

ONLY BRIEF MENTION

MUCH IN SMALL SPACE FOR THE HURRYING READER.

EVENTS COVERING WIDE FIELD

Something of Congress, Political Gossip Here and There, and News and Notes of General Character.

Congress.

Currency legislation by the present congress seems improbable. The house passed the bill appropriating \$1,500,000 for participation by the United States in the international exposition to be held in Tokyo, Japan, in 1912. The bill lacks only the president's signature to make it a law. An omnibus territories bill embracing fifteen measures, favorably considered by the committee, was passed by the house Tuesday under suspension of the rules. The various provisions of the bill deal exclusively with legislation pertaining to the territories. Passage by the house of the general deficiency appropriation bill, carrying an appropriation of \$17,368,572, marked the completion by that body of the last of the great supply measures of the government. The bill was put through under suspension of the rules, with no time allowance for general debate. Nebraska members of the house have arrayed themselves on the side of the president as against Speaker Cannon. Senator Bulkley (Connecticut) spoke in favor of the passage of his bill to authorize the president to re-inlist the negro soldiers of the Twenty-fifth infantry, and declared that if possible he would secure action on it. Announcement is made that no rivers and harbors bill other than an administrative measure will be passed at this session of congress. In the public building bill Iowa fares very well. Davenport gets \$60,000 for improvements to its building; Council Bluffs \$65,000 for additional grounds and improvements; Ottumwa, \$165,000 and addition heretofore granted for a new building; Fort Dodge, \$130,000 for improvements, extensions and repairs; Esherville, \$60,000 for a new building; Ames, \$60,000 for a building; LeMars, Red Oak and Fort Madison, \$10,000 each for a new site; Denison and Iowa Falls, \$7,500 each for new sites; Burlington and Mason City, \$5,000 additional each to complete their buildings; Cedar Rapids, \$10,000 additional to complete its building.

Political.

Mr. Bryan says the result in Pennsylvania is a good argument for the direct primary. Senator Dolliver will make some speeches in Iowa in the interest of Senator Allison. Judge Evans has resigned the chairmanship of the Missouri democratic state committee because he is a candidate for governor. President Roosevelt has "taken notice" of the \$2,000,000 public building bill and may veto the measure. Bryan carried the Alabama primary over Johnson by three to one. Pennsylvania democrats are divided on the question of supporting Bryan. California democrats to the Denver convention are instructed to vote as a unit for Bryan. Secretary Taft announced the terms of the agreement he reached with the Panama government on his recent visit there, which, it is believed, if carried into effect, will guarantee the absolute integrity of the elections to be held in July. Tammany Hall will be represented at the democratic convention at Denver by a delegation 650 strong. All arrangements for the journey have been completed. The democratic territorial convention of Hawaii instructed delegates to Denver for Bryan. Washington state demands split up on the liquor question. Milwaukee democrats will stop in Lincoln on their way to Denver. Complete returns thus far received from the primary indicate that William J. Bryan will be supported by the Alabama delegation to the national convention at Denver. In the New Jersey prohibition state convention Dr. Day criticized President Roosevelt for drinking in public. Secretary Taft for saying that prohibition would not solve the liquor question and Mr. Bryan for remaining silent on the subject.

General.

The war department has issued orders for summer maneuvers of the army. Twenty peasants were hanged for agrarian disturbances in Russia. Presbyterian general assembly discussed the reports of the commission on evangelism and Sabbath observance. Resolutions were passed condemning all secular work and sports on Sunday. No bill to modify the power of the federal courts in injunctions will be passed at this session of congress. It was so decided by republican conference.

Personal.

George W. Berge, it is understood, will enter the gubernatorial race in Nebraska. Secretary Taft has returned from Panama and is pleased with progress being made there. Old officials of the International Typographical union have all been re-elected. Mr. Bryan says that the people will demand a government bank unless deposits are secured. Rear Admiral Hemphill and the other officers of the visiting American squadron are shown much attention by the Japanese officials at Tokyo. The various functions in their honor approximate in importance a public reception.

