

## CURRENT HAPPENINGS

FAITHFUL CHRONICLE OF ALL IMPORTANT ITEMS.

### DREW BILL BEATEN

CALIFORNIA ASSEMBLY REJECTS ANTI-JAP LAW, 48 TO 28.

Debates Its Passage All Day—Discussion Is Opened by the Father of the Measure, Who Made a Vigorous Effort in Its Behalf.

After a debate extending from 11 o'clock Wednesday morning until 6 p. m. the California assembly by a vote of 48 to 28 rejected the bill drawn by A. M. Drew, barring aliens from ownership of land in California. The bill had been amended at the request of President Roosevelt and Secretary Root, so that the clause applying to Japanese only was eliminated, making the bill apply to all aliens, but the measure aroused such a storm of opposition that long before the debate was closed by Mr. Drew it was apparent that the measure would be defeated.

In substance the objection to it was that it would drive at least \$1,000,000,000 of foreign capital out of the state and might jeopardize the present friendly commercial relations with Japan.

The supporters of the bill contended that the state was being overrun with thirty Japanese who were gradually gaining an impregnable position as land owners, and whose government was trying to dictate to California regarding legislation.

Assemblyman Grove L. Johnson, of Sacramento, ex-congressman and author of four bills segregating Japanese in schools and residential districts, and preventing aliens being members of corporations, made an impassioned appeal for the enactment of the Drew bill. At the climax of his speech he walked backward from his seat to the lobby rail and seizing in his arms a golden haired girl of 3 years held her aloft and said that he was "in favor of this as opposed to the Japanese menace to our institutions."

### DENVER STREET TRAGEDY.

Fred Walton Shot Twice and Killed by John H. Cradlebaugh.

Fred Walton, former grand master of the Odd Fellows for the state of Idaho, was shot twice by John H. Cradlebaugh at Denver, Colo., Wednesday and died shortly after being removed to the hospital. Both men are from Wallace, Idaho, and Cradlebaugh also is a prominent Odd Fellow.

Walton was dying when the hospital was reached, but gasped out: "That man thought I stole his wife." The shooting occurred on Sixteenth street, the principal thoroughfare of Denver, and was witnessed by hundreds of shoppers. A wild rush for safety took place when the shots were being fired.

Cradlebaugh, according to Chief of Police Armstrong, called on the latter at police headquarters and told him that Walton had run away from Wallace with his wife.

He did not cause a disturbance, but wished to recover his children, whom their mother had taken with her. Cradlebaugh, who was arrested immediately after the shooting, refused to make any statement.

### REFORMERS ARE VICTORIOUS

Los Angeles to Acquire and Operate All Public Utilities.

The reform element of Los Angeles won a substantial victory in Tuesday's election. Amendments to the city charter were adopted enabling the city to acquire and operate all public utilities, providing for consolidation of Los Angeles and adjoining cities, and enabling the city to take important steps with reference to a harbor.

All propositions for increasing the salaries of city officers were overwhelmingly voted down, as were also a proposed amendment to extend the life of franchises from twenty-one to thirty-five years.

### WOMEN TO RACE IN AUTOS.

Two entries have been received for a woman's track automobile race, scheduled for the Mardi Gras speed carnival to be held in New Orleans February 20, 21 and 22. They are Mrs. Joann Newton Cunco, Richmond Hill, N. Y., and Miss Alice Porter, Elgin, Ill.

### Harvester Trust to Pay.

The International Harvester company is going to pay the fine of \$12,600 assessed against it by the district court of Shawnee county and approved by the Kansas supreme court for violating the Kansas anti-trust law.

### Sioux City Live Stock Market.

Wednesday's quotations on the Sioux City live stock market follow: Top beefs, \$4.50. Top hogs, \$6.15.

### "Dry" Bill Vetoed.

Gov. Patterson at Nashville, Tenn., Wednesday vetoed the bill prohibiting the manufacture of intoxicating liquors after January 1, 1910. It undoubtedly will be passed over his veto.

### "Lincoln Coach" Burns.

The historic "Lincoln coach," in which President Lincoln is said to have ridden to Washington for his inauguration, was destroyed in a fire at Sharpsville, Pa.

### RUSSIAN DUMA OPENS.

Large Crowd Attracted to the Public Galleries.

