mob recently bent on wreaking vengeance on the negro inhabitants because of an assault committed on a white woman by a negro. Gov. Deneen ordered out several companies of militia to preserve order. The homes of many negroes were looted and the owners beaten. Several persons were severely injured and a boy of 14 was killed.

The next convention of the supreme lodge, Knights of Pythias, will be held in Milwaukee, Wis.

The United States and England have reached a satisfactory agreement regarding the New Foundland fisheries for 1908.

The Chicago Great Western railway has withdrawn its notice of a cut in grain rates filed a few days ago.

Sergt. Maj. Belyea and Master Electrician Jones attached to the military force at the Presidio, were killed in an automobile accident in San Francisco.

Mrs. Duke, wife of the millionaire tobacco manufacturer, was convicted at Chicago of passing a worthless check on a hotel.

Chairman Hitchcock and Arthur I. Vorys held an all-day conference with Judge Taft at Hot Springs, Va., recently. After the conference it was announced that Mr. Taft would make no political speeches outside Cincinnati during the campaign.

Six persons were killed and 18 others injured in an explosion on board the French school ship Couronne off Les Salins d'Hyeres. The breach of a gun blew out while recruits were receiving instructions in handling it.

One thousand Chinese soldiers stationed near Wuchow, mutinied murdered their commander, his secretary and clerk and pillaged the village. They then joined the rebels in the mountains.

Mrs. Catherine Stucker, a widow of St. Charles, Mo., was taken from her bed to a lonely spot and brutally treated by a gang of men for whom the authorities are searching. She is now in the county hospital suffering from the result of her experience. She is not expected to recover.

A meeting of railroad employes was held in St. Paul recently to organize an association to fight legislation hostile to the railroads.

The Prohibitionists are planning to make a vigorous fight for the vote of South Dakota for their national ticket. "Sonny" Bridge, a professional motor cyclist, was instantly killed while testing a machine on the track at Paterson, N. J.

The Baldwin airship made a flight at Fort Myer which broke all records in this country. For two hours it flew back and forth over the course. It now becomes the property of the war department.

The Philippine army has selected Pittsburg as the place for holding their reunion next year.

During the recent race riot at Springfield, Ill., E. W. Chafin, the Prohibition candidate for president, was injured by being struck on the head by a brick.

The meeting of the Commercial Travelers' Interstate Prosperity congress in New York was interrupted by a parade of the "army of unemployed," under the leadership of Alexander Berkman, a confessed anarchist. The police dispersed the paraders.

A score of young men and young women on horseback invaded Sagamore Hill and held President Roosevelt up for a contribution to the Nassau hospital at Mineola.

More than \$1,000,000 was paid the Canadian Pacific strikers by the railway company the other day. The amount was wages due to the time of the strike.

While making an experiment in alighting after a successful flight at Lemans, France, Wilbur Wright's aeroplane was considerably damaged. Mr. Wright was not injured.

Mistaking him for a robber, Sheriff Thomas shot J. M. Crisp a merchant of Arapahoe, Ok. Crisp may recover.

The International Typographical union in session at Boston voted to hold the next convention in St. Joseph, Mo.

Twelve thousand persons from all parts of the country marched in the annual parade of the Eagles at Seattle.

At the first day's session of the St. Louis grand jury five men were indicted for frauds committed at the recent primary election.

The American Federation of Catholic societies has adjourned to meet in Pittsburg, Pa., next year.

Chicago was visited by a heavy electrical and rain storm recently. Lightning destroyed electric feed cables cutting off light and power. Many basements in the downtown district were flooded.

Kootanai, Idaho, a town of 300 inhabitants, was entirely destroyed by a forest fire the other day. A lumber mill valued at \$200,000 was among the property burned.

A heavy storm visited the camp of instruction at Fort Riley, Kan., blowing down many tents and flooding the camp. The headquarters tent was struck by lightning and several men knocked down but no fatalities resulted.

The campaign for the nomination for governor of Kansas cost Cyrus Leland a little more than \$6,000. Mr. Stubbs is reported to have expended only \$3,713 for the same purpose.

### Personal.

Mr. Taft has made plans for a week's fishing in Lake Erie before he goes to Cincinnati.

James M. Harper, president of the Bank of Conway Springs, Kan., and one of the wealthiest business men in Sumner county, is dead.

Dr. C. B. Kennedy, one of the oldest and most widely known residents of Parsons, Kan., died recently while attending the funeral of an old friend at Erie.

Prof. Chatelaine, a well known teacher of Omaha, died recently from the excessive heat.

A. R. Spofford, librarian of congress for 33 years, is dead at Holderness, N. H.

Tony Pastor, the widely known theatrical manager is dangerously ill at his home in Elmhurst, L. I.

