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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.

Senator Beveridge, in a speech at Fargo, N. D., discussed tariff revision. Declaring that it would be suicidal to the labor movement "for any man or set of men" to deliver the vote of organized labor to any party, President Norman E. McPhail of the Boston, Mass., typographical union has written a letter to Chief Willis L. Moore of the United States weather bureau declaring that the labor vote as a body cannot be delivered.

Two thousand persons who were packed on the floor of the skating rink at Albuquerque, N. M., to hear W. R. Hearst were disappointed. Mr. Hearst did not arrive here until 11:45 o'clock because of train delays. He delivered his speech next day.

Governor Hughes of New York will make three speeches in South Dakota.

Judge Taft said at Omaha that his tour of the western states convinced him he would be elected.

W. J. Bryan in an extended reply to President Roosevelt's recent letter, says his record is sufficient reply to accusations against him and that he is willing to leave the matter to the voters.

President Roosevelt gave out a list of the convictions of corporations and their agents for the last year which was not included in the list in his letter to Mr. Bryan.

Senator Beveridge discussed the demands of labor in a speech at Terre Haute, Ind.

A special from Guthrie, Okla., says Governor C. N. Haskell is preparing to bring suit in the next few days against William R. Hearst because of the latter's charges concerning Governor Haskell.

General.

Geo. S. Bristow of Texas was elected president of the National Irrigation congress. The next meeting will probably be held in Spokane.

The son of resident Roosevelt has been placed at work washing wool in the Thompsonville Carpet factory.

Governor Sheldon of Nebraska has issued a quarantine proclamation against cattle from parts of northwest Nebraska and section of Wyoming and South Dakota on account of anthrax.

The son of Admiral Robley Evans has been ordered to courtmartial for absence from his post while on duty with his fleet.

The League of American Municipalities at its final session in Omaha decided to go to Montreal next year.

The Editor of the Manila (Philippine Islands) Times says if the Filipinos could vote Taft's election would be practically unanimous.

Allegations of drunkenness were made against Mrs. Howard Gould.

Bankers at Denver went on record as against the guarantee of deposits and postal savings banks.

Dr. A. T. Peters of the Nebraska university read a paper on tuberculous animals at the Washington conference.

Testimony taking in the Standard Oil ouster suit began at Chicago.

Dr. Koch says a campaign of education is necessary to cope with the white plague.

Charles A. Howland, president of the Quincy (Mass.) Mutual Life Insurance company, died last week, aged seventy-nine.

Both presidential candidates were in Lincoln one day last week.

President Roosevelt's reply to Mr. Bryan deals caustically with Mr. Haskell, the president charging Mr. Bryan with having opportunity for knowing about charges long ago.

The Indiana legislature in special session passed a county local option bill, the vote in the house being 55 to 45. The bill now goes to the governor for signature. The governor called the session for the purpose of passing the bill.

Justice Mills has denied the application of Harry K. Thaw for a jury trial to determine whether or not Thaw is sane, but promised to give Thaw a hearing before himself in a few days.

The savings bank section of the American Bankers' association in the Denver meeting passed strong resolutions against the inclusion of savings banks in any plan for guaranty of deposits.

Secretary Wilson of the department of agriculture, after a call from the president announced that he would make a number of speeches in the west during the campaign. He will start on his tour October 15.

Judge Taft last week spent three days campaigning in Nebraska.

Ak-Sar-Bon festivities in Omaha this year drew the largest crowds ever.

The long drought in the east bids fair to be broken by general rains. Cold weather with frosts follow the rain in the western central states, going as far south as Texas.

THE WAR DEPARTMENT

The war department announced the appointment of ninety-one second lieutenants from civil life.

City officials from all over the country were in attendance at the twelfth convention of League of American Municipalities held in Omaha last week.

The forestry policy of the administration and official acts of Chief Forester Pinchot were attacked in meeting of National Irrigation congress.

Gov. Haskell of Oklahoma says he will bring suit against W. R. Hearst. The first snow in Nebraska fell at Alliance, but soon melted.

Senator Dupont of Delaware has resigned from the speakers' bureau of the republican committee.

Washington.