The public galleries in the duma were crowded Tuesday, but the government benches were empty when the house resumed its sessions after the holidays, the attraction of the house being the interpellations on the subject of government spies in connection with the cases of Azef, the head of the fighting Russian socialists, who was recently declared to be in reality a government spy, and Lopukhin, former director of police in the department of the ministry of the interior, charged with high treason.

M. Pergament, a noted lawyer, presented the interpellation of the constitutional democrats. He declared that the "agents provocateurs" are now the greatest power in Russia, and decry the system of sending out men to instigate crime as destructive to all confidence and security. He accused the government of being in the same category as the revolutionary organizations and equally responsible for the murders of Grand Dukes Sergius and Von Plehve.

Other members made similar accusations, the favorite bulat declaring that high Russian personages were plundered out of the state funds and that it was the ancestors of the octoberists who killed Paul I. and Peter III. It was a curious fact that in spite of the tremendous interest in the affair these fiery denunciations caused no scenes in the duma. The interpellations were adopted, after which they were referred to a committee.

### WAS DRUNK AT RECEPTION.

Captain of American Battleship is Accused.

Capt. Edward F. Quailtrough, of the Georgia, one of the ships composing the fleet under Rear Admiral Sperry, is under arrest on board his own vessel and will be tried by court-martial on a charge, preferred by one of the officers under the influence of intoxicants at the reception given on shore a few days ago. The captain was relieved from duty by the rear admiral immediately after the reception and executive officer placed in command, who brought the ship into Gibraltar.

The captain's defense will be that fatigue was responsible for his appearance; that he was under a heavy strain during the last run of his vessel on account of rough weather; that on the day of the reception he had been on the bridge since 4 o'clock in the morning; did not drink anything during the day, partook sparingly of wine at the dinner which preceded the reception.

### DARING CHICAGO ROBBERY.

Crooks Secure \$1,000 in Randolph Street Restaurant.

A daring daylight robbery was perpetrated in the downtown district of Chicago, when a satchel containing nearly \$1,000 was stolen from behind the cashier's desk in a restaurant at 77 Randolph street. R. S. Swain, auditor and collector of the restaurant, which is one of the several conducted under the same management had made the rounds of the other places and had stopped to eat luncheon before depositing the money in the bank. While he was eating a man diverted his attention for a moment, and a second man, seizing the satchel, fled.

### 200 Negroes Under Arrest.

More than 200 negroes were arrested Tuesday night in an effort by the police to render the Herron hill residence section of the city of Pittsburgh, Pa., safe. In the past few weeks negroes have made numerous attacks upon young women. The police force was increased, but the attacks continued, and a raid was made on the negro quarter and every negro man who could not show that he was employed was arrested as a vagrant.

### For Killing a Child.

James Watson, chauffeur for H. Clay Pierce, of St. Louis, must serve his sentence of twelve months' imprisonment and pay a fine of \$1,000 for the death of Christian Musik, 12 years old, the sentence having been approved by the Missouri supreme court Tuesday according to special dispatches from Jefferson City.

### Sanitarium For Red Men.

The Hot Springs, Ark., lodge of Improved Order of Red Men has purchased the Burlington hotel, which is to be rebuilt and made a national sanitarium for the members of the order in America. The national organization has levied an assessment aiding the proposition.

### Texas Banker Ends Life.

F. M. Eckenberg, assistant cashier of the Sealey National bank, at Sealey, Tex., Tuesday committed suicide by shooting. No reason is shown for the act.

### Malmut the Winner.

Yusuff Mahmut won from Raoul de Roussin, the Frenchman, in a wrestling match Monday at Chicago in two straight falls.

### Given Death Penalty.

Ben and Wallace Jones, charged with the murder of Conductor C. B. Hall, of the Texas and Pacific railroad on the night of January 23, were found guilty Tuesday at Port Allen, La., and sentenced to death.

### Forest Fires in Texas.

Forest fires are raging in southwest Texas, near Houston. Heavy losses are being inflicted on lumber companies.

### CLAIM IS TO BE PAID.

Turko-Bulgarian Question Is Now a Settled Issue.

