

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.

Judge Norris, unlike the rest of his colleagues of the house delegation, will leave for home immediately after the adjournment of congress for the reason that one of his daughters is ill with mumps, and it is expected his other daughters will be afflicted in the same way. It is thought Judge Norris will leave for home about July 1.

The conference reports on the sundry civil and the pension appropriation bills were agreed to, thus sending those measures to the president for a signature, and leaving only the general deficiency and military academy appropriation bills to be considered in order to complete the disposition of the fourteen supply measures of the government.

Judge Norris of the Fifth Nebraska district, and Ernest M. Pollard of the First, have labored early and late, not only for currency legislation, but for a publicly bill and for anti-injunction legislation. From the beginning of the session Judge Norris in particular has worked for these measures.

At the present session the United States senate has placed its approval upon thirty-seven treaties.

No action looking toward the expulsion of Representative George Lilley of Connecticut from the house is contemplated.

Iowa members of the house who were present generally voted against approving the conference report on the postoffice appropriation bill. This report was in favor of the ship subsidy amendment to the measure in question.

Senator Dolliver has left Washington for Iowa for the purpose of taking part in the campaign.

The eastern manufacturers of news print paper have concluded the presentation of their side before the special house committee investigating the wood pulp and print paper question.

Political.

The democrats of New Hampshire met in state convention, adopted a platform of party principles and elected four delegates-at-large to the democratic national convention. The delegates-at-large were authorized to name their own alternates. The platform calls for an immediate revision of the tariff and demands that the currency laws "be so amended that there shall at all times be enough money of undoubted security in circulation to meet all legitimate demands at reasonable rates."

Uncle Joe Cannon proposes to put in several days after congress adjourns making the trip home in an automobile. He figures that it will take a week from Washington to Danville, and that week will be a very important one in the matter of making a president, something he is reputed to be deeply interested in.

Both Secretary Taft and Mr. Bryan favor a bill requiring publicity in campaign contributions.

Walter Wellman says the Republican discontent with the work of the present session of congress makes majority leaders fear Bryan can win. Senator Burkett of Nebraska will second the nomination of Secretary Taft in the national convention.

Gov. Cummins addressed a large audience in Council Bluffs, going after his opponents in strong language.

As soon as congress adjourns many members will hurry home to look after their political fences.

A Washington correspondent says that not in many years have republicans finished a session of congress upon the eve of the national conventions and the presidential campaign in as bad humor as they are at this moment. No one appears to be content.

Campaign against "twisting" in the life-insurance business is given aid by the action of Governor Hughes of the New York underwriters.

General.

Much wool is being rushed toward the Omaha storing house. One Wyoming shipper offers 5,000,000 pounds.

Fresh milk will be sent to Panama for the use of the government employees there.

W. S. Stone, of Cleveland, was re-elected grand chief.

One man was killed and twenty-two persons injured by a storm which swept over Jewell county, Kansas.

Nebraska, Iowa and South Dakota will be represented among the graduates of George Washington university at its commencement.

The "Patten crowd" in Chicago are said to have cleaned up \$2,000,000 in corn and wheat speculation.

The Omaha trade excursionists were given enthusiastic welcome in Colorado towns.

Boston has changed its attitude toward the Omaha wool market and is now seeking a share in the business.

Returns of the election in North Carolina on state prohibition, received at the state prohibition headquarters indicate that the "dry" majority in the state will exceed 40,000.

The Methodist conference at Kansas City elected eight bishops.

Judge Aiton B. Parker, former chief justice of the state of New York and the presidential candidate of the democratic party in 1904, has been admitted to practice before the supreme court of the United States.

The actual counting of the ballots cast for W. R. Hearst and George B. McClellan for mayor in the last election for that office in November, 1905, was begun after a delay of more than two years.

An order was put into effect by the Santa Fe suspending work of all but apprentices in several departments of the local shops. About 1,000 men are said to be thrown out of employment.

A David City, Neb., girl was lured to a Chicago resort and kept prisoner for a week.

Thousands of acres of growing crops in Oklahoma have been ruined by floods.

Judge Munger of Nebraska has overruled the demurrer in the Union Pacific elevation case. He says it is an interstate commerce case.

Thirty-five thousand coal miners of Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma and Arkansas, members of the United Mine Workers of America, who have been on strike since March 1 last, have returned to work.

Seventy millions of people in a year now cross the great Brooklyn bridge. The court finds that Harry Thaw is insane and must therefore remain in the mad house.

Engineer Finley of Wymore, died from injuries received in a collision of two Burlington trains at Reynolds, Neb. Dan O'Donnell, another engineer, was probably fatally scalded.