Secretary Wilson left Washington for the west, where he will engage in the campaign until election day. His first speech will be made in the congressional district of Representative Pellard at Nebraska City, October 10.

As the result of a report made by the civil service commission President Roosevelt removed Lincoln Avery, collector of the port Port Huron, Mich., and also directed the removal of Charles H. Bailey, special agent of the treasury at that place.

President Roosevelt made reply to William J. Bryan's recent speech in which he maintained that the democratic party and platform were not getting a spare deal in the campaign. The president's reply deals particularly with Mr. Bryan's assertion that the administration has been neither sincere nor effective in the prosecution of trusts.

The statement of a cattle raiser at Morgan City, La., that he had an order to ship 200 horns for President Roosevelt's party for use on an African hunt was characterized by Secretary Loeb as "ridiculous."

The interior department made public a letter of Secretary of the Interior Cornelius N. Bliss, dated November 5, 1907, revoking the disbarment of A. E. Vorys of Ohio from practice before the department. Mr. Vorys is a member of the political staff of Judge Taft.

The letter states that Judge Vorys was disbarred for having withheld pension money.

Foreign.

It is understood that the wireless telephone experiments conducted for the British admiralty during the past ten days by Dr. Lee De Forest have fully satisfied the admiralty officials, who, under the direction of the inventor, have been testing wireless telephony between the admiralty offices in London and vessels of the channel fleet.

F. B. Smith, director of agriculture of the Transvaal colony, will sail from London for the United States. Mr. Smith goes to America in connection with the agricultural development of the Transvaal.

For the twenty-four hours ended at noon October 1st the municipal hospitals of St. Petersburg reported the admission of 225 new cholera cases and ninety-eight deaths.

The tourist steamer Argonaut sank in a collision in the British channel, the 250 passengers and crew barely escaping with their lives.

The new lord mayor of London, who will be inducted into office with the customary elaborate parade and ceremonies on November 5, is a son of the late Alderman Sir Francis Truscott, who was lord mayor in 1879-80. Sir George Truscott succeeded his father as alderman of Dowgate ward in 1895, having for thirteen years previously been a member of the common council.

American registration had almost completely disappeared from Berlin lists last week, causing the hotel-keepers reluctantly to proclaim the Yankee season at an end. They are now engaged in figuring out just how many million marks the financial crisis and presidential year have cost them.

Personal.

Congressmen James S. Sherman and Nicholas Longworth spoke in the district of Speaker Cannon.

W. J. Bryan sent a long letter to President Roosevelt in which he denied that he had ever heard any charges that Governor Haskell was connected with the Standard Oil.

Gov. Haskell's last letter to the president it is understood will not be replied to.

Mr. Bryan concluded a three-weeks' tour by speeches in Iowa, during which he replied to some statements of President Roosevelt.

M. Weller, a French aerial promoter, has ordered fifty aeroplanes of Wilbur Wright.

William R. Hearst in a speech in Denver read additional letters and affidavits supporting charges he made against Governor Haskell and Senator O'Rourke.

The democratic national committee addressed a letter to Attorney General Bonaparte concerning trusts.

A mass meeting of 300,000 persons in London passed resolutions protesting against passage of the licensing bill.

Governor Hughes of New York was formally notified of his renomination and in the evening he made three speeches in Brooklyn.

A farewell service for the eighty missionaries who are leaving for posts in China, Japan, India, Africa and the Philippines, was held by the American Baptist Missionary union, Boston. Numbered among the mission workers who are going out for seven years' service are three Nebraskans, Rev. William Axling and Mrs. Axling, who go to Japan, and Rev. E. N. Harris, who goes to Burma.

TROUBLE IS COMING

EVENTS WHICH THREATEN A CHANGE OF POLITICS.

FERDINAND FOR INDEPENDENCE

Eastern War Clouds Gather Over Night and Two Armies Are Already Mobilizing.

London—Events which threaten to change the political face of Europe are crystallizing with lightning rapidity. Almost over night the horizon of the near east, which seemed gradually to be assuming a peaceful appearance, has become crowded with war clouds.