A dispatch to the London Times of February 1 from St. Petersburg says that the powers have approved Russia's plan for the payment of the Turkish claim against Bulgaria, which is to cancel sufficient instalments of the Turkish war indemnity to enable Turkey to borrow 125,000,000 francs (\$25,000,000) demanded from Bulgaria, Bulgaria undertaking to reimburse Russia to the extent of \$2,000,000 francs (\$316,000,000) by the annual payment of 5,000,000 francs for interest and sinking fund. Thus instead of receiving 8,000,000 francs yearly from Turkey, Russia will draw 5,000,000 francs from Bulgaria.

The settlement of the Turko-Bulgarian difficulties, it is stated in well informed circles in St. Petersburg, involves recognition of Bulgaria, whose proclamation of independence precipitated the crisis. As soon as the details of the arrangement have been worked out the protocols will be signed. It is understood Turkey will lead in recognizing Emperor Ferdinand, not waiting for a conference of the powers. The other powers likely will follow this example.

### BACK TO FIVE-CENT FARE.

Court Orders Receivers of Cleveland Lines to Make Increase.

In accordance with instructions recently issued by Judge Taylor, of the federal court, to the receivers of the entire street railway system of Cleveland the rate of fare was increased beginning Monday morning, on all lines except upon those where the franchise specifically provides a rate of not more than 3 cents. Approximately two-thirds of the street car patrons are now paying a straight 5-cent fare or eleven tickets for 50 cents. Patrons of the 3-cent fare lines are compelled to pay 2 cents for a transfer.

Judge Taylor ordered the rate of fare increased because of the inability of the company to pay running expenses and to liquidate accumulated debts under the 3-cent fare, which rate has been effective on all lines in the city since April 29.

### DIES IN ELECTRIC CHAIR.

Slayer of New York Bluecoats Pays Penalty.

Calvatore Governale was put to death in the electric chair at Sing Sing prison, New York, Monday for the murder of two New York City policemen, George M. Sechler and Albert A. Silbeck, on Sunday afternoon, April 14, 1908. The double murder following a fight in Washington Square park, during which Governale fired a revolver at a fellow countryman. The policemen interfered and chased Governale into a hallway, from which he fired on the officers, shooting both fatally.

### FEARS FOR MISSING SHIP.

Steamer Ten Days Overdue at Philadelphia.

There is considerable anxiety over the German steamship Maria Rickmers, now 31 days out from Grenock, Scotland, and more than ten days overdue. The anxiety is made all the greater by the fact that terrific storms have swept the Atlantic lately. The ship is under command of Capt. A. Rupp and carried a crew of thirty-two men when she left Grenock.

### Still Seeking a Jury.

With deputies summoning a new venire in the electric chair case Monday will try Col. Duncan Cooper, Robin Cooper and John D. Sharpe for the murder of former Senator Carmack. Judge Hare Monday at Nashville, Tenn., considered the request that Juror J. M. Whitworth be discharged because of ill health.

### Fire Destroys Fort Dodge Playhouse.

Fire at Fort Dodge, Ia., Monday night destroyed the Midland theater and contents valued at about \$30,000. The amount of the insurance has not been announced. The cause of the blaze is unknown, although a boy who sleeps in the basement of the building has declared an explosion occurred after which flames spread rapidly.

### Duel in the Street.

As a result of a street duel at Chickasaw, Okla., Monday night, Emmett Goodwin, chief of police, is dead, Joe Earl is seriously wounded and William Thomas, night chief of police, is in jail charged with the double shooting. The trouble occurred over a dispute regarding the crusade against "bootleggers."

### Two Hundred Cremated.

At least 200 lives were lost in a fire which occurred Monday in a fleet of flower boats at Canton, China. The charred bodies of 170 victims have already been recovered, but many persons are still missing.

### For Law Enforcement League.

At a mass meeting held at Jackson, Miss., Monday night plans were perfected for the formation of a state law enforcement league. Former Gov. Longins acted as chairman and among those who attended were Gov. Nease and former Gov. Vardaman.

### To Demand the Wireless.

The French government, as a result of the use made of wireless telegraphy following the sinking of the steamer Republic off Nantucket January 23, is studying the entire question of wireless communication with the idea of introducing a bill to compel French navigation companies to install wireless telegraph apparatus on all their ships above a certain tonnage.

## NEBRASKA STATE NEWS

### CAIRO BUSINESS HOUSES BURN.

Early Morning Blaze Does Damage Amounting to \$30,000.

