

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.

Political.

Chairman Hitchcock, after an extended conference with republican leaders in New York, announced that the antional committee would take no. part in selecting candidate for governor in New York or any other state.

Chairman Mack of democratic national committee has announced the appointment of subcommittees.

To hold the Democratic state convention August 20 and the Republican convention August 21, the two opening days of the lowa state fair, is a plan submitted by Secretary John Simpson to the two state party committees.

Unlike his distinguished opponent who refused to accept an elephant a a maseot, Mr. W. J. Bryan, in response to a letter from the Agricultural Soclety of Minnesota, telegraphed that he would be delighted to avail himself of their offer to send him an "edu cated" mule as a mascot.

Hearst's independent league sees no hope in old parties and declarea for referms on its own behalf.

Attorney General Bonaparte and legal experts are laying plans to push the prosecution of the Standard Oil company.

Bryan will make a few speeches at central locations and will remain at home most of the time during October. The national convention of the in-

dependent party nominated Thomas L. Hisgen and John Temple Graves for president and vice president.

Judge Taft in an address to the Ohio republican committee gave his endorsement to the work of leaders in that state and advised workers against over-confidence.

William R. Hearst in his speech opening the convention of the Independence party advised organization of a new national party that will work for interests of the people independent of all other organizations.

W. J. Bryan the presidential can didate, was initiated into the Ak-Sar-Ben at Omaha in the presence of a large crowd.

At the Union railway station in New Orleans there arrived on a Southern Pacific train a large shoe directed to "BUI Taff Washington D C" The shoe, which is about a No. 14 in size, is reported to have come all the way from San Francisco.

Governor Maskell of Oklahoma will e treasurer of the democratic nation-Leannittee.

Shippers in session at Chicago deeided to take no action against the coposed increase in freight rates un. A Il after conference with the presidents i f the eastern trunk lines.

The Irish university bill was passed a the House of Commons by 207 otes to 19, amid loud cheering, n which the untionalists took the lead. By a vote of 7419 to 546, the delogates in the Seventh Iowa district.

republican convention nominated Judge S. F. Fronty for congress over Congressman J. A. T. Hull. Cotton growers of Mississippi have

reanized and will hold the crops until otter prices prevail.

on days at the army maneuvers at is in flames, and the fate of Homer. not send its troops at all.

ing of the Standard Oll case.

Governor Charles E. Hughes of New York will accept a renomination if the a secthing mass of flames. Through republican party of that state desires, it are scattered hundreds of lumberhim again to be its candidate.

Promulgation of the new constitution in Turkey was received with little for days. enthesiasm in Constantinople, but it is colleved that it marks a step forward.

adress to naval officers at Newport said the United States needs a large to enter or leave the burning area. and strong navy, because of its pe- The inhabitants of the towns have colliar situation and many international fied to open districts in the vicinity obligations.

Foreign,

stitution into effect.

mands an apology of government of the Netherlands.

Paris race crossed the frontier at ing it impossible to put up a fight noon July 30 and reached Paris at 8 against their advance. The conflagrao'clock in the evening:

Delegates to the universal peace congress were tendered a banquet at only with the San Francisco disaster. London

The French government will prose dute leaders in the labor demonstration at Vigneux.

Demonstrations over the new Turksh constitution which was promulgated July 24 continue. A crowd of over-200,000 persons gathered outside the They ran down the west and early palace in Constantinople and cheered. the sultan.

Rev. E. C. Dinwiddle of Springfield, Ohio, legislative superintendent of the entered the town. Within an hour National Anti-Saloon League, has ac- the town was doomed and the inhabicepted an invitation to conduct a parliamentary campaign in England for local option after the American plan, in the morning the exodus continued, heen ordered to Honduras on account in the valley three miles south of of unsettled conditions there,

Washington.

