

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.

Political.

Governor Sheldon addressed the McKinley club at Omaha and told why Nebraska should go republican.

Chairman Hitchcock met western members of the executive committee in Chicago on Saturday to go over the political situation.

Governor Wilson of Kentucky denied that he had considered notifying W. S. Taylor that after the November election that the time had arrived for him to return to Kentucky and stand trial upon indictments charging him with complicity in the Goebel murder.

William H. Hayward will go east Thursday to confer with Chairman Hitchcock concerning the assumption of his duties as secretary of the republican national committee.

The rank and file of New York republicans will say who shall be nominated for governor of the state.

The New York republican state convention will be held about the 15th of September.

Congressman Sereno E. Payne, chairman of the house committee on ways and means, denies that he is a candidate for governor of New York state.

The will of Senator Allison, leaves practically all of his estate of \$100,000 to relatives with a life annuity to his housekeeper.

General.

Serious rioting at Springfield, Ill., followed an attack of a negro on a white woman. Governor Deneen ordered out several companies of soldiers.

The next convention of the Grand Aerie of Eagles will be held in Omaha. Explosion of a balloon at London killed two and injured six.

The joint tariff commissioners of the United States and France are nearing a conclusion of their labors.

Judge Taft refused to comment upon Mr. Bryan's speech of acceptance, but intimated that he may make it the subject of a speech later in the campaign.

Democratic managers will appeal to individual states for campaign funds.

A Los Angeles man killed his son and daughter with an axe and attempted suicide after buying a lot in a cemetery and placing three tombstones upon it.

Secretary of State Junkin of Nebraska overruled the protest of Victor Rosewater and permitted Nebel's name to go on the ticket as a people's party candidate.

The grand assessment of Nebraska shows an increase of nearly \$63,000,000 in assessed or one fifth value.

By order of the state board of control 126 head out of 166 milk cows at the state hospital for the insane at Independence, Iowa, were condemned and killed as being afflicted with tuberculosis.

There was a big crowd in Lincoln on Bryan notification day, many distinguished democrats from all over the country being present. The whole affair was of a non-partisan character, republicans and democrats alike vying with each other to do honor to the democratic candidate for the presidency. Probably 30,000 strangers were in the city to participate in the exercises which passed off in the most pleasant manner.

Petition for rehearing of the case of the government against the Standard Oil company of Indiana will be filed with circuit court of appeals August 20.

Telegraphers on western railroads have invoked the Erdman act in attempt to settle differences over interpretation of federal law limiting work of operators to nine hours.

Chairman Hitchcock, after conference with Judge Taft, announced that the candidate will take no part in politics of any state and that he will do no campaigning outside of Cincinnati.

Commissioner Leupp of the Indian bureau will have chemists of Agricultural department report on the effects of mesal buttons being used by Winnebago and other Indians.

President Roosevelt has appointed four experts to study and report on farm life.

Japan regards the United States as that country's good friend.

Two persons were killed and two more injured in the explosion of a steam automobile near Palmetto, O. Thousands of people attended the funeral of the late Senator Allison, many congressmen, senators and other distinguished men being present.

Wright Bros' aeroplane at preliminary tests in France made two complete circuits at a rate of nearly a mile a minute.

Despite denials the Great Western announces a new tariff on grain, which opens the Omaha market for all Nebraska towns.

The call for the 1908 session of the trans-Mississippi commercial congress has been issued.

New Zealand papers speak of the visit of the American fleet as bringing the ties between the United States and Great Britain closer in the event of war with the far east.

States are benefited by the new law requiring part of the forest money to be turned over to them.

The Canadian Pacific has completed plans for housing 1,000 men in the plant during the strike.

A stock company has been organized to build an interurban road between Des Moines and Council Bluffs.

Moses C. Wetmore of St. Louis has been appointed chairman of the democratic committee on finance. Senator Culberson will be chairman of advisory committee.

The State Board of Equalization assesses Nebraska land, bringing total value to \$55,000,000 more than at previous real estate valuation.