A fire, doing damage to the extent of about \$30,000, broke out early Sunday morning, completely destroying the hardware store of McAllister Bros., the general merchandise store of E. W. Goodrich, J. F. O'Connell's confectionery and residence rooms occupied by J. S. Plackett, Charles Ober and Mrs. W. Miller.

The fire was discovered at about 3 a. m. and upon investigation it was found that the entire stock of E. W. Goodrich was aflame. An alarm was immediately sent in and every available person joined in the effort to extinguish the fire.

Bucket brigades prevented the spread of the flames to adjacent buildings, though several of the largest business houses suffered some loss from the effects of the fire.

### HEATHER BOUND OVER.

Irregularity in Obtaining Money Causes Him Trouble.

The preliminary hearing of Audrey J. Heather on a charge of obtaining money under false pretenses, was held at Oxford, Heather, last March, induced A. W. Vetter to sign a sight draft with him on a Colorado Cattle company, and draw \$75 expense money from the bank on the strength of the endorsement. The draft was protested and Mr. Vetter was held for the amount. The latter averred that he had not been repaid by Heather, who represented himself as being in the employ of the livestock company when he obtained the money. After hearing the arguments put up by the prosecution and defense, Justice Briethaupt bound Heather over to district court, which convenes in February at Beaver City. The defendant was brought to Beaver City from Pueblo, Colo., a few weeks ago, since which time he has been an inmate of the county jail.

### HUNGRY MAN STOLE BULLION.

Explanation Offered by One Caught Stealing Metal.

An unsuccessful effort to steal a large disk of bullion, mostly copper with probably a little gold in it, resulted in the capture of one of the thieves, John Peto, and his being sent to jail in Omaha for fifteen days on the charge of petit larceny. The other man made his escape and it is not known whether or not he took any of the metal. Neither of the men knew just what he was stealing, and Peto told the judge in court Saturday morning that he stole because he was hungry.

### KILLED BY A FALL.

Colored Man at Holdrege Discovered Dead.

Gery Gates, a colored porter in the Palace barber shop in Holdrege, was found at the foot of the stairs leading to the room occupied by him over the shop at 3 o'clock Monday morning by the night watchman, dead. Physicians were at once summoned and searched him before his body was cold, and gave it as their opinion that the cause of his death was concussion of the brain, resulting from falling down the stairs. He was found lying flat on his face, with both arms extended and there were bruises over both eyes, indicating that he had struck his head on the way down. No inquest is deemed necessary and none will be held.

### Furmer Scalded.

Henry Stull, a well known farmer, scalding a few miles northwest of Plattsmouth, while attempting to scald a hog in a large vat of boiling water, accidentally slipped and went into the steaming fluid himself. His hired man fished him out. The flesh on his left arm to the elbow was badly cooked and his feet and lower limbs were scalded. Fortunately Stull's head was kept above the boiling water or he would certainly have lost the sight of both eyes.

### Farm Hand Insane.

W. Rhodes, a farm hand, formerly from Wall Lake, Ia., who has been working near Trumbull, returned from Eastings and going to the farm of James Campbell, tried to get a gun with the avowed intent of killing himself. He finally wandered into a drain in a cornfield and went to sleep, where he was found. He will be taken before the insanity board, as he has pronounced symptoms of insanity.

### Students Threaten to Strike.

The board of trustees of the Grand island college held a long session over the threatened departure of some of the students, variously estimated from upward. The students in question have been making much complaint against the management of President Sutherland. It was the unanimous feeling that President Sutherland was entitled to the continued confidence of the board.

### Hot Brick Starts Fire.

In trying to warm their bed Mr. and Mrs. Kovarik, an aged couple living in Schuyler, put a heated brick in their bed. The brick was very hot and soon had the bed afire. The fire was put out by neighbors.

### Deaf Mute Killed.

Word comes to Tecumseh that Judson Brown, the deaf mute who was run down and knocked off the track by a Burlington passenger train a mile west of Tecumseh on January 20, died at St. Elizabeth's hospital, Lincoln.

### AXTELL THREATENED BY FIRE.

Newly Purchased Fire Apparatus Only Saved.