Governor Hughes of New York signed the bill making it a felony to operate a bucketshop in that state.

Evelyn Nesbit Thaw, through her counsel withdrew suit which she instituted some time ago for the annulment of her marriage to Harry K. Thaw.

Landlords and tenants in Ireland are both displeased with the operations of the land act.

The farmers of Nebraska tell the State Railway commission rates charged by the roads are out of proportion to the earnings of the common people.

The Mark Hanna statute was unveiled at Cleveland, with distinguished men as speakers.

An important amendment has been agreed upon by the senate and house which will materially affect homestead settlement in the west.

Father Labeley, a Catholic priest of Salisbury, Mo., was fatally stabbed by a demented member of his congregation.

The house passed Representative Dawson's resolution providing for printing 50,000 copies of the proceedings at the recent conference of governors.

Washington.

With the retirement of Secretary Taft from the war office altogether likely to take place within a month or more, the cabinetmakers are busy filling his place. There was rumor about the capitol last week that Magoon of Nebraska, governor of Cuba, would receive the appointment. Another story sprung was that Secretary Loeb may be given the reward of long service.

Senator Burkett introduced a bill directing the secretary of the treasury to refund to Stephen J. Weeks, former register of the O'Neill land office, the fees earned by him for issuing notices of cancellation of entries, and required by the secretary of interior to be covered into the treasury, contrary to the act of 1892.

Congressman Kinkaid has made arrangements with the department of agriculture to send an expert into the Sixth district to instruct farmers in the growing of grasses and legumes with a view to promoting humus soil and sod on sandy localities.

Senator Burkett and William M. Geddes of Grand Island, who is endorsed by the Nebraska delegation for appointment as one of the commissioners to the Tokio exposition, called on President Roosevelt. Mr. Geddes was also presented to Secretary Root of the state department and acting secretary of War Oliver. The Nebraska will not, in all probability receive the appointment as commissioner since the president, it is said, has practically decided on three men for these jobs.

However, Mr. Geddes may land the secretaryship of the commission, which pays a salary of \$5,000 a year and traveling expenses.

There is talk that Secretary Taft will quit the cabinet July 1st.

Personal.

Representative Burton of Ohio will nominate Secretary Taft at Chicago.

President Roosevelt denies that any friction exists between himself and the attorney general over the suit against the New Haven road.

The president signed the bill providing for the reorganization of the militia.

Secretary Taft was at Grant's tomb on Memorial day.

Seventy-eight contests have been filed with Chairman New of the republican national committee.

Charles H. Holmes, a wealthy leather man of Boston, is dead.

Dr. Landrith in a stirring speech to the Presbyterian Brotherhood said that Christianity is essentially masculine and that the men of the church must wake up and do the work God intends them to do.

CONGRESS IS DONE

BOTH HOUSES FINALLY GET THROUGH WITH WORK.

CURRENCY BILL IS PASSED

Long Filibuster by Foraker and Others Unsuccessful in Defeat of the Measure.

Washington.—Just ten minutes, officially, before the hands of the big round clocks in the chambers of the two houses of congress pointed to the hour of midnight Saturday, the first session of the Sixtieth congress came to a close. In the house the closing hours were characterized by singing of songs by republicans in honor of Speaker Cannon and by democrats in the interest of William J. Bryan. The excitement, which was great at times, finally subsided and the session closed with good fellowship among the members.

As soon as it was announced in the house that the senate had passed the currency bill the conference report on the omnibus building bill was presented by Mr. Bartholdt and it was at once adopted.

The senate was extremely quiet during the closing hours, held together only by the necessity of remaining in session for the engrossing and signing of bills.

The last days of the senate will be memorable on account of the filibuster of Messrs. La Follette, Stone and Gore against the emergency currency bill, the remarkable interpretations of the rules which go far to establish closure in a body noteworthy for the freedom of debate and by the final passage of the currency bill. President Roosevelt and several of his cabinet were at the capitol during the evening.

The passage of the government employees' liability bill and the adoption of the conference reports on the public buildings and the deficiency appropriation bills immediately following final action on the Aldrich-Vreeland compromise on the currency measure in the senate disposed of most of the remaining important legislation before that body.

President Roosevelt arrived at the capitol at 9 o'clock. He went immediately to the president's room on the senate side, where he remained in readiness to sign the bills as passed. Shortly before 10 o'clock he signed the compromise currency bill and presented the pen he used in affixing his signature to Representative Wilson of Chicago.