Striking miners fired on a train bearing non-unionists at Blocton, Ala., killing three and injuring several others.

That the crop conditions in the United States were in the aggregate somewhat better (2 per cent), on August 1 last, than they were a year ago, but slightly (1 per cent) below a ten-year average condition on that date, is the opinion expressed by the crop reporting board of the department of agriculture, Washington, in a supplementary report issued on Monday. Hay and winter wheat are above average.

A voluntary petition in bankruptcy was filed in the United States court at Pittsburg by Attorney Charles Morschauser, representing Harry K. Thaw.

Foreign.

At Lemans, France, Wilbur Wright of Dayton, O., made the longest and most successful flight of the series of aeroplane trials which he has been conducting there, remaining in the air three minutes and forty-four seconds.

A special race meeting was given at Auckland in honor of visiting American naval officers and men.

Mr. Pillsbury had a long conference in London with the other directors of the Pillsbury-Washburn Flour Mill company, at which the financial situation of the mills was discussed. It is understood that the directors approve of Mr. Pillsbury's action pending a settlement of the difficulties.

The sultan of Turkey has made known his intention of defraying the entire cost of building a new house of parliament, and has given orders that plans be prepared. The general attitude of the sultan with regard to the new order of things in Turkey is giving great satisfaction.

Returns from the municipal elections in Manila show that Simon Villa carried the southern district of the city, being elected alderman by a large plurality, while Ramon Diokno was triumphant for the similar office in the northern district.

Nine persons were killed and many injured in a collision between a passenger train and a train of empty cars on the branch line running between Flensburg and Kiel, Germany.

Officers and men of the American battleship fleet were royally entertained by the people of New Zealand.

Mohmed Ali Bey, Turkish minister to the United States, has been recalled.

Said Pascha, the grand vizier, and the newly formed ministry have resigned. The sultan invited Lemal-edin Effendi, the Sheik ul Islam and Kiamil Pascha to form a new cabinet.

Washington.

Down in the esthonian canal zone steps have been taken for the muzzling of dogs, there having been several cases of rabies since the first of May, particularly those of members of the corps, which have been bitten while in the canal zone during the recent election and are now in the naval hospital at Washington for treatment.

Captain Thomas S. Baldwin made the first official speed trial of his military dirigible balloon before the army board at Fort Myer. When within a mile of the finishing line a secondary wire connecting the coil of the engine with the commutator broke and the motor stopped. The airship was brought down in a cornfield and after Mr. Curtis repaired the motor the flight was continued.

Personal.

Mrs. Louise Chanler Moulton, the well known authoress, died at her home in Boston.

Secretary Wilson of the department of agriculture and Secretary Oscar Straus of the department of commerce and labor, have both promised to make speeches in the republican campaign in Vermont.

Senator Allison's will left \$4,000 to charity. The estate is valued at about \$100,000.

Wilbur Wright made a long and successful flight in his aeroplane at Lemans, France.

The funeral of Senator Allison was largely attended by home people and those from abroad.

At Auckland the government gave a banquet to Rear Admiral Sperry and the officers of the American battleship fleet anchored in the harbor.

Secretary of War Wright said that he would in a day or two make an announcement which would dispose of the cases of the eight West Point cadets who were recently recommended for dismissal.

Chairman Clayton of the notification committee is enthusiastic over prospects of democratic success.

West Virginia republicans will meet with Judge Taft in an effort to settle the state factional fight.

GUARDED BY MILITIA

OVER FOUR THOUSAND TROOPS PATROL SPRINGFIELD.

INCIPIENT RIOTS SQUELCHED

Crowds Gather but are Quickly Scattered by State Militia Ordered to the Capital.

Springfield, Ill.—With the arrival here of the Second and Seventh infantry regiments, Illinois National guard, and two squadrons of the First cavalry, all from Chicago, the entire National guard of Illinois, with the exception of the Sixth infantry and the Eight infantry (colored), was on duty in the riot-ridden districts Saturday in the riot-ridden districts Saturday.