News has reached here from several sources that two definite strokes are impending which cannot fail to bring matters to a crisis, and perhaps force an immediate war. One is the proclamation by Prince Ferdinand of the independence of Bulgaria, which will include Roumelia taking for himself the title of "Czar." The other is an announcement of Austria-Hungary of the practical annexation of the provinces of Bosnia and Herzegovina as appanages of the Austro-Hungarian crown.

Either action will be equivalent to the learning of the treaty of Berlin, while Prince Ferdinand's course seems almost certain to precipitate a war between Bulgaria and Turkey. Before these possibilities, the quarrel over the east Roumelian section of the orient railway sinks into insignificance. Both armies are reported to be quietly and swiftly mobilizing near the borders. Bulgaria is said to be buying up ammunition and horses on an extensive scale.

The Bulgarians have faith in their army, which has reached a high state of efficiency, although it is perhaps lacking in officers and the war, for which Bulgaria has long been suspected of preparing, could be fought with most advantage for it now than when the Turkish government had time to re-organize its forces, which have become enervated by the corruption and neglect of the old regime.

The emperor of Austria, it is understood, has dispatched a letter to the president of France setting forth his intentions regarding Bosnia and Herzegovina, although the contents of the letter are kept secret, and he is sending similar notes to the other powers.

It seems incredible that Emperor Francis Joseph, who always has been a scrupulous observer of forms, should reveal his plans to the rulers of other nations before he has communicated them to his own parliament. One explanation is that the letter was not intended for delivery until Tuesday when identical notes would be presented to the other powers.

Big Crowds Head for Lands.

Mitchell, S. D.—Over 2,000 people were in Mitchell Sunday enroute to Chamberlain to make their filings for the Rosebud lands. Many arrived on the late trains last night and on the morning train today. The Milwaukee road sent out its passenger train in two sections carrying twenty-five coaches, not being able to accommodate the excited crush which was anxious to get on the ground for the day of registration. Among the crowds were hundreds of women taking their chances among the vast crowd.

Man Goes Over Niagara Falls.

Niagara Falls, N. Y.—Brewster Cameron, aged 63 years, a merchant of El Paso, Tex., was drowned here. With F. H. Fulford of Blair, Md., and C. D. Piddall of Buffalo, he was sitting on the bank of the river about half a mile above the falls, where the bank was very steep. When the party attempted to arise Cameron lurched forward and fell into the river.

W. J. Bryan's Itinerary.

Chicago—W. J. Bryan's itinerary after being in Chicago, October 8, was announced at democratic national headquarters as follows: October 9, speaking in Illinois at Joliet, Streator, Galesburg and Quincy and at Fort Hannibal, Mo.; October 10, speaking in Missouri and at Kansas City and St. Joseph, returning to Lincoln, Neb., the same night.

GREAT WELCOME FOR FLEET.

Japan Proposes to Outdo All Other Countries Visited.

Tokio—Japan is planning to give the American battleship fleet a welcome that shall eclipse in splendor and enthusiasm any of the previous receptions. The arrival of the fleet at Manila has given a stimulus to the interest in their forthcoming visit to Japan and the preparations for the constant entertainment of the American officers and men are now completed. The vessels are due here October 17 and will remain a week.

BOOSTING COMMERCE OF WEST.

Transmississippi Commercial Congress Meets at San Francisco.

San Francisco.—The nineteenth annual session of the Transmississippi congress will meet here next Tuesday, with 1,500 delegates in attendance. The commercial organizations of every state west of the Mississippi will have representatives at the gathering and a great variety of subjects of importance to the west half of the United States will be discussed. There will be three sessions daily.

NEBRASKA NEWS AND NOTES.

Items of Greater or Lesser Importance Over the State.

The Adams county old settlers' association has appointed a committee to prepare a history of Adams county from the time of the first settlement. Hastings was chosen for the next year's meeting.

Farmers should all have telephones. Write to us and learn how to get the best service for the least money, Nebraska Telephone Company, 18th and Douglas streets, Omaha. "Use the Bell."

What seems to be a kidney disease has broken out among hogs in the surrounding country about Stanton. A number of farmers have lost their herds. The hog gets sick very suddenly and dies soon afterward. On opening it up they find the spleen about three times its normal size and very brittle, as if rotten, the large intestines being full of minute worms scarcely visible to the naked eye.