"The report that I have said that I

would or would not deliver the labor vote to any political party is an infamous lie," said Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor today. "Organized labor is not only houest, but intelligent enough to choose the party for its support which will best represent its interest. Frank H. Hitchcock, chairman of the republican national committee, devoted his time chiefly to correspondence and to making preliminary arrangements in connection with the headquarters work at New York which was done by telephone. Mr. Hitchcock has arranged with Francis Curtis for the printing that is to be done. The Appallachian national forest association unanimously elected D. A. Tompkins of Charlotte, N. C., as prosident. This is said to signify renewed efforts on the part of southern people to make a great national forest of the Appallachian and White mountains. Attorneys for the government have determined to make application for reargument and modification of decision of court of appeals in Standar-Oil case. It was also agreed to push the other cases pending against of corporations. Acting Secretary of the Navy Newberry announced that none of the bidsubmitted for cohiers under the provision of the naval appropriation acof the last session of congress are satisfactory and all of them were re-Joered.



COLUMBIA DEVASTATED.

TOWN COMPLETELY WIPED OUT THE SCHOOLS OF NEBRASKA

Up to Last Accounts Seventy four are Dead, With Many Casualties Yet to Be Reported.

Whinipeg. Man .- As a result of bush fires, the town of Fernia. B. C., 19 The Kanaas national goard will be wiped off the map as a child cleans a the only state froops to stay the full slate; Michel, fourteen miles distant, Fort Riley in August. Nebraska will Olsen and Sparwood, intervening towns, is in doubt, they being cut off President Roosevelt orders that im- from all communication. Over 100 mediate steps be taken for a rehear. lives are known to have been fost, seventy-four of them in Fernie. A territory of 100 square miles in extent is men and prospectors, so that the metual loss of life will not be known

The properties of the Canadian Pacific and Great Northern railways are President Roocavelt in an extended destroyed the bridges and rolling stock burned, so that it is impossible In the hope of safety. The rallway

companies have placed all available trains at their disposal and unless The sultan of Turkey has appointed there is a change of wind within the a special council to put the new con- next twenty-four hours the whole of the Crow's Nest Pass county will be President Castro of Venezuela de left to the flames. There is no posslbility of estimating the loss of life especially which will result, for the The Thomas car in the New York to flames are driven by a hard gale, maktion is the greatest which has even been witnessed in Canada and ranks

been raging in the mountains of the Elk river valley country, but they have not been considered serious. Saturday morning a heavy wind sprang up from the crest of the countains to the west of Fernie. in the afternoon the flames appeared ovr the mountain side, and before a fire guard could be organized had tants sought safety in flight, leaving their all behind them. All night and The armored cruiser Milwaukee has the destination being a small prairie the town. At present 3,000 people are camped there in the open, their

only protection being shelters built of brush or blankets, while a constant shower of sparks from the burning area kept falling through the pall of smoke. For a time communication with towns to the east was kept open but with the burning of the bridges

Reports of Superintendents for the Year 1907-8 Being Rapidly Filed in Mr. McBrien's Office.

CITIZENS.

Nebraeka School Mutters.

Reports of county superintendents for the year 1907-8 are being filled cuite rapidly in the office of State Superintendent McBrien. Reports from Seward, Sarpy, Cedar, Stanton and Garfield were received. J. L. Jenkins of Garfield is the first superintendent to report from a western county. A number of the schools of this county stared in the appropriation made by the last legislature to weak school districts. The wisdom of making such an appropriation is shown by Superintendent Jenkins' report. In 1906-7 out of thirty-one school district five held school for a term of three months or less. According to the 1908 report, every district in Garfield county except one held school six months or more during the last year. Burwell, the only graded school in the county, collected \$110.25 for high

school fultion. Superintendent E. H. Hoch of Sewand county reports for male teachers an average monthly salary of \$76.20 and for female teachers \$42.68. The report from this county last year showed \$51.22 for males and \$39.39 for female teachers. Under the high school tuition law Seward county collected \$1,797.90. Of this amount Beaver Crossing received \$233.25; Milford, \$191.25; Seward, \$540.25; Utica, \$383.-25; Germantown, \$43.50; Staplehurst, \$36.70; Cordova, \$139.45; Tamora, \$69.25; Bee, \$61.