Previous to his signature of the currency bill the president had handed it to Secretary Caltelyon, who carefully read its provisions. Two other members of the cabinet were present—Secretaries Root and Garfield. The president in conversing with several members told them that he was very well satisfied with the accomplishments of the congressional session.

An hour after his arrival at the capitol the president had signed all the bills placed before him, including the public building, the general deficiency and the government employees' liability bill.

CURRENCY COMMISSION BUSY.

Holds Meeting for Organization and Roughly Outlines Its Work.

Washington.—The currency commission appointed by Vice President Fairbanks and Speaker Cannon under the terms of the Aldrich-Vreeland bill, held its first meeting Sunday, and while the meeting was only for the purpose of organization, there was a general discussion of plans, and it can be stated that if the outline submitted by Senator Aldrich is perfected by the work of the commission the country will be given the benefit of such a thorough investigation and complete an exposition of currency and banking as it has never before received.

Senator Brown Votes No.

Washington.—Senator Brown of Nebraska voted against the conference report on the currency bill, which was adopted by 45 to 24, the republicans voting against it being Brown of Nebraska, Bourne of Oregon, Borah and Heyburn of Idaho and La Follette of Wisconsin. In his vote against the conference report Senator Brown sought to express no sentiment except his own in opposition to the measure. He does not believe legislation was necessary in the first place, and secondly he did not like certain provisions of the measure.

Tariff Sure to Be Revised.

Chicago.—Senator William B. Allison, who passed through Chicago en route to Dubuque, Ia., said in an interview that there was no question about tariff revision and the question of whether republicans or democrats would do the revising would likely be the issue of the coming presidential campaign. Mr. Allison declared the new currency bill a good measure.

PRESIDENT OBSERVES THE DAY.

Government Departments Close Out of Respect for Dead.

Washington.—President Roosevelt and thousands of Washingtonians on Saturday participated in the observance of Memorial day. All government departments and the principal business houses were closed and appropriate services were held in the cemeteries. President Roosevelt drove to Arlington in an open survey, taking with him a number of floral wreaths.

THE STATE CAPITAL

MATTERS OF INTEREST TO ALL CITIZENS.

GRAIN RATE HEARING ENDS

Forty Days for Complainant to File Briefs and Defendant Thirty Days in Which to Make Answer.

Grain Rate Hearing Rests.

The grain rate hearing before the State Railway commission on complaint of Senator C. A. Sibley against the Burlington road has closed. The commission allowed J. G. Beeler, attorney for the complainant, forty days in which to file briefs, the defendant to have thirty days to answer and the complainant fifteen days additional for filing reply briefs.

The allegation of the complainant that grain rates in Nebraska are higher than rates in other states and a 15 per cent reduction would not bring them below many special rates, voluntarily enforced by the railroads, was made by the Burlington with a showing that the density of tonnage is greater in Iowa and Missouri than in Nebraska and that some of the low rates in this state are fender's rates which should not be taken as compensatory.

The comparison of grain rates from Nebraska stations to Omaha and Kansas City was met by the road with a showing that grain rates to Kansas City are forced by rates of competing roads and in order to grain men on the lines of the Burlington that road is forced to meet competition.

DEBT PAYING POLITICIANS.

Veterans of the Grand Army Aroused by Their Action.

At the recent annual encampment of the Grand Army the following resolution, preceded by a long preamble, was adopted:

"Be it Resolved by the Grand Army of the Republic in Encampment assembled, That our right and wishes have been ignored; that the principles so loyally adhered to by the president of the United States and the several state governments of this union and guaranteed by the statutes of the United States, Sec. 1754. Persons honorably discharged from the military or naval service by reason of disability resulting from wounds or sickness incurred in the line of duty shall be preferred for appointments to civil offices, provided they are found to possess the business capacity necessary for the proper discharge of such offices.

Sec. 1755.—In grateful recognition of the services, sacrifices and sufferings of persons honorably discharged from the military and naval services of the country by reason of wounds, disease or expiration of term of enlistment, it is respectfully recommended to bankers, merchants, manufacturers, mechanics, farmers and persons engaged in industrial pursuits to give them the preference for appointments to remunerative situations and employments.

Afterwards confirmed by the following: "But nothing herein contained shall be construed to take from those honorably discharged from the military or naval service any preference conferred by the 1754 section of the Revised Statutes, nor to take from the president any authority not inconsistent with this act conferred by the 1753 section of said statutes."