The junior class of the normal school at Peru numbers forty-five more students than any previous junior class, the total being now 187. The senior class now numbers 161, four more than any previous class. This number will be increased when later registrations are in as these figures are from the second day's enrollment. With increased entrance requirements, this increased attendance in the upper classes is very gratifying.

An explosion of an oil stove caused considerable damage at the home of Henry Bean in the east part of Falls City, Adams county. Mrs. Bean, who is an invalid, was sitting in an invalid's chair near the stove at the time of the explosion and was severely burned, especially about the face. She was wearing a celluloid back comb at the time, so her hair was almost completely burned. Mr. Bean was badly burned in carrying her to a place of safety.

Two buildings completely demolished, seven men injured, five buried in the ruins, one of whom received serious injuries and burns, are the results of an explosion of a gasoline tank in the cleaning establishment conducted by O. C. McLaughlin, 2221 Cuming street, Omaha, entailing a property loss of approximately \$3,000 partially covered by insurance. The cleaning works' damage was \$2,000 and the pool halls \$1,000.

A horse, buggy and harness belonging to D. S. Faulder of Beatrice were stolen from his barn some time Hooper was accidentally killed by a is valued at \$250. A reward of \$75 is offered for the capture of the stolen property. The officials of this section of country have been notified of the robbery. The local officers have so far obtained no clue to the identity of the thieves. They are of the opinion that a gang of horse thieves are working in southeastern Nebraska.

Mrs. Graham, of Cheyenne, Wyo., who is visiting relatives at Union near Nebraska City had a most exciting experience. One of her little children, a son, got out in the hog lot and was attacked by hogs, thrown down and his clothing torn from his body. His mother was attracted to the place by the screams of the child, and found that the hogs were eating the child alive and she had a terrible fight to chase them away from their victim. The child was badly bitten and is in a serious condition.

Four years' investigation for heirs to the estate of Henry Keller, of Adams county valued at \$10,000, has revealed the information that Helen Keller, the deaf, dumb and blind prodigy, may be entitled to a share in the property. The information comes from Mrs. A. K. Hendrickson of Loup City, whose maiden name was Keller and who is closely related to Helen Keller. If it is found that Mrs. Hendrickson has a claim to any of the property it may be that a close enough relationship can be traced to the famous deaf and blind girl.

A Fairbury dispatch tells this property story: John Schoenrock living four miles west of Fairbury, reports that he has just finished threshing his wheat and that it made an average of thirty-one and one-half bushels to the acre. He had in forty-five acres of this grain, which gives him a yield of 1,417. Wheat in worth today, on the Fairbury market, 85 cents a bushel, making Mr. Schoenrock's crop from forty-five acres of land worth \$1,212.87. It is such reports as these that account for the steady rise in the price of Jefferson county land.

J. W. Higgins of Oklahoma is on a visit with his nephew Dr. J. D. Houston, of Nebraska City. He was a resident of that city in 1847, when it was known as Fort Kearney and he came with three companies of soldiers from St. Louis, Savanah and St. Charles, Mo., to put down an uprising of the Indians. He assisted in the erection of the first building erected in Nebraska City.

At Omaha Charles E. Davis has been held to the district court on charge of having shot and killed Dr. Rustin at his home in that city a few weeks ago.

In an altercation on the street at Greeley T. F. Byrne is alleged to have shot Peter Reifers, wounding him in the head. Sheriff Sutton was soon on the scene and took the pistol away from Byrne. The latter was placed under arrest.

Governor Sheldon has appointed the following delegates to the lakes to the gulf deep water way convention to be held in Chicago, October 7 to 9: William Hayward, Nebraska City; Charles Sloan, Geneva; Eugene Bradley, Nebraska City; H. T. Clarke, sr., Omaha; James North, Columbus; E. P. Myer, Alliance.

THE STATE CAPITAL

MATTERS OF INTEREST TO ALL CITIZENS.

THE TREASURY OF NEBRASKA

It is in Good Shape, Having, According to Mr. Brian's Report, \$415,000 on Hand.