Senator Platt testified in the divorce suit brought by Mae E. Wood, denying marriage or promise of marriage.

The divorce case of Mae C. Wood against Senator Platt was called for trial in a New York court. The case of Mae Woods against Senator Platt was dismissed and the woman sent to the tomb for perjury. The Washington state democratic convention adopted a resolution declaring for the submission to the voters of a constitutional amendment forbidding the sale and manufacture of spirituous liquors.

St. Louis has been granted authority by the United States supreme court to tax corporations for occupation of the streets.

Burlington and Union Pacific tax commissioners told the state board that their lines are assessed too high in Nebraska.

More than fifty persons were killed in a Belgian railroad wreck when trains telescoped.

Missouri is to be for Mr. Bryan in the Denver convention first, last and all the time.

Secretary Metcalf has detailed Admiral Robley D. Evans, late commander-in-chief of the Atlantic fleet, to duty with the general board of the navy, which has to do with the preparation of plans for naval campaigns for use in time of war.

Attorney General Bonaparte has written the circuit judges of the district of Philadelphia asking for a quick hearing of a test suit of the commodities clause of the new rate.

Omaha ministers are up in arms against Sunday baseball.

Evelyn Thaw is said to be in a mood to drop her suit to annul the marriage with Harry Thaw.

Mr. Bryan got the endorsement of Michigan democrats, but fell down in the Keystone state.

Governor Brooks of Wyoming says there is no doubt but what the eastern buyers are taking advantage of wool growers and offering low prices for the clip because the growers are in debt for sheep bought last fall.

The outlook is not encouraging for any financial legislation the present congress. Senators and representatives are wide apart.

William A. Martin, sole survivor of the John Brown jury, is visiting in Washington. His home is in Delaplane, Va. He is 77 years old.

Rev. S. A. Coffman, a Methodist clergyman of Fremont, W. Va., killed his wife while suffering from a fit of temporary insanity, as he claims now.

Ernest S. Kenison, who killed Sam D. Cox at Minnatare, was sentenced to twenty-three years in the penitentiary by Judge Grimes. This is Kenison's second trial. He was sentenced to twenty-four years in the former trial.

The New York stock market continues to show an upward tendency with an increase in the volume of business.

In a boarding stable fire at Omaha seventeen horses perished.

Senator Heyburn started a filibuster against the conference report on the homestead bill, which would allow a settler 320 acres of any non-irrigable land.

Louis C. Coufal has been appointed postmaster at Abie, Butler county, Neb., vice F. J. Reh, resigned.

The fire loss at the Omaha packing plant is about \$500,000.

Washington.

A resume of the present session of congress elicits the interesting fact that there were more important questions presented to and discussed by congress on which the public generally or sections or classes demanded action than ever before in its history.

Representative Norris of Nebraska has been the recipient of many congratulations on the part of his colleagues of the house for the able and impartial manner in which he presided over the republican caucus on two occasions.

The house refused to concur in the conference report on the postoffice bill because of the ship subsidy section and passed the campaign publicity bill with an amendment decreasing representation of southern states.

Senator Brown and Representative Norris presented to the president in the strongest possible manner the name of William M. Geddes of Grand Island for one of the commissionerships to the Tokyo exposition.

Senator Newland endeavored to get the bill appointing an inland waterway commission before the senate. Mr. Burkett, of Nebraska, objected to its consideration in advance of the house building bill. Mr. Newland insisted upon his motion, and it was voted down almost unanimously.

Senator Rayner made an appeal to the senate for a vote on his resolution requesting and requiring the president to appoint a court of inquiry to investigate the charges against Col. William F. Stewart, coast artillery, stationed at Fort Grant, Arizona.