According to the report of Superintendent C. S. Coney of Stanton county, quite an interest has been shown in the new library law passed by the last session of the legislature, \$553.81 being set aside by the rural districts of Stanton county for the purchase of reference books. The average monthly salary paid to male teachers. as shown by Superintendent Coney's report for the year 1907-8, was \$59.77 and female teachers \$45.24. This is about \$4 higher than was paid the previous year. District bonds to the amount of \$15,000 were issued by Stanton county during the last year. According to the report made by Superintendent H. A. Collins, seventysix teachers were employed in the

schools of Sarpy county last year. Filings for Primary Election. The following filings have been made by the republican, democratic

and populist parties: GOVERNOR. Republican-George L. Sheldon, Ne-

LIVESTOCK VALUES IN STATE.

Comparison of Counties Shows Reduction in Average.

From figures in the hands of the state board of equalization the values of live stock have been uniformly low ered this year from what they were last year. This assessed valuation has differed materially in the different countles of the state. Lancaster county has not stood to the front so well in the matter of live stock as it has in real estate. On the average assessment on horser it is sixteenth on the list of counties, and on cattle it is tenth. Douglas county stands far below it in the valuation of horses but stands first in that of eattle. In both instances Lancaster has adhered more nearly to the value of last year than has Douglas. On horses It has reduced the average \$1.33 while Douglas has reduced it \$3.36. On cattle Lancaster has lowered the assessed valuation six cents and Douglas has lower ed the assessed valuation 55 cents.

Appeals to Supreme Court.

The case of Truie Collister against Arthur Ritzhnupt in which the district court of Frontier county found him guilty of bastardy comes to the supreme court on appeal of the defendant. The brief of the defendant's attorneys sets forth four causes why the decision of the lower court should be set aside, all of them being discrepancies of testimony and the alleged failure of the court to instruct the jury properly. Martha L. Wilkins of Johnson county appeals from the decision of the district court wherein Robert Wilkins, her husband, was granted divorce on the ground of desertion. In that decree the court allowed the defendant the custody of the one child until it is eight years of age and the plaintiff-husband is required to pay \$75 a year for the maintenance of the child. The grounds of appeal are that the decision of the court is unreasonable and that though the husband is worth several thousand dollars the allowance for the maintenance of the child is excessively small. The defendant maintained in the trial court that the husband was cruel and forced her to leave her home.

Nebraska Has Small Department.

Deputy Insurance Commissioner Pierce is receiving reports from the similar departments of twenty or thirty states. He is getting this material for a comparison with Nebraska, which facts may be used before the state legislature next year. The comparisons will show the number of employes in the department, the salarles paid, the total expenses, and total receipts both from taxes on insurance company business, and fees, There are 326 companies doing bustness in Nebraska for which 15,000 agents' licenses have been issued since February 1. The total tax paid by these companies for business done was \$66,314. Missouri with the same number of companies approximately receives in taxes \$532,191. This comes partly through more business done



STATE NEWS AND NOTES IN CON-DENSED FORM.

THE PRESS, PULPIT AND PUBLIC

What is Going on Here and There That is of interest to hte Readers Throughout Nebraska.

A Masonic lodge has been established at Franklin.

The Hastings chautauqua was a success financially and otherwise.

The peach crop in Pawnee county surpasses all expectations and the quality is excellent.

State SuperIntendent McBrien says he knows of no school houses in Nebraska that have been abandoned because of want of teachers.

The one-year-old baby of Mr. and Mrs. Platt of Tecumseh fell from a second story window but was not severely hurt.

Rey, Sturdevant of the Baptist church at Tecumseh desires to go to another field and asks that his resignation he accepted.

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York will soon have an \$80,000 postoffice building that will be strictly up to date and one of the latest and most beautiful modern structures of its kind in the west.

Nearly 1,500 people attended the third day's session of the Wayne chautauqua, held at the Assembly grounds. Gov. Hanley of Indiana was the principal speaker.

While Thos. Bower, jr., living near Ainsworth, was hauling hay the wind blew a barn door shut and caught Bower's head. Two pieces of his skull were taken out above the left eye at the hospital. He may not live.