A balance of \$415,017 is shown by the report of State Treasurer L. G. Brian, who has filed his report for September.

Of the amount named, \$359,140 is in state depository banks and the rest in cash on hand.

The permanent trust funds invested by the state aggregate \$8,171,621, which, with the exception of \$716,185 invested in state warrants, are divided as follows:

Funds.	Sept. 1, '08.	Sept. 30, '08.
General	\$ 6,018.54	\$15,973.97
Permanent school	91,846.05	15,169.73
Temporary school	173,112.13	188,416.61
Permanent univ.	46,522.01	2.05
State library	1,516.48	1,867.27
Penitentiary	50,903.83	50,903.83
Normal library	21.79	31.79
Keamey	1,207.35	1,207.35
Orthopedic hospital	2,273.94	37.94
Redemption	2,596.85	6,670.40
Institution, cash	9,940.71	10,689.77
Hospital for insane	2,058.11	10,684.89
State library	1,516.48	1,867.27
University, cash	35,208.52	56,239.80
Normal library	21.79	31.79
Peru	1,817.76	1,817.76
Normal endow.	21,218.95	19,924.99
Normal interest	2,691.24	2,891.24
Agri. and Mechanic	35,000.01	28,416.67
U. S. experiment station	5,769.89	3,133.41
Totals	\$496,821.95	\$415,017.50

Government Examinations.

The United States civil service commission announces the following examinations to be held in Lincoln, Grand Island and Omaha: October 14, first culturist, department commerce and labor; October 19, highway of railway engineer, irrigation engineer, Philippine service; October 21, aid (male), division of physical anthropology, national museum; October 21, 22, forest assistant, Philippine service; October 21, 22, librarian (male), naval war college; October 21, veterinarian, Philippine service; October 21, telegraph operator (male), department of yards and docks, navy yard; October 28, aid, division of insects, national museum; October 28, examiner of textiles and mechanical appliances, bureau of engineering and printing; October 28, laboratory aid, bureau of plant industry, department of agriculture; October 28, 29, law examiner, forest service. The examinations are open to all citizens of the United States who comply with the requirements. Applicants should at once apply either to the United States civil service commission, Washington, or to the secretary of the civil service board of examiners at places mentioned for the necessary application form and information.

Lumber Men Fight.

Before the state railway commission, Lincoln lumber dealers attacked the petition of Omaha lumbermen for a readjustment of the rates from the south to points in the state. Formerly the rates were 24 cents for Lincoln and 23 cents for Omaha. The former city complained and a new rate for both points was established by the interesting commerce commission. This rate was 26 1/2 cents a hundred. Omaha complained and the Lincoln Commercial club interposed a demurrer. Lincoln men claim they are entitled to lower rates to all towns near Lincoln. Omaha alleges discrimination and unfair treatment in the making of the new rate. The Omaha men were requested to file an amended petition fully setting forth the rates they complain of and cite the discriminations in detail.

Suit Against Woodmen.

Cary Duncan has begun suit in the district court against the Modern Woodmen of America, asking judgment in the sum of \$2,000. She alleges that W. D. Duncan was a member of the order in good standing at the time of his death, which occurred July 31, 1908. He carried a policy in the order for \$2,000, she being the beneficiary.

Clough Still Has Majority.

The recount of the vote in Garfield county in the contest filed by G. W. Fitzsimmons, defeated for the republican nomination for representative in the Forty-ninth district by F. W. Clough, failed to change the result though Fitzsimmons gained three votes. The official returns for the district before the recount gave Clough 282 and Fitzsimmons 282. The recount still leaves Clough a majority of one vote in the district.

Telegraphers Restored.

Rather than have an order issued against it the Missouri Pacific railroad began to reinstate its telegraph service at its depot at Wabash. The railway commission permitted the company to try telephone lines instead of telegraph, but the citizens of the town objected to the lack of privacy in the telephoning of board of trade and other commercial messages. The commission recently informed the railroad that it must show cause why an order should not be issued reinstating the telegraph service.

THE TUBERCULOSIS EXHIBITION.

Preparations Making for the Meeting to Last Ten Days.