Fire broke out in J. Jennings' store at Axtell, the store being located in the extreme northwest corner of the business section of the village. For a while it looked as if the business section of the town would again be wiped out by fire, as the wind blew a gale from the northwest, sending the flames over the town. The new gasoline engine and the newly organized fire department were inflated into actual work. The water is pumped from cisterns, as the town had no regularly installed water mains. The fire was under great headway before it was discovered and it took hard work to get it under control considering the gale which was blowing. However, in thirty minutes the fire was absolutely limited to the store in which it was commenced. The stock was worth about \$8,000, with about \$4,000 insurance, \$2,000 of which was in the Aetna Insurance company and \$2,000 in the Assurance Company of North America. The loss on building will be less than \$500. Sixteen months ago the business section of that town was wiped out by three fires and every building has been replaced by fine new brick blocks.

### LYNCH ESTATE IS SETTLED.

Closes a Case Which Has Been in Courts for Years.

An agreement was reached in the register of deeds office at Beatrice to which Kate S. Kelley and Thomas Lynch of Racine, Wis., and the Right Rev. Bishop Ponacum, of Lincoln, Neb., are parties, whereby both parties are to collect, sell, convey and convert into money all of the real and personal estate of Michael Lynch, deceased, at the earliest possible date. As soon as the estate has been converted into money and after the costs of the administration have been paid, the balance is to be divided among the parties to the agreement, as follows: To Kate S. Kelley three-eighths of the balance; to Thomas Lynch three-fourths. Each of the three parties is to pay out of his or her share all litigation connected with the suit. This closes a case which has been in the courts for the last few years.

### CALLAWAY HAS OIL CRAZE.

Sink Well Tapping Vein Leading from Wyoming to Kansas.

A move is on foot at Callaway to make a test for oil in this locality. An eastern firm has volunteered to sink the test wells without expense to the citizens, providing they can secure a five-year lease upon at least 4,000 acres of land. It is said by experts that the oil vein, which is found in Colorado and Wyoming, and which extends to Kansas, passes under Callaway territory, and the only thing necessary in order to get oil there is to sink the well deep enough. Parties are now trying to lease the required amount of land, and many of the farmers are willing to make the lease in order to have the test made.

### BODY FOUND IN CLAY PIT.

Prominent Lincoln Business Man Wanders Away and Dies.

Walter B. Rowan, 50 years old, prominent as a Lincoln business man for twenty-eight years, killed himself by shooting some time Saturday, after his home and wandered four miles to the country, to the Lincoln brick yards. There, in a clay pit, his dead body was found, with a revolver in his hand.

### NEBRASKAN'S SUDDEN DEATH.

Bloomfield Land Speculator Expires in His Bed.

Hugh Murphy, of Bloomfield, died suddenly Saturday at Gilegary railway station, in Ireland, while he was putting his bicycle on board a train. Mr. Murphy was on a visit to Ireland, and his only business was to buy land and speculate in it. He left for a tour of Ireland last April and was probably on his way home. Mr. Murphy leaves a wife and two sons, James and Michael. A married daughter lives in Butte, Mont. He leaves an estate valued at \$60,000.

### Damage at Tekamah.

At Tekamah wind ripped the roof off the Wixler furniture store, brick structure, tore away awnings, unroofed barns and blew down many chimneys, and the Elliott & Gilfe store front was demolished and snow blown on the grain. Fisher's harness shop had the front doors blown in and about a foot of snow sifted over the new harness and many trees were blown down and billboards sent flying into glass fronts of stores.

### Saloon Men in Trouble.

A revenue officer came to Nebraska City a few days since and caught a number of the saloon men napping. They had been guilty of violating the revenue law by having bottled goods which were not up to the requirements and they were permitted to pay a fine each and thus escape.

### Job for a Doctor.

Governor Shallenberger has offered to Dr. E. F. Brendell of Plattsmouth, the position of head physician in the soldiers' home in Grand Island, or the second place in the hospital for the insane in Norfolk, each position paying the same salary.

### Receiver Asked for Hotel.

The case of Mrs. Marie Colby, owner of E. F. Paddock block, at Beatrice, against the Ketterer Hotel company asking that a receiver be appointed for the block was heard before Judge Taper at Pawnee City. The case was then under advisement.

### Steam Plow in Dodge.

One of the largest steam plows made in Hon. R. B. Schneider's farm near Wellington. This plow is used on the large Schneider farm. So heavy are the plows that steam is used to lower it raise the plow when it is to be used.