TREATIES APPROVED

THIRTY-SEVEN DEALT WITH BY THE SENATE

LARGEST IN TWENTY YEARS

Gains in Arbitration Recorded as District Victories for American Diplomacy.

Washington.—With little discussion and less publicity, the United States senate has at this session placed its approval of thirty-seven treaties—more in number if not in importance than had been ratified during the twenty years preceding. In making effective so many agreements with the nations, international advancement has been made along three distinct lines. Twelve nations have agreed by treaty with the United States to arbitrate future disputes, which is taken to mean nothing less than that the world has now been established on the plan of arbitration.

The foundation for continued friendly procedure in adjusting questions with the Orient is believed to be contained in the treaties with Japan, to which is added the friendly visit of the fleet to that part of the world.

A basis of settlement has been arrived at with Great Britain, by which longstanding questions between Canada and the United States are assured of satisfactory adjustment.

To these important accomplishments, directed throughout by Secretary Root, may be added a number of lesser magnitude. The territory available as asylum for the fugitive from justice has been further restricted through extradition treaties with Spain, Portugal, Uruguay and San Marino, while naturalization treaties have been concluded with Peru, Salvador and Portugal.

The gain for arbitration is regarded as a distinct victory for American diplomacy, initiated by the instructions to the American delegates to the Hague conference. The result so far is approval of general arbitration treaties with Great Britain, Japan, France, Italy, Spain, Switzerland, Mexico, Portugal, the Netherlands, Sweden and Denmark. Besides the general arbitration treaties eleven of the international treaties resulting from the Hague conference were approved. They include these subjects: Recovery of contract debts, opening of hostilities, laws and customs of war on land, rights and duties of neutral powers; submarine contact mines, bombardment of naval forces, naval war and the Geneva convention, right of capture in naval war, discharging projectiles from balloons and the final act of the peace conference.

As to the important accomplishment is the bringing of Japan into the group of nations committed to arbitration. Besides this are the conventions with that country which guarantee in Korea and China protection for inventions, trade marks and copyrights.

President Signs Bills.

Washington—President Roosevelt has signed the bills providing for the participation of this country in the exposition to be held in Tokyo in 1912; the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill, and a bill authorizing the extension of the street railroads of this city to the new Union station.

Mrs. Eddy's Son in Jail.

Deadwood, S. D.—George Washington Glover, son of Mrs. Mary Baker G. Eddy, came to town from Lead. An hour later a policeman hunted him up and told him to remove his fractious horse to a livery stable. Glover declined. An altercation ensued and the officer placed him under arrest.

Night Riders Miss Baby.

Ripley, O.—Night riders destroyed the tobacco beds of Walter Hook, six miles from Ripley. Hook fired at the men and in return they riddled his house with bullets. One bullet came within two inches of hitting the Hook baby.

Alcohol Decimates Paris.

Paris—After devoting two years of study to the question of death due to alcohol, directly or indirectly, Mr. Perrot of the French Academy of Medicine announces that 33 per cent of all deaths in Paris are from use of alcohol.

CONGRESS TO ADJOURN SOON.

Both Houses Shaping Business to End Session This Week.

Washington—Both the senate and house will devote their best efforts to so shaping their affairs as to bring about an adjournment at the earliest time possible during the present week and as a consequence whatever is done will be in the nature of completing work already begun.

Vote to Return to Work.

Cleveland, O.—By a vote of 640 against 611 the striking street railway conductors and motormen decided to return to work as "new men." The result of the vote, which was taken Sunday, was not announced until midnight. The vote is in accord with the demands of the Municipal Traction company upon this point. At midnight the non-union men now at work running the company's cars began to vote on the question of whether they would submit their claims of seniority to arbitration.

THE STATE CAPITAL

MATTERS OF INTEREST TO ALL CITIZENS.

WINDUP OF RATE HEARINGS

No Further Presentation Unless Railway Commission Ask for a Supplemental Hearing.

Reduction of Freight.