Two deaths due to the violence of Friday and Saturday occurred at St. John's hospital. William Donigan, the aged colored man whose throat was cut last night, expired at 11 a. m. Frank Delmore, who was shot through the lungs on Friday night, passed away an hour later. This brings the list of violent deaths during the race troubles up to five.

A council of war was held at the capitol at 4 o'clock Saturday afternoon by Governor Deneen, Major General Young, Adjutant General Scott, General F. P. Wells and Colonel J. B. Sanborn. At the meeting a plan was adopted which it is believed will render further demonstrations improbable. Colonel Sanborn was given command of a provisional brigade, consisting of the First and Second infantry regiments, with instructions to preserve the peace in the territory west of Seventh street. The two regiments established headquarters in the capitol grounds, their shelter tents bordering the state house on three sides. General E. P. Wells was placed in command of a second provisional brigade, consisting of nine companies of the Fourth infantry, three companies of the Third infantry and two companies of the Fifth infantry.

General Wells, with headquarters at the county jail, immediately posted guards to cover the city east of Seventh street. Troops B and G of the First cavalry were detailed under Major Frank Bush at division headquarters under Major General Young. The Second infantry reached this city at 3:30 p. m., under command of Col. John Garrity. The manner in which a line of skirmishers was thrown out as the guardsmen debarked from the train gained applause from the crowd which had gathered at the railroad station to watch the arrival. The khaki-clad militiamen marched to the capitol to the beat of a fife and drum quickstep and then assignment to Colonel Sanborn's brigade followed. As it was nearly midnight when the Seventh infantry and the First cavalry troopers arrived, no brigade assignment was given them, they probably will be detailed as reinforcements to the two brigades already formed. Governor Deneen said that he wished to so protect the city that the negroes who fled will return. "We can protect them here and we can't when they scatter about the country," said the governor. "If they will come back we will give them food and shelter in government tents."

WRIGHT WILL COME TUESDAY.

One of Famous Brothers Will Reach Washington with Aeroplane.

Washington—Monday the board of Signal corps officers who have been conducting the airship tests at Fort Meyer will pass finally upon the Baldwin motor balloon, which fulfilled the endurance requirements Saturday.

Orville Wright is expected to arrive here Tuesday with his aeroplane. It is expected that one or two preliminary flights will be made during the week. The Wright brothers' contract with the government is for a heavier than air flying machine. For a speed of forty miles an hour, twice that required of the dirigible, the Wright brothers will receive \$25,000.

Captain of Coepenick Out.

Berlin—William Voigt, notorious as "The Captain of Coepenick," has been liberated from prison by order of the emperor. Voigt on December 1, 1906, was sentenced to serve four years in prison.

AIRSHIP STANDS FINAL TEST.

Baldwin Machine Stays Aloft Two Hours and is Accepted.

Washington—The Baldwin airship at Fort Meyer made a flight which broke all records for airships in this country. For two hours and five minutes the dirigible flew back and forth nearly five miles of a course. The airship is now the property of the signal corps of the United States army, a few formalities only remaining to be gone through before Baldwin turns it over.

General Wardwell is Dead.

Tombstone, Ariz.—General D. K. Wardwell died Saturday afternoon while in quarantine with his leper wife. Her sufferings from the combined effects of leprosy and the nervous strain following the attending notoriety of their case has destroyed her reason and she is totally unaware that her husband is dead. General Wardwell was a veteran of the Mexican and civil wars. Efforts to deport Mrs. Wardwell to the leper colony have brought many complications. It is probable that she will remain here.

THE STATE CAPITAL

MATTERS OF INTEREST TO ALL CITIZENS.

LIVE STOCK IN NEBRASKA

The Total Assessed Value as Fixed by the State Board After Much Deliberation.

Live Stock Values Fixed.