During the absence of several members of the Nebraska association at the international congress at Washington, the executive committee in Omaha are aiding the "Committee of Fifty" in preparing for the exhibition to be given by the National Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis, to begin in Omaha October 12th, and last ten days. Mr. W. L. Cosper of New York City is in charge of the exhibit and has already begun conference for a similar one in Lincoln, Fremont, Beatrice and Grand Island, where it is expected local committees may be formed who may continue the campaign begun in the state by our state association. Local committees are desired in every city possible. The Omaha committee have also maintained a small exhibit upon the carnival grounds this week in a booth kindly donated by Ak-Sar-Ben. Pictures of sanitarium work all over the Union were shown and literature distributed to those interested. In front of the booth was the banner of the association. Maxims were also kindly loaned from the national exhibit. The interest during the afternoons has been almost constant. That similar effort is needed throughout the state is well proven by the fact that in the first six months of this year 348 deaths from tuberculosis have been reported to the state board of health from fifty of the counties, distributed somewhat in proportion to population of those counties.

NEBRASKA FARM STATISTICS.

Commissioner Ryder Talks of Crops and Commodities.

In a new bulletin Labor Commissioner Ryder deals with the census of farms, acreage of crops and orchard commodities shipped in 1907. His first attempt to take a census of farms is considered successful and it will be continued until absolutely accurate figures are obtained. The census is by counties. It shows a total of 26,516,052 acres in farms with 12,562,746 acres under cultivation. Persons over 21 years of age number 224,230. The barnyard fowls are enumerated for the first time. In the state there are 6,155,765 chickens, 80,197 other fowl, 242,003 acres in timber and 1,821 acres in nursery stock.

As to the cultivated area in crops in Nebraska Mr. Ryder says: "While the total area in crops in Nebraska this year shows a falling off of 2,178,773 acres, as compared with the figures for 1907, this can be explained in large part by the late and wet spring. Much of the bottom land that in normal years produces heavily was this year left unown and a substantial percentage of such land that was sown later was lost for crop purposes by reason of being flooded. Washouts on hillsides and sloping land also account for considerable of the decreased acreage. A large acreage sown to corn had to be abandoned to weeds because of high water and lack of help to fight the outlaw growths."

Pasturage was excellent in every part of the state this year. The acreage in alfalfa and tame and wild hay is very materially increased and the crop is undoubtedly very heavy.

A Stormy Passage.

George L. Campen, ex-city engineer and now water commissioner for the canal zone, who left here after a vacation trip to the north the first of last month, had a stormy passage on the way home, being caught in the hurricane which swept the gulf coast. In a letter written to L. J. Dunn dated September 21, he says: "Arrived at Colon September 18, after experiencing the worst storm of thirty-six hours that has occurred on the Atlantic ocean since 1898. The ship was 48 hours late; lost three men, one of the smokestacks and all of the lifeboats except one. For thirty-six hours we expected every moment would be our last. Great experience for a 'land lubber.'" For twelve hours I hung to a door knob to keep from being thrown around the ship."

Populist Pulls Out.

C. A. Skoog of Holdrege, populist nominee for the state senate from the Twenty-eighth district, has declined to accept the nomination, though he took oath that he would abide by the result of the primary when he got his name on the ticket.

"Bud" Lindsey Delegate.

L. L. Lindsey of Lincoln has been appointed by Governor Sheldon as a delegate from Nebraska to attend the National Negro Fair association at Mobile, Ala., which meets the latter part of November. Mr. Lindsey is to represent the association from Nebraska.

Fees of Secretary of State.

The fees of the office of Secretary of State Junkin for the month of September amounted to \$2,170.20. Of this amount \$2,555.15 was from filing articles of incorporation.

Ask Lower Rates on Coal.

Soft coal mine owners at Walsenburg, Colo., have petitioned for the aid of the Nebraska Railway commission in their endeavors to secure more equitable rates for the transportation of their product to Nebraska. The Colorado producers have filed a complaint before the Interstate Commerce commission against present coal rates and the Nebraska commission is asked to become a party to the complaint, with the understanding that it will mean cheaper coal for Nebraska. The matter will be considered.