The general hearing on the proposition of a reduction of freight rates in Nebraska has closed and no further presentation will take place unless the railway commission asks for a supplemental hearing. The railway employees are yet to be heard. Talks were made by C. E. Spens, general freight agent of the Burlington lines west, General Solicitor J. E. Kelby of the same road, Freight Traffic Manager J. A. Munroe of the Union Pacific, and General Solicitor N. H. Loomis of the Union Pacific. The road men allege that the commission must base rates in Nebraska only on business beginning and ending in the state, and must not consider traffic through the state, beginning in the state and ending outside, or originating outside the state and terminating within the state. After this is done, according to the railway attorneys, who quote the Wisconsin Railway commission as authority, 80 per cent of the value of the lines and equipment in the state must be taken as the basis for dividend earnings, 80 per cent of the equipment having been found necessary to carry purely state traffic. Mr. Kelby said the Burlington earns only 2 per cent on its taxable value in Nebraska on state business, and Mr. Munroe said the Union Pacific earns only 1 per cent on Nebraska business.

General Freight Agent Spens confined his talk to the difference in conditions between Iowa and Nebraska is about 50 per cent of the density of traffic in Iowa, and that the cost of carrying decreases with the increase of density of traffic. He said he did not blame the shippers of Nebraska for comparing Nebraska and Iowa rates, but he thought when they understood the conditions they would understand the matter.

Light on Railroad Values.

T. A. Polleys, tax commissioner of the Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha railway company who spoke before the State Board of assessment, appeared to be boosting for a raise in the assessed valuation of other railroads in Nebraska or to be looking out for an assessed valuation that may be used before the railway commission as an argument for leave to increase freight rates. He showed the board how it might increase the valuation of his own road from \$42,500 a mile in Nebraska to \$47,000, and then he talked an hour or two to show the board that really \$35,000 was about right. The board of assessment last year valued all railroads in the state at an average of \$44,440 a mile, but Mr. Polleys gave a computation showing how it might be \$46,000 a mile.

Corn for Omaha Show.

The National Corn commission which is planning for a large representation of Nebraska corn at the show to be held at Omaha, December 10 to 15, met here last week to complete arrangements for the growing and exhibition of corn. William Ernst of Tecumseh, Dean Burnett of the agricultural college, Secretary W. R. Mellor of the state board of agriculture, and members of the committee were present. Secretary E. G. Montgomery of the national exhibition and William James of Dorchester were in attendance.

State University Commencement.

Members of the senior class of the state university have chosen Charles A. Towne of New York as their commencement orator, and he has accepted the invitation. The alumni orator is to be G. W. Gerwig of Allentown, Pa. The annual concert of the school of music will be held on the evening of June 6. On Sunday, June 7, Chancellor E. Benjamin Andrews will deliver the baccalaureate sermon. The Phi Beta Kappa orator will be Chancellor G. E. McLean of the University of Iowa. As the class play, the senior class will present "The Three Musketeers" on June 9. June 10 will be alumni day.

Objection to Cut in Rates.

C. C. Wright of the Northwestern spoke before the railway commission and asserted that his road could not stand a reduction of class rates; that it is now making only 2.2 per cent on its valuation, and during the nine months of the enforcement of the Aldrich bill made only 4.4 per cent on all business in Nebraska, and for the banner year ending June, 1907, made 6.07 per cent on state and interstate business.

Board of Trade.

A quiet effort is now being made to revive the project of forming a board of trade or commercial exchange in Lincoln and there is talk of erecting a large office building to serve as a board of trade, a club house and an office building. The Commercial club has now about \$7,000 subscribed on a building fund, for which at least \$25,000 will be needed. If the board of trade project is successful the grain and lumber interests would undoubtedly join the Commercial club in erecting the building.

RAILROAD TAX MEN PLEAD.

Ask State Board to Reduce the Assessments of Their Lines.