The total assessed value of all the cattle in Nebraska as fixed by the State Board of Equalization is \$10,298,801, against an assessment of \$11,502,876 in 1907. The total assessed value of all the horses in Nebraska is \$11,896,047, against \$12,253,479 in 1907. The decrease in the assessment of both horses and cattle is supposed to be due to the decrease in number. The decrease in the number of cattle is supposed to be occasioned by the high price of corn and feed stuff and the high price of cattle, causing owners to sell. The figures on the number, however, are not yet available.

The board increased the assessment of horses in seventeen counties and decreased the assessment in two counties. These were Hamilton, reduced 10 percent, and Merrick 10 percent. In the assessment of cattle twenty-four counties were increased and one county reduced—Nuckolls 10 percent. The assessment on horses was increased as follows: Banner, 10 percent; Box Butte, 30; Cherry, 15; Colfax, 15; Deuel, 20; Dixon, 15; Douglas, 20; Fillmore, 5; Franklin, 15; Grant, 10; Hooker, 25; Johnson, 10; McPherson, 75; Nance, 10; Pierce, 5; Saline, 10; Thomas, 50.

The assessment on cattle was increased as follows: Buffalo, 10; Butler, 10; Cedar, 10; Colfax, 10; Custer, 10; Dakota, 10; Dawes, 10; Deuel, 10; Fillmore, 15; Frontier, 10; Hayes, 10; Hitchcock, 25; Hooker, 15; Johnson, 10; Keith, 15; Knox, 10; Lincoln, 15; McPherson, 25; Perkins, 50; Rock, 20; Saline, 10; Saunders, 10; Thayer, 5; Thomas, 15.

Writing Insurance Illegally.

John L. Pierce, insurance deputy, gave out the following statement:

Information has just been received by the insurance department that agents are operating in Nebraska for the Druggists' Indemnity Exchange of St. Louis and that such agents are soliciting and securing fire insurance risks in that institution.

The Exchange is an inter-insurance institution somewhat of the character of the Lloyds, where individuals, firms and corporations as subscribers mutually insure each other. As this concern refuses to give out sufficient information to the reporting agencies of its financial standing it is impossible to estimate intelligently whether its policies are desirable or not, but even if they were, the Indemnity Exchange is not licensed to do business in Nebraska and whatever business its agents secure here is unlawfully secured. In fact, its policies are made void by the statutes of this state.

For the protection of the companies and agents that have complied with the law and that are paying their portion of the state taxes this department will prosecute any agent of this or any other unauthorized company when proper complaint is made.

Soldiers' Homes.

Governor Sheldon has received \$7,727 as the quarterly payment from the government for the support of the state soldiers' homes in Nebraska for the quarter ending June 30, at the rate of \$1,000 for each member of the homes. There were 205 members in the Grand Island home and 104 in the Milford home.

Seeks to Dismiss Appeal.

The legal department of state has filed a motion and brief with the supreme court asking that the appeal of Dr. J. T. Mathews be dismissed. Dr. Mathews was charged with a criminal operation and after a hearing his license to practice medicine was ordered revoked by the State Board of Health. This decision was sustained by the district court of Lancaster county and Dr. Mathews then appealed to the supreme court.

As Presidential Elector.

Secretary of State Junkin has received an opinion from Attorney General Thompson bearing on the protest against the placing of the name of Nebel on the primary ballot as candidate for presidential elector in the Second congressional district as a democrat and populist. The secretary of state will give an opinion soon. The opinion of the attorney general holds that no candidate has the right to place on the primary ballot unless the party he represents cast one percent of the vote in the congressional district and that one elector is to be nominated in each congressional district.

Grand Assessment Roll.

The grand assessment roll of Nebraska as fixed by the State Board of Equalization is \$392,167,814.60. Last year Nebraska property was assessed at \$329,413,349.32. This is an increase of \$62,754,465.28. The assessment is one-fifth of the actual value. There will be some change in the total given for this year and it will be slightly increased by reason of an increase in the value of horses, mules and bank stock in Douglas county. In the total for 1908 the returns made by the assessor are taken as official.

TAXES LEVIED IN STATE.

Total Amount to Be Paid by the People of Nebraska.

