

SUMMARY OF NEWS

CONDENSATION OF THE MOST IMPORTANT HAPPENINGS.

BOTH AT HOME AND ABROAD

General, Political, Religious, Sporting, Foreign and Other Events Recorded Here and There.

Political.

The Kings county (N. Y.) republican committee have endorsed Chairman Timothy Woodruff to succeed Senator Platt.

Secretary Metcalf of the navy has resigned and has been succeeded by his assistant, Truman Newberry.

Senator Burkett of Nebraska, who arrived at Washington after a visit with President-elect Taft, says tariff is certain to be revised and rates lowered.

The appointment of Colonel George H. Torney as surgeon general of the army to succeed Surgeon General R. M. O'Neil, was announced by the secretary of war. Colonel Torney is now in charge of the general hospital at San Francisco.

John Motley Morehead, a republican, who was elected to congress in a North Carolina district, regrets his success.

Five hundred farmers, members of the grange, visited the president.

The tariff revisers discussed duties on imported wines and liquors.

Three Kansans were elected governors of as many states in the election—Herbert S. Hadley in Missouri; W. F. Stubbs in Kansas, and James H. Brady in Idaho.

Seventy days were required to get a second Reuf jury. There are sixty more indictments upon which to try the man. Time is money, and San Francisco is spending a good deal on Reuf.

Democratic members of the house ways and means committee seek to have the tariff on barytes raised.

Allegations are made that the death of former Senator Carmack was the result of a deliberate plot to assassinate him.

General.

Francis J. Heney, prosecutor in the San Francisco graft trials, was shot in the court room by Morris Haas, a ventriloquist, who had been rejected from former Reuf jury because he was an ex-convict. Heney will probably recover.

Colonel Duncan B. Cooper and his son, Robin Cooper, were indicted jointly on the charge of murdering ex-Senator Carmack of Tennessee. The former sheriff is charged with being accessory before the fact.

The presidential commission inquiring into agricultural conditions is investigating farm life in Tennessee.

Emperor of China is reported dead, and the Dowager empress, Tai An, is said to be dying in Peking. Great secrecy is maintained as to actual conditions because of the hostility to the Manchu dynasty.

Three hundred and sixty miners are believed to have lost their lives in the wrecking of the workings at Hamm, Westphalia, Germany.

A Chicago physician who examined Miss Mae Otis, who is charged with plotting to kill her mother, says she is sane.

A taxicab in New York was destroyed by explosion of an infernal machine left in it by a woman.

Park theater in Brooklyn was totally destroyed by fire within an hour after the audience had left the house.

Vice President-elect Sherman and other leading political men of the nation were at Hot Springs for a conference with President-elect Taft.

Both liberals and conservatives are confident of success in the Cuban election.

Venezuela has completed preparations for the threatened blockade of her seaports by Holland.

The government will carry the Standard oil case to the supreme court.

Assistant Forester W. L. Hall says a lumber famine is coming in the near future.

Over three hundred perished in a mine explosion in Germany.

Charles Pool of Johnson county is said to be slated for speaker of the lower house of the Nebraska assembly.

Ex-Sheriff John D. Sharpe has been arrested in Nashville charged with being accessory to the murder of former Senator Carmack.

Postmaster General Meyer in his report on the postal finances advocates rural parcels post to help pay for this service.

An explosion of a glazing mill near Kansas City caused the injury of a number of passengers in a Kansas City Southern train standing near.

The question of war or peace in the Balkans is said to depend upon the tenor of the note to be issued by Austria.

The delegates from the Flint Glass Workers' association were excluded by the American Federation of Labor at Denver after a lively debate.

President Gompers of the American Federation of Labor delivered his annual report to the convention at Denver.

Judge Taft and wife left for Hot Springs, Va., where they will remain until after Thanksgiving.

Chancellor Andrews tendered his resignation to the regents of the University of Nebraska on account of ill health and the resignation was accepted.

The federal court of appeals has decided that the American Tobacco company is a combination in restraint of trade.

Returns from the Nebraska election indicate the republicans have certainly elected Kinkaid to congress in the Sixth district.

The United States court of appeals at New York refused to admit Charles W. Morse to bail pending application for a new trial.

There is a possibility that Hepburne has, after all, been elected to congress from Iowa. The vote is very close and there will be a recount.

By running away of a freight train on the Union Pacific west of Cheyenne there was a collision, in which nine men were killed and three seriously injured. Three of the victims were Chinese.

The United States circuit court of appeals overruled the petition for a rehearing in the case of the government against the Standard Oil company. The case will be taken to the United States supreme court.

Secretary Root will probably be elected United States senator to succeed Thomas C. Platt.

Victorien Sardou dean of French dramatists, died in Paris Sunday. He was 77 years old.

Unofficial returns indicate that Mr. Bryan's majority in Nebraska will be 4,500.

Railroads of the west which were forced by the legislature of the western states to accept a reduction of 2 cents per mile for passenger fares are again uniting to make 2 cents the minimum as well as the maximum after January 1.

Governor Sheldon of Nebraska is seriously considering causing an extra session of the legislature to pass a county option bill after having sent messages to members of the present legislature asking their position on the subject.

Washington.

The formal opening of the army war college was signaled by an important address by Secretary Root, popularly known as "the father" of the institution. On account of the limited capacity of the lecture hall in which the exercises were held, the attendance was limited.