At the first hearing held by the State Board of Assessment for railroad tax commissioners, R. D. Pollard of the Burlington appeared and asked the board not to value the lines of his company in Nebraska at more than \$35,000. They were valued last year at \$45,000. Tax Commissioner Scribner of the Union Pacific also spoke, but he said it was useless to repeat his argument of last year, when the board valued the lines of his company at \$75,000 a mile. He said he was disappointed last year and hoped for some concessions this year. Mr. Pollard briefly attacked the assessment of real estate, live stock and money in Nebraska and gave figures to show that each class of property was assessed far below its true value. He said his company earned 3 per cent on a valuation of \$45,000 a mile in Nebraska for the six months ending March 31. He said it earned \$2,704 a mile, nearly \$300 less a mile than the year before. Mr. Scribner said his company earned nearly \$400 a mile less. He admitted that his company had ceased apportioning its earnings between states, because at best such calculations are mere estimates and often unfair and would afford little light for the board. Mr. Pollard told the board his company arbitrarily apportioned the earnings between states and gave to Nebraska lines a constructive mileage of 1.4. This he said credited to Nebraska about 20 per cent that the lines had not in fact earned and he believed that amount should be deducted.

To Report Monthly.

Monthly station reports of business in Nebraska will be filed with the state railway commission by the express companies until the Sibley act is no longer in force or until its enforcement is given judicial support, according to a message received by the commission from Attorney C. J. Greene, who represents all of the companies. He is in New York, where he has been conferring with express officials, after the refusal of the commission to grant a requested extension of ten days. The first reports were due May 10. Attorney General Thompson left for New York to take depositions from express officials in the cases now in the federal court. Later he will represent the state there in the hearing of these men before Refre J. J. Sullivan. Mr. Wittling, an expert accountant, accompanied Mr. Thompson and Rate Clerk Powell will go to New York this week.

Week's Crop Report.

The crop report by Division Freight Agent J. J. Cox for the Lincoln traffic division, contains the following statements: "Good rains over entire section the past week. Tornado damaged crops to some extent at Nemaha, Louisville and vicinity. Wheat and oats in very good condition. Could not be better. Oats growing in good shape and coming up better than expected. Different territories reported oats of poor stand and uneven, but reports this week show oats up even and growing nicely. Corn planting progressing rapidly between rains. About two-thirds of corn planted. Alfalfa not damaged to any great extent by cold weather. Pastures in excellent condition. Garden truck coming along nicely. Conflicting reports on fruit. Unable to say what damage was done by recent cold weather."

Examining Insurance Company.

After being organized and in operation for more than two years, the Nebraska Lumbermen's Mutual Insurance association, an adjunct to the State Lumber Dealers' association, is now being examined for the first time by the state insurance department. The work is being done by Archie Searle, a brother and appointee of auditor E. M. Searle. The company has been reporting its business each year to the department, but has not been required to submit its affairs to scrutiny until the present time. Secretary Bird Critchfield's records give the membership at 550 and the amount of insurance in force at \$870,300, each member being limited to \$2,000 on any one stock of goods. The company furnishes protection to lumbermen at rates about 60 per cent of those fixed by the "board" schedule.

Governor on Marriage Laws.

Governor L. Sheldon delivered the address of welcome to the members of the Nebraska State Medical association at the opening general session and in the course of his speech said: "It is high time that steps are taken to amend the marriage laws to the end that we can gradually decrease the degenerate classes. No man or woman should be permitted to be married without first securing a certificate of good health from a capable physician. And I hope that at the next legislature the members of the medical profession will come in with a bill prepared that will help along the lines that I have just proposed."

General Freight Agent Monroe of Union Pacific road met J. N. Campbell and Edward Penny of Fullerton, C. H. Smith of Belgrade and George E. Johnson of North Loup to discuss complaints in regard to alleged discriminations against Fullerton and Belgrade. Mr. Monroe proposed changes and agreed to meet the complainants in Omaha to agree on alterations in rates from Omaha west. Fullerton people alleged that a jump of 12 cents a hundred on first class freight from Genoa to Fullerton is unjust.