In carrying out the wishes and respecting the rights of the Grand Army they have been totally disregarded by the present state authorities. And of right we demand that the patriotic and humane policies which have been pursued by all former administrations of this state toward the Grand Army be recognized. And that any further encroachments upon these sacred rights by the debt-paying politicians shall cease. And that we hereby pledge ourselves to pursue these demands until the last vestige of the debt-paying politician shall be wiped out, he be senator, congressman or governor.

Selecting Debating Team.

The University of Nebraska Debating Board selected twelve members of the university debating squad for 1908-9, from which the university's two debate teams will be selected next fall for the contests on December 11, in the Central Debate League with the University of Illinois at Lincoln and the University of Wisconsin at Madison. The rest of the twenty members of the squad will be selected at a second preliminary, to be held soon after the university opens in September. The competition for membership on the squad is this year the heaviest in the history of the institution. Forty-three candidates are after the seats of honor at the squad round-table.

Harvest Field Workers.

Labor Commissioner Ryder has received notice from a man living in Georgia that he will come to Nebraska this summer to work in the harvest field. During the past few years the labor bureaus in Kansas, Nebraska and the states north of Nebraska have endeavored to maintain free employment bureaus for the purpose of aiding farmers who desire harvest hands. There are no state funds available for such work in Nebraska and the best the labor bureau has been able to do is to act as a bureau of information.

FREIGHT RATES TOO HIGH.

Allen Gerrard Files Resolution With Commissioners.

Allen Gerrard, prohibitionist and publisher, believes that freight rates are too high. He has filed the following resolutions, with the state railway commission signed by numerous Monroe citizens:

"Whereas, Many of the undersigned have been solicited to sign a request to your honorable body not to reduce railroad freight rates, and

"Whereas, Rates have been and are out of all proportions to the earnings of those engaged in other pursuits, especially on fuel, farm products and other necessities, amounting in many cases to practical confiscation of a great part of our hard-earned products, and

"Whereas, The rates charged in Nebraska amount to nearly the same for 100 miles as for 500 east of the Missouri, while the union of interest of the railroads with those engaged in handling our productions amounts in results to a conspiracy to defraud, and

"Whereas, The securing of signatures to the above mentioned request appears on its face like an attempt to secure names by unfair and corrupt means for the purpose of deceiving you as to conditions, now, therefore,

"Your petitioners respectfully request that your honorable body reduce railroad freight rates to a level where the roads will receive a just return for the labor performed and for the actual capital invested after eliminating all the fictitious value in bonds and stocks."

Historical Society Building.

The \$25,000 appropriation made by the last legislature for a basement story of a fire proof building for the Nebraska Historical society in Lincoln is now available, the conditions of the appropriation bill having been complied with. As a result of this the city of Lincoln becomes the undisputed possessor of the city hall block known as haymarket square, of which it has had possession for twenty-five years or more, and in return the city gives to the historical society a building site of equal value. Governor Sheldon has issued a proclamation approving the new site donated by the city at the corner of Sixteenth and H streets, "across the street from the southeast corner of the state house grounds. Haymarket square, which the city retains, was formerly the property of the historical society, but was transferred many years ago by act of the legislature to the city of Lincoln. The six lots given by the city to the historical society have been approved by the society and the governor, as required by the appropriation bill. They were purchased by contributions of citizens amounting to \$27,000 and the contributors will be reimbursed by future tax levies to be made on city property.

Roads' Employees Protest.

Members of the Nebraska State Railway Employees Protective association to the number of seventy-five appeared before the State Railway commission to protest against any material reduction in freight rates. As expressed by the numerous speakers, representing every branch of railroad work, the idea of the workmen is that if freight rates are reduced, wages of employes of railroads will also be reduced in proportion; that even if freight rates are reduced, the great majority of the people will not be benefited, but the profit thus made will go to the middleman; that the small dealers are not asking for the reduction, but the reduction is asked for by the large shippers, who have in the past enjoyed the benefits of liberal rebates, which are now denied them by law.

Farmers Come Back Again.

The petitions of railway employes to the State Railway commission not to reduce freight rates has met with a counter movement. Fifty petitioners living at Monroe, half of whom are farmers, have filed a petition with the commission asking for a reduction on the ground that charges are now out of proportion to the earnings of persons engaged in other pursuits, especially on fuel, farm products and other necessities, amounting in many cases to practical confiscation of a great part of hard earned products.

Order in Lumber Case.

The supreme court has made its order in the case brought by the state against the Nebraska Lumber Dealers' association, following the decision handed down some weeks ago. The order taxes the cost, which has not been figured, but which will amount to about \$2,500, to the defendants enjoined.

Will Get an Agent.