Gen. Fred Funston has arrived at Fort Leavenworth to assume his duties as commandant of the army service school.

Ira D. Sankey, the singing evangelist and companion of D. L. Moody for many years, is dead in Brooklyn, N. Y., aged 68 years.

Ex-Senator Roger Q. Mills, of Texas, recently underwent a surgical operation at the Johns Hopkins hospital in Baltimore. He is improving.

It is now reported that Senator Long of Kansas will go into the cement business at Medicine Lodge after the completion of his term in the senate.

The Typographical union of Lincoln, Neb., tendered a banquet to G. H. O'Sullivan of Lowell, Mass., at which the principal speaker was William J. Bryan, who recently became a member of the union.

Mrs. Emily Haines Harrison, a nurse and spy for the union forces during the Civil war, and widely known in Kansas, is dead in the Hickodyke home, Ellsworth, aged 87 years.

# KILLS AN ENEMY

MAGAZINE OWNER ANNIS SHOT BY AN ARMY OFFICER.

## CAPTAIN HAINS THE SLAYER

Improper Attention to Wife of the Captain is Charged Against the Dead Man—Surrenders to the Police.

Capt. Peter Conover Hains, Jr., U. S. A., son of Brigadier General Peter Conover Hains, retired, fired seven bullets from a revolver into William E. Annis of New York, owner of Burr-McIntosh's Monthly and other magazines, late Saturday night on the landing stage of the Bayside yacht club, Flushing, and Annis, whom Captain Hains' brother had accused of being improperly attentive to the captain's wife, died in the Flushing hospital a few hours after the shooting.

Captain Hains, accompanied by his brother, Thornton Jenkins Hains, well known as an author and amateur yachtsman, walked to the landing stage of the club as Annis and a club member named Harway were disembarking from a boat and at once opened fire upon Annis. Annis attempted to get behind Harway, but Captain Hains reached under Harway's arm and emptied his revolver on his enemy. Immediately there was a commotion on the club house veranda. Mrs. Annis fainted and a dozen yachtsmen rushed to the float to the assistance of Annis. Before they could get to the side of the wounded man, T. J. Hains, the captain's brother whipped out a revolver and threatened to shoot the first man who interfered. "This is an affair between these two," he said calmly. Annis had two bullets in his abdomen, one in his arm, and two in his leg. Captain Hains and his brother, neither of whom appeared in any way disturbed awaited the arrival of the police on the club float and there surrendered themselves.

### BARON IS FOUND DYING.

Scion of Hungarian Nobility a Would-Be Suicide.

Richard von Arkov, aged twenty-eight, said to be a Hungarian baron and a close friend of Count Szechenyi, who married Gladys Vanderbilt, attempted to commit suicide Saturday in an apartment in West Eighty-eighth street, New York, where he boarded. He was found in bed unconscious and inhaling illuminating gas through a rubber tube connecting with a gas jet. He has been earning a living by writing for the magazines, as a salesman and a life insurance agent. He left notes to his landlady apologizing for his action and to his mother and the Hungarian consul. He was removed to a hospital in a dying condition. Manuscript which he left, told of his poverty and his reminiscences of the Szechenyi wedding which he is said to have attended in the capacity of a correspondent.

### EMPLOYES WILL ORGANIZE.

Plan to Assist Railroads to Fight Legislation.

Three hundred railroad employes met in St. Paul Saturday and organized an association to fight legislation hostile to railroad interests. The men think by standing by the railroads in their fight they will be benefitting themselves. The meeting was the result of a call by John Lynch, an employe of the Chicago Great Western. Six representatives of the Nebraska state employes' protective association were present. It is the intention to support only those candidates in the coming election who are favorable to the railroads and their employes. The Nebraska railway men who assisted in organizing the association will hold a meeting on the 6th, for the purpose of forming a similar meeting in Des Moines, Sep-an Iowa state association.

### GIRL OF SIXTEEN ABDUCTED.

Taken From Montana Ranch By Two Masked Men.

Miss Freda Bauer, aged sixteen, daughter of Conrad Bauer, a rancher living twelve miles east of Billings, Mont., was abducted Thursday night at the point of revolvers by two masked men. There is no clue to her whereabouts. Bauer accuses two ranch hands, both lovers of the girl, who have also disappeared. Two men rode up to the ranch, called Bauer out and covered him with guns. Mrs. Bauer ran screaming down the road to a neighbor's. Shortly afterward the men rode off. When Mrs. Bauer returned the girl was gone, spirited from the rear of the house, evidently by a third member of the party. Bauer was not injured, nor was there any attempt to rob.