The York Count" Telephone company, one of the largest independent companies in the west, has purchased the copper trunk independent toll lines between Columbus, Seward and Grand Island, and is going to build to Ravenna, Neb., and other points.

While raking hay George Funk, a well known young farmer living northwest of York, was thrown from the rake and one of the steel rake teeth entered the left leg, tearing the tendons and causing a fracture of the bone.

Deputy Game Warden Hunger ran up against an experience out in Loup county which netted the state two fines, where only one had been contemplated. It was a case where the complaining witness after sticking the defendant, became the defendant in the same case, and also got stuck.

Passenger train No. 15, west-bound, picked up, between Dawson and Salem, a stranger lying alongside the tracks with his legs cut off. The man was of middle age and evidently a tramp, who, it is thought, fell from a passing freight on which he was stealing a ride and was injured by the wheels of the train. Western Douglas county farmers have at last arrived at the conclusion that the only way to successfully combat and correct the existing bad conditions is by an efficient drainage system, and to this end they are preparing to organize themselves into drainage districts. Rev. Emanuel Hartig, who has been pastor of the St. Benedict Catholic church of Nebraska City since 1861, has been sent to Atchisonn, where he will enter the St. Benedictine home. He has become quite feeble and had to be replaced by another priest. C. C. Jones of Beatrice has recovered his two greyhounds which were stolen from the kennel. The dogs were found with a farmer near Pickrell and arrests are liable to follow. James Brott, an old resident of Beatrice, was arrested by Sheriff Trude on the charge of bootlegging. Mr. and Mrs. John Shively and Edward Fussel, victims of the tornado in Fillmore county in June, are all able to be out, although Mrs. Shively is lame, and her husband's face is still bandaged. As soon as they are able, they will go east to have his nose treated. Mr. Shively's watch, which was in his pocket, was badly dented and the fob was gone. F. M. Hall of Lincoln has accepted the invitation to be chairman of a committee to select an artist to make the Abraham Lincoln monument to be erected on the statehouse grounds by popular subscription. Mr. Hall was selected because of the great experience he has had in matters of this kind and because of his knowledge of artists and their work. There is great activity at all the stone quarries and sandpits along the Platte river between Ashland and Plattsmouth. Full forces of men are at work at all of the Louisville and South Bend quarries and many carloads of crushed stone are being shipped daily. The Burlington sand dredge es have been at work constantly since the high water receded along the Platte.

For the last month forest firas have

General.

The New York, New Haven & Hart ford road has attacked the nine-hour law affecting railroad employes.

The first test of Henry Farman's accoplane in New York was a success

Dun's review of trade says the jobbing business in western cities is improving and that the production of factories is increasing.

Prof. P. G. Holden of the Ames (Ia) college stys the reason for low corn yield is that too many stalks are doing nothing.

Mr. Bryan's notification will take place August 12th and it will be strict ly nonpartisan.

Relations between Honduras and Uncle Sam are not altogether lovely. The Nebraska state board of equalization tentatively raised the assess-

ments on land in thirty-eight countles and lowered it in eight counties. Judge Taft has all his campaign

plans laid out and will not change them.

The old age pension bill passed the house of jords on the 31st ult. in the form adopted by the house of commons.

The American Lumberman has been investigating the condition of the building trade in Nebraska, and after getting figures on material and lumber, in comparison with last year, it says that now is a good time to build.

Fires In the "millionaire colony" of New York summer homes are becoming of almost daily occurrence.

It is unlikely that Cortelyou will make the race for the republican nomination for governor of New York.

William J. Bryan declares that the independence platform is an imitation of the democratic, but not nearly as good.

Judge Taft has been made a member of the dredgemen's brotherhood.

President Roosevelt declared himself pleased with republican prospects over the country.

The suit brought by Count Boni de Castellane against his former wife. who is now Princess de Sagan, for the possession of his three children has been postponed until the fall term of COULT.