Henry T. Clarke of the state railway commission, who recently investigated the complaint of the citizens of Crookston, reports that General Manager Walters of the Northwest has informed him that he has decided to have an agent stationed at Crookston hereafter.

Values on Two Roads Go Up.

The State Board of Assessment, which concluded its deliberations, earlier than expected, left all railroad valuations the same as in 1907 except those of the Union Pacific and Burlington. The Union Pacific was increased by \$583,000 and the Burlington \$720,370. The total valuation for all railroads was fixed at \$266,814,759. Governor Sheldon and Secretary of State Junkin favored greater increases in both roads than were made, but the other three members of the board over-ruled this motion.

NEBRASKA POINTERS

STATE NEWS AND NOTES IN CONDENSED FORM.

THE PRESS, PULPIT AND PUBLIC

What is Going on Here and There That is of Interest to the Readers Throughout Nebraska.

Considerable damage was done at Prague by high wind.

Three pioneers of Saunders county passed away in the same week.

Cuming county has a corn growers' association with about one hundred members.

Ditch diggers at Beaver City struck for increased wages. The demand was not granted.

Lincoln county thus far this year has had sufficient rain and the crop outlook is good.

In Saunders county some farmers are replanting corn fields, owing to damage by cut worms.

In the district court of York county Robert Beckford of Waco was fined \$400 for selling liquor.

Nebraska City authorities are going to clean the city of all people without visible means of support.

The Riverside ranch, three miles from Ashland, changed hands for a consideration of \$150,000.

McCook will do much building this year. Chief in the construction will be a \$40,000 Masonic temple.

Graduation exercises of the York high school will be held this week. There will be a class of thirty-one.

The insane asylum is so crowded that henceforth for the present dismaniac cases will not be received.

Valentine recently had what is known as "hog day," when \$3,000 worth of porkers were purchased by local buyers.

The Woman's club of Ashland has become interested in cleaning up that city and proposes to see that the work is thoroughly done.

Trainmaster John Lepia of the Northwestern road has been promoted to assistant superintendent of the Black Hills division, with headquarters at Chadron.

A republican banquet and ratification meeting will be held in Beatrice on the night of June 26. It is planned to make this the opening of the campaign of southeastern Nebraska.

No foreigners in Nebraska are to be deported. S. A. Eppier, federal immigration agent, has made a tour of all the public institutions and has found no foreigner subject to the deportation law. Of the 1,853 insane persons in the state 712 are foreign born. Of the latter number 436 have not been naturalized.

Gustave Suverkruffe, a farmer living southwest of Fort Calhoun, with his brother, hired man and a neighbor, excavated and Indian grave, which was located in a cornfield near his house that has been under cultivation for many years. In the grave was found the skeleton, complete, except the fingers and toes. It was in sitting posture.

The Beatrice police officials investigated the arrival of a consignment of twenty barrels of beer which was received by the Burlington. The investigation was made upon information given by the civic league. The barrels were found to contain hop ale beer containing 1.88 per cent alcohol, and were ordered by the proprietor of a local soft drink parlor. The beer will not be allowed to be sold in Beatrice.

A Washington dispatch says that Senator Burkett and Congressman Hoyd have secured a re-examination for Robert E. B. Rice of Central City as a naval cadet. Mr. Rice had passed a splendid mental examination, but failed on a defect in his eyes, and asked that he be allowed a re-examination. Congressman Boyd and Senator Burkett took the matter up personally with the secretary of the navy and secured a re-examination.

Word has been received at Wayne that a tornado struck the farm of Talley Hall, about ten miles north, causing considerable damage. The large barn and cattle shed, 80x100 feet, was entirely demolished and carried away in section of about fifty feet square to a distance of about four rods and there reduced to splinters. Part of the roof of the large farm house was torn off and carried to the northwest gable of the building, where it crushed that part of the house.

One of the worst hail storms seen near Bancroft in recent years visited that section last week, continuing more than half an hour. The stones were as large as goose eggs. Hundreds of windows were broken, damage was done to roofs and telephone wires are down in all directions, cutting off communication with the surrounding country. The roof of D. T. Teich's hardware store was broken in and the rain which accompanied the hail did considerable damage to the stock.

John Morer, of Ashland, put out of saloon business by recent vote of the people who declared for a "dry" town, has received word of an oil strike on his farm in Ohio. He will go hence to look after his lubricating and illuminating interests.

The school of education of Nebraska Wesleyan university will grant over 100 diploma and teachers' certificates at the commencement exercises this year. Of this large list twenty will be university certificates, twenty-five advanced normal diplomas, twenty-four first grade and forty second grade certificates.