### New Bank at Arlington.

The Western Banker, a publication devoted to banking and bankers, has announced that a new bank will be organized in Arlington in the near future.

## Nebraska Legislature

The finance committee of the senate took up the proposition to appropriate \$75,000 for an agricultural school at Cambridge, which is being urged by Kelley, of Furnas. By a vote of five to six it was decided to indefinitely postpone the bill. Mr. Kelley then made a country transition to amend the bill and leave its location to the board of regents, provided it is placed in the western part of the state, and the committee will withhold its report for further consideration.

Tibbets, of Adams, offered a resolution for the holding of Lincoln day services in the senate chamber at 2 p. m., February 12, under the auspices of the legislature and for a joint committee on program. The resolution contained a lengthy eulogy of the life of Lincoln.

Matras, of Nemaha, said while he was in sympathy with the resolution to honor the greatest man the world ever saw, a meeting had been arranged by the Grand Army of the Republic for the same hour in St. Paul's church and an invitation had been extended to the senate. Gov. Shallenberger was to preside. The senator from Nemaha said a meeting should be held and there should be no conflict between the senate and the citizens of the state.

Neptemism will be a thing of the past in Nebraska officialdom, should the bill introduced in the senate Wednesday afternoon by Fuller become a law. This bill makes it an offense for any official of the state, county, district, city or other state, county, district, city or other municipal division to appoint or vote for the appointment of any person related to him by affinity or consanguinity with the third degree to any clerkship or position in any department of the government of which such executive, legislative, ministerial or judicial officer may be a member. Such officer is also forbidden to employ any such relative or any other person of a consideration of the second officer giving employment to a relative of the first. Violation of the law is to be punished by a fine of from \$100 to \$1,000 and removal from office.

The following bills were read the third time and passed in the house Wednesday:

By Young of Madison—Providing that in cities and towns violations of the truancy law may be taken into custody and police courts instead of county courts as now provided. Vote: Yes, 59; no, 4.

By Humphrey of Lancaster—Providing the Oregon plan of popular election of United States senators by pledged legislative candidates to vote for the man having the highest popular vote for senator. Vote: Yes, 68; no, 28.

The following bills were introduced in the house Wednesday:

By Raper of Authorizing county supervisors and commissioners to procure metal markers for soldiers' graves.

By Humphrey—To prevent the manufacture or sale of improperly labeled or mislabeled white lead, turpentine and linseed oil.

By Lawrence (by request)—Providing for vesting the title to a homestead in minor children during their minority.

Notice was sent up to the house and senate Wednesday of the signing of appropriation bills Nos. 41 and 42 which allow the wages of members and employees of the state.

By Klenz of Kearney—Providing for a short burst of applause from those who have been waiting all this time for some return on their labor.

Schrele withdrew his bill that provides for the repeal of the direct primary law. He made little explanation of this action other than that he did not want to repeal the law without placing something in its place. This is the only house bill that has sought to repeal the direct primary body although there is considerable sentiment in that direction manifest among the members.

By Klenz's bill to change the election of county commissioners from the whole county to the districts from which they are nominated was considered and recommended by a heavy vote.

The senate made no objection to the report of a committee on a bill to repeal the Sackett law. The bill was placed on the general file. The Sackett law subjects the county, city and other officers to removal from office for willful neglect to enforce laws which it is their duty to enforce.

In the House, Mr. Douglas, introduced a bill making it a felony for telephone or telegraph companies to furnish reports to bucket shops.

Representative Armstrong is the author of a bill declaring the South Omaha stock yards a public feeding station and giving the railway commission authority to fix rates.

The daylight closing bill championed by Senator King was disagreed by the senate committee. The measure provided for the closing of saloons except between the hours of 3 a. m. and 7 p. m.

A bill by Senator Ransom to establish a state college of osteopathy was favorably reported.

Klein, of Gage, offered a resolution fixing the pay of the postmaster of the state at \$5. Ollis of Valley objected to giving the postmaster more than any other employe, and as such members of the legislature and moved to amend by making the pay \$4 a day. As amended the motion was adopted. Friends of other employe may have similar steps to get salaries adjusted before the committee on employe and expenditures get busy.

Wednesday afternoon was spent by the senate in committee of