Samuel Gompers denied that he said he could deliver the labor vote.

of the automobiles in the Nebraska the independent ticket. are not assessed.

J. A. Delfelder, president of the Wyoming Wool Growers' association, believes the National Wool Growers' association will locate their big warehouse in Omaha.

Representative Lloyd of Misslouri, chairman of the Democratic congressional committee, indulges in predic tion that his party will carry the next houne.

Personal.

William B. McKintey of Illuiois will succeed James S. Sherman as chair- and was induced by the fear that renecampaign committee.

Hisgen and Graves were nominated for president and vice president by the independence party. I. S. Shepart of Kansas, who altemped to nominate Brynn, was escorted from the hall to prevent personal injury.

Secretary Bonaparte and assistants will meet to decide on details of legal fight against the Standard Oil Co. Norman Mack decides to open democratic headquarters in Auditorium Annex in Chicago.

The Sultan of Turkey thanks the people for the manifestations following the grant of the constitution.

Wm. Randolph Hearst, who recently arrived from Europe, says he cannot It is estimated that forty per cent he a candidate for the presidency on

> nomination as republican standard he was considered one of the most bearer was made a general holiday in Cincinnati, Ceremonies incident to his will was law. For the last iwo the occasion began early in the day years his health has failed and he has mobile. and insted until late in the evening. | had few well days since.

icross the E^tk river this way was hawko. closed. Scattered through the valley, are many small prairies and all of

these have their grouns of refugees.

The hills in all directions are a eething mass of flames, cutting off every avenue of escape. The fire spread with unprecedented rapidity and it is feared that several parties who tried to get through the pass have been cut off. Familles have been separated and there is at present no means of checking up the fatalities.

At present the fire is fololwing the crost of the mountain chain above Sparwood, eating down into the valeys on either side. It is traveling at a tremendous rate and unless there is a change of wind will cross the boundaries into Montana within the next twelve hours. There are thouands of mines and prospectors' claims ni the track of the fire, all of which are in peril.

Price of Glass Advanced.

Pittsburg, Pa .- The price of window class was advanced Aug. 1 by the American Window Glas company, the increase being 20 per cent on single strength and 33-1-3 per cent on double trength. The advance, it is said, will he followed by an early resumption of operations in most of the glass facto-

Fears Trouble With Navajos.

Denver, Colo. - General Earl D. Thomas, commanding the department of Colorado, has been Instructed to dispatch immediately six troops of cavalry to the Navajo reservation. The order came from the war department man of the republican congressional gade Utes will induce the Navajos to rabel.

Curtis Moves to New York.

Washington-The republican national and congressional committee's literary bureau which has been conducted in this city under the direction of Francis Curtis, has been closed, tha | to a rate of one ond one half fare for furniture and documents shipped to New York.

Indian Chief Slowly Dying.

Menominee, Mich -- David Crotch, head of the once mighty Pottawatto mie Indiana, is slowly dying at the badian reservation of his tribe at Hermanville. The aged Indian chief in said to be close to 80 years. He is maid to be a descendant of the chief who signed the treaty with the United Notification of Judge Taft of his States in 1833. In his youth and prime powerful Indiana in this section and

Democrat and People's Independent-Ashton C. Shallenberger, Alma; George W. Berge, Lincoln, Democrat—James C. Dabiman, Omaha,

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR. Republican—M. R. Hopewell, Tekamalı, Democrat and People's Independent— E. O. Garrett, Fremont.

SECRETARY OF STATE. Republican-George C. Junkin, Smithfield

Democrat and People's Independent John Mattes, Jr., Nebraska City; Dr. A. T. Gatewood, Arapahoe. AUDITOR.

Republican-H. L. Cook, St. Paul; John L. Plerce, Lincoln; Robert A. Haynes, College View; George Anthes, Omaha; Silas A. Barton, Grand Island Democrat and People's Independent.— William D. Price, Lincoln. Democrat—Edwin H. Luikhart, Tilden,

TREASURER. Republican-Lawson C. Brian, Albion, Democrat and People's Independent-Charence Markey, Ansley,

STATE SUPERINTENDENT. Republican—George D. Carrington, Jr., Auburn: James E. Delzell, Lexington: 8. H. Martin, St. Paul, Democrat and People's Independent— N. C. Abbott, Tekamah.