The total amount of taxes to be paid by the people of the state on the 1908 assessment for state, university and redemption purposes amounts to \$2,448,729.40, against \$2,305,893.91 paid this year. The following table shows the amounts levied for the three funds for the two years:

	1907.	1908.
General fund.....	\$1,647,067.15	\$1,653,135.99
Univ. fund.....	329,413.32	391,636.70
Red'm'n fund.....	329,413.32	391,796.70

The levy last year was 5 mills for the general fund and 1 mill each for the university and redemption funds. This year the general fund levy was reduced to 4 1/2 mills, while the levy for the other two funds, which is fixed by statute, remained the same. The total amount of taxes to be paid on this year's valuation will be slightly increased, owing to an increase in Douglas county. It will not affect the taxes to be paid in any other county, however. The board has not yet decided just what to make the value of the capital stock of state and national banks in that county, and it is probable Secretary Schavland will make a trip to Omaha and personally investigate before final action is taken.

Who Got Bryan's Plate.

Somewhere in Lincoln or elsewhere some man is running around with a plate under his arm which does not belong to him. Not an ordinary plate, but a nice hand painted affair upon which a woman did points of hard work. That plate belongs to William J. Bryan and it was presented to the unidentified stranger by the woman who made it. She became stake struck at the critical moment and not being on speaking terms with the democratic candidate presented the plate to the wrong man. And he accepted it.

The woman took a position at the east entrance to the state house on the day of the notification and there waited the coming of the candidate. Frequently she inquired of bystanders the identity of people entering the building until finally the procession hove in sight. A large sized man walked into the capitol ahead of the procession. "Is that Mr. Bryan?" she inquired. "It is," some one answered. Quickly she thrust the plate in his hands and the man marched off with it. Then the "real" Mr. Bryan came in and the woman recognized him. But her plate was gone.

Ruling of Poll Books.

Secretary of State Junkin has written the following letter in reply to an inquiry about the number of poll books to be used:

"Answering your letter of the 8th inst., copy of which is herewith attached, will state that when the matter of selecting poll books for the primary election was taken up by the attorney general and myself we thought it was our duty to make the provisions of the primary law as plain to the judges and clerks of election as possible. So many inquiries had come to both departments in regard to the tallying of votes we felt that unless we specified a poll book for each party that a great many voting precincts would count the ballots voted by two parties for one candidate, provided the one name appeared on both ballots, which would be contrary to the provisions of the primary law. Therefore, we recommended that the poll books be separated and of different colors. Printing establishments told us at the time of making this order that it would practically make no difference in cost whether the books were bound separately or all under one cover.

"We see no reason why a county clerk cannot order his books all bound in one volume if he chooses, keeping each party's poll separate therein."

Roads Withdraw Fair Rates.

The railroads entering Lincoln have withdrawn the excursion rates advertised by them for the state fair at Lincoln, August 21 to September 4. The Rock Island had already made the announcement of the rates, while the agents of the other roads were ready to do so. Information reached them that the Western Passenger association had reconsidered its action to grant these rates.

Nebraska Looks Good.

"With corn selling for 70 cents in Nebraska in the middle of August—and in demand at that figure—the idle corn land in western Nebraska looks more valuable than it ever did before," says Labor Commissioner Ryder.

"This bureau last December figured the corn crop of Nebraska as being worth \$72,985,140.55, at 43 cents a bushel, the fair average price at that time. But the great bulk of the corn crop sold for much more than 43 cents. Some went at 50 to 55 cents, many thousands of bushels at 60 cents, and about all that was held after 60 cents was reached brought 70 cents or thereabouts.

"Figuring the Nebraska corn crop of 1907 at 60 cents, its total value was \$101,839,831 or \$28,854,690.45 greater than the bureau's published figures.

Lumber Men Complain.

Complaint has been filed with the Railway commission by wholesale lumber dealers of Omaha against four railroad companies, alleging discrimination in favor of Lincoln and against Omaha in the matter of lumber rates to points in the state. The complainants are the Chicago Lumber company, Bradford-Kennedy Lumber company, C. N. Deltz, Updike Lumber and Coal company, H. F. Cady Lumber company, Bowman Kraus and George A. Houghland. The defendants are several Nebraska railroads.