NEBRASKA IN BRIEF

NEWS NOTES OF INTEREST FROM VARIOUS SECTIONS.

ALL SUBJECTS TOUCHED UPON

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

Valentine has begun work on its new city park.

Hastings dealers are accused of selling impure milk.

The water bond proposition in Ogallala was defeated.

All of the Nebraska City teachers have been re-elected for another year.

Omaha banks show a million and a half increase since last report in February.

The cornerstone of the new Catholic church at Fairbury was laid last week.

Mrs. Yeomans, a sister of ex-President Cleveland, was visiting in Omaha last week.

The Young Men's Christian association of Crete will build a home to cost \$20,000.

Cadets of the state university are camping in Nebraska City this week for five days.

At Lincoln, John Lundgren, an aged man, was run over and killed by a Rock Island train.

About 500 veterans were in attendance upon the Grand Army encampment at Hastings.

The mayor of Hastings issued a proclamation designating "cleaning up day" for the city.

At Lexington bloodhounds readily traced a thief who had committed robbery in a boarding car.

The town of Winslow has voted a bond of \$1,000 for a new school house to be built this summer.

Christopher Schavland of Madison, was the unanimous choice of the State Board of Assessment for secretary.

The Morton-Gregson packing plant at Nebraska City has closed down for sixty days that repairs may be made.

Mrs. Michaelson, a violently insane woman in the Norfolk hospital, was operated upon for gall stones, since which she is rapidly regaining her reason.

Some of the citizens of Utica who participated in the assault upon Evangelist Miller March 21 must answer in court, according to the grand jury's findings.

The authorities of North Platte have decreed that henceforth all tramps caught loafing around the streets or railroad yards will be corralled and put to work on the streets.

Beatrice citizens feel highly elated over the passage of the bill appropriating \$50,000 for the extension of the postoffice building. The force has been cramped for quarters for some time.

The commencement exercises of the Beatrice High school will be held in the Christian church, June 5 and 6.

The graduating class numbers fifty-two, thirteen more than has ever graduated before.

The board of education has elected George E. Martin of the high school as superintendent of the public schools of Nebraska City. He has been principal of the high school for the last six years or more.

At Beatrice Matt Haffy was found dead at the home of his niece, Mrs. George Upson, at Lanham, by a member of the family who went to call him for breakfast. Death was supposed to have been due to heart trouble.

Crookston is to have a station agent. Recently Max E. Veitrel fled a request with the State Railway Commission for an agent to be placed at Crookston, making a showing that \$22,000 of business was done the last year at that station and asked for an investigation. The result was an agent will be forthwith installed there.

James A. Carland, who is in the Custer county jail charged with the murder of John Sanderson, and who cannot be tried in the district court 'till September, alleges that he will die before that time if confined in the Custer county dungeon. His attorney H. M. Sullivan has applied to the supreme court for a writ of habeas corpus, the object being to require the sheriff to place the accused in some other county jail or in the penitentiary.

It will cost the state about \$15,000 for two years to carry out the new plan of paying each member of the Nebraska national guard 25 cents for attending weekly drill. The plan has been in force long enough to show results, but in the case of many companies it has shown a falling off in attendance rather than an increase. In addition to this payment the state makes a service payment to the officers in accordance with the length of time they have served in one position.

At Weston, Charles Wondra, was found dead early in the morning within about two blocks of his home. He had been drinking heavily.

Edward Schrank, a prominent farmer and owner of the old Christdwig farm south of Wisner, was instantly killed by a fall from his wagon.

The 14-month-old child of Andrew Nass, a prominent German farmer residing near Ord, met death by falling into a stock watering tank. The child was just old enough to toddle about and was out of sight of the nurse but a few minutes, and when found was floating face downward in the tank.