ATTORNEY GENERAL.

Republican—William T. Thompson, Central City, Democrat and People's Independent— Menzo Warren Terry, Beatrice; E. D. Quackenbush, Auburn, LAND COMMISSIONER.

Republican-J. M. Shivley, Fremont: William Husenetter, Linwood, Democrat and People's Independent-W. E. Eastham, Broken Bow,

RAILWAY COMMISSIONER. Republican-S. M. Wallace, Chr. Cen-ter: J. A. Williams, Pierce: J. A. Var Wagenen: Pierce: F. H. Abbett, Aurora Democrat and Foode's Independent-William H. Cowgill, Holdrege, Democrat-George O. Brophy, Omaha.

The Union Pacific railroad has been granted permission to change its stone and commodity tariffs to conform to the national and state laws. In most instances the change makes a roduction in the present rate.

W. R. Mellor, secretary of the State Fair Board, returned from Chicago where he attended a meeting of rail road men and urged reduced rates to the state fair. The railroads agreed

April 1 of this year, 2,382 machines, The assessors have returned a total of 1.766 machines with the number from sixteen counties missing and in this list is Gage county, where everybody is rich and should have an auto-

and partly by more rigorous revenue laws covering that line of business, As to the number of persons employed in the department reports already received show that Illinois has 25, Missouri 9, Minnesota 9, Kansas, 6, Wisconsin 11 and Nebraska 3.

Resolution on Fair Rate.

Secretary W. R. Mellor received from the chairman of the transportation committee of the American Association of State Fairs and Expositions the following copy of the resolution which was adopted by the members of the Western Passenger association at the meeting July 23:

"Recommended, that a rate of one and one-half fare for the round trip be made for the state fairs in Illinois, Missouri, Iowa, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Nebraska a.ªd Kansas for the season 1908, with such minimum as lines in interest may desire to establish for each occasion, dates of sale and other details to be arranged later."

This will be the first reduction granted the farmers since the two cent fare took effect. Politicians Shriners and tourists have been favored and now the farmer will be able to attend his annual outing at the state fair, August 31 to September & on reduced railroad rates.

Rain Unevenly Distributed.

The week, according to the weather and crop service, was partly cloudy, with a mean temperature a little above normal and the total rainfall below normal for the state as a whole. The daily mean temperature was between 72 degrees and 78 degrees. The last two were the warmest days. The first days of the week were moderately cool and pleasant. The rainfall was very unevenly distributed through the state. In most of the central counties and in some northeastern and western sections, the rainfall was above normal. In the southeastern counties, and in the west, as far as the reports raceived indicate, the rainfall was light. Falls exceeding an inch were reported from some localities in the central portion on Wednesday.

No Word From Taft.

No word has been received by the board of managers of the state fair as to whether Mr. Taft has decided to cancel his date at the fair. The report from the east is that he has cancelled all his fair dates. Chairman Hitchcock said when he passed through Lincoln that Mr. Taft would make no speeches away from home. The board has relied on a promise given Governor Sheldon at Chicago by Mr. Taft that he would come west and speak at the Nebraska fair while on the trip.

The contract for the new Odd Fellows' hall at Harrison has been let and the work will begin at once.

A fire broke out at Winside, but the firemen got control before much damage was done.

Jack Hanley, the Cornland hotel night clerk at Lexington, who escaped with the funds from the safe of the hotel, was captured in Cozad.

Complaints have been filed under he state pure food law against six Lincoln druggists for the alleged sale of headache powders, containing acetanilide and not branded as the law venuires.

the round trip. Scarcity of Automobiles.

With sixteen counties not reporting the number of automobiles. the reports of the county assessors indicate that these officers this year have shown a remarkable poor nose for gasoline. There were registered in the office of Secretary of State Junkin

Mellor Back from Fair Meeting.

Change in Freight Tariffs.