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.

Four business firms in Tecumseh were victims of forged checks. The Presbyterians of North Platte will erect a \$19,000 structure.

Railroads leading to Lincoln did a big business on Bryan notification day.

The chief of police of Nebraska City has resigned and gone into the saloon business.

The gas company of Beatrice will hereafter pay taxes on \$52,500, instead of \$35,950.

The mayor of Grand Island wifed the big stick, discharging a number of policemen.

Chicken thieves have of late been operating quite successfully in the vicinity of Gresham.

Catholic churches in Nebraska City will merge and build one fine structure to accommodate all of them.

Nebraska City's chautauqua this year was a great success, the attendance being double that of last year.

\$1,850 worth of grain raised and threshed from one quarter section of land is the record made by J. L. Titterton, a young farmer a mile from Calro.

A large party from Wymore went to San Louie valley to be present at the land drawing there. About seventy-five in that place have invested in the land scheme.

Howard Toneray, a former Fremont boy, is lying at the point of death in a Denver hospital as the result of the drunken escapade of Daniel Delaney of Denver.

The coroner from Wahoo was called to Rescue to hold an inquest over the remains of an old Bohemian by the name of Anton Veleha, about sixty years of age, who had died suddenly from ptomaine poisoning.

The Western Union Telegraph company of Nebraska City was ordered to move its lines from the principal streets and take down all poles. Suit has been instituted to enforce the order.

J. T. O. Stewart of Omaha, a traveling representative of the coming national corn show in Omaha, has been in Johnson county working up interest in the show. Mr. Stewart says something like \$75,000 in prizes will be given for the best corn.

James Burke and Frank Smith, strangers, who came to Central City to attend the reunion, are in jail pending the investigation of a robbery that occurred on the grounds. The sum of \$65 and a couple of watches were stolen.

James Brott of Beatrice, who was arrested some time ago on a charge of bootlegging and discharged for a lack of evidence, has filed a suit for \$5,000 damages against members of the civic league who caused his arrest and imprisonment.

Fred Heins of Hershey postoffice, on his farm seven miles south of Hershey, raised twenty acres of winter wheat that threshed out forty-four bushels to the acre. His neighbor, Charles Mehnke of the same place, raised twenty acres of winter wheat that threshed out forty-one bushels to the acre.

The initial meeting of the Nebraska Travelers' association, an organization that is the outgrowth of the South Platte Hunters' association, will be held in Prospect park, Hastings, September 18 and 19. The Travelers' association is purely a fraternal order and has no insurance feature.

Lon Tuttle of Palmer has perfected a machine for cutting the grass along unballasted railroad tracks, which has been tried with the greatest success by the B. & M. It is built similar to a mowing machine with a five foot sickle, and the wheels and axles were taken from a handcar. One horse draws it with ease, and it does the work of many men.

The main program of the State Teachers' association meetings at Lincoln, November 4, 5 and 6, is nearly complete. Wednesday, November 4, will be taken up with the exercises of the superintendents' and principals' association, which is a part of the main association. These exercises will be unusually varied and interesting this year.

In order that his funeral may not be too elaborate and unnecessary expense involved, D. S. Gardner, a farmer living near Archer, has purchased his coffin. The cost of the casket which he selected and ordered reserved for him is \$50. He explains that he did not care to go above this amount, because he wished his sons to have as large an inheritance as possible, and did not care to have money wasted on an expensive funeral.

The Wahoo Chautauqua closed with Capt. Hobson as its drawing card.

The Farmers' elevator at Benedict is one of the successful and prosperous farmers' elevators in Nebraska which has been doing a most profitable business for several years. Its success is due principally to the fact that the farmers and stock holders are in earnest and are assisting the officers to make it successful. The farmers have had a great deal to contend with as elevator after elevator owned by trusts and large corporations have purchased houses at Benedict, but there is no dissension among the farmers.