"Secretary Taft's religious faith is purely his own private concern, and not a matter for general discussion and political discrimination," says President Roosevelt in a letter to J. C. Martin of Dayton, O., in which he answers numerous correspondents. The president says he deferred the publication of the letter until now to avoid any agitation likely to influence the election.

Important recommendations for improving Mare Island strait and for the approaches thereto are contained in the report of the board of engineer officers of the army and navy and an estimate is made of \$1,767,000 for the work, this amount to include a self-contained and self-propelling dredge which will require about \$15,000 per year to maintain.

What may be the final chapter in the story of the fight against racing in the District of Columbia is recorded in the dismissal by the district court of appeals of the appeal of William Davis, the New York bookmaker, convicted in the spring of 1906 of setting up a gaming table by making books at the Benning race course. Although sentenced to serve two hours in the district jail it is unlikely that Davis will be brought here to carry out the sentence, as bookmaking apparently is a sport of the past in the district.

The tariff commission have commenced on their work of revision.

Foreign.

The German Reichstag, after further exciting debate concerning the interview with Kaiser Wilhelm in a London paper, refused to adopt a formal address to the emperor calling his attention to the possible effect of his utterances on foreign relations of the empire.

The burial of Victorien Sardou was accomplished at Paris with general public mourning.

A man selected by lot to kill King Manuel of Portugal committed suicide instead.

Calcutta, India, is terrorized by an outbreak of political crimes.

Personal.

William D. Cornish, second vice president of the Union Pacific railroad, died suddenly in Chicago.

William Hayward, secretary of the national republican committee, was given a rousing welcome home at Nebraska City, Neb., on his return from Chicago.

Indications from Washington are that Mr. Cannon will be re-elected speaker without much opposition.

Crawford Kennedy of Albion, Neb., who traveled 18,000 miles with Taft special train distributing buttons and tracts, has returned home.

Judge Taft and Chairman Hitchcock went over the work of the campaign. Mr. Hitchcock stated that no promises or pledges had been made in exchange for personal services or contributions.

The postmaster general announced that the president has decided to remove George M. Stewart, postmaster of Seattle, Wash., as the result of an investigation of charges that he solicited campaign contributions.

REAL RULER IS DEAD

TSZE HSI AN, DOWAGER EMPRESS OF JAPAN, PASSES AWAY.

OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT MADE

Date of Death Given Out as Two O'clock Sunday, but is Believed to Have Occurred Earlier.

Peking—Tsze Hai An, the dowager empress of China, the autocratic head of the government which she directed without successful interference since 1861, and without protest since 1881, died at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon.

The announcement of the dowager empress' death was official and followed closely upon the announcement that Kuang Hsu, the emperor, had died Saturday at 5 o'clock in the afternoon, but it is believed the deaths occurred a considerable time before that set down in the official statements.

An official edict issued at 7 o'clock placed on the throne Prince Pu Yi, the 3-year-old son of Prince Chun, the regent of the empire, in accordance with a promise given by the dowager empress soon after the marriage of Prince Chun in 1903. An edict issued on Friday made Pu Yi her presumptive.

The foreign legations were notified by the foreign board of the death of the emperor and the succession of Prince Pu Yi. Troops have been in readiness for several days to quell any disorders that might arise on the death of Kuang Hsu, and the possibility of uprisings was made greater because of the fact that the death of the dowager empress was known to be close at hand. Two divisions of troops have been held in reserve and these are now stationed in various quarters of the city. Twenty gendarmes were dispatched to guard the approaches to the legations, but up to the present the duties of the forces have been slight. It was announced that the legation guard was ordered out at "the special call of the legations on account of the emperor's death."

Prince Chun, the regent, has ordered the viceroys and governors to take precautions for the continuation of the administration of the provinces as heretofore, and he has ordered a hundred days of mourning. The court will go into mourning for three years.

OUTCOME IN NEBRASKA.

Democrats Get Two State Officers Governor and Railway Commissioner.

The democrats will have the two principal offices of the new state administration, while the republicans get the six other offices of the new regime.

Complete election returns from all but Richardson county show that the democrats have elected Shallenberger for governor by a plurality of 6,662 and Cowgill for railway commissioner by a plurality of 477. The republican pluralities are as follows:

Hopewell, for lieutenant governor, 432; Junkin, for secretary of state, 1,874; Barton for auditor, 5,342; Brian, for treasurer, 3,425; Bishop, for superintendent, 3,927; Thompson, for attorney general, 4,800; Cowles, for land commissioner, 2,002.

The state congressional delegation will be evenly divided between the republicans and democrats. The democratic congressmen elect are Maguire, in the First; Hitchcock, in the Second, and Latta in the Third. The republicans have elected Hinshaw in the Fourth, Norris, in the Fifth and Kinkaid in the Sixth.

WATERSON IS LAID TO REST.

Body of Man Who Met Tragic Death is Buried at Louisville.

Louisville, Ky.—The body of Harvey Waterston was laid to rest Sunday afternoon in Cave Hill cemetery.

"He was from his babyhood," said his father, speaking of his dead son, "a little gentleman. He was the only one of our children I had never to punish. He was born with a strong will and a fierce temper, but he completely mastered them. He had written his mother just before the awful mishap, a tender and breezy letter in which he says:

"I am pretty hard worked, but we are as happy as two bugs in a rug."

"Our hearts are broken now."

EXTRA SESSION OF CONGRESS

President-elect Taft Announces He Will Call One.

Washington—That a special session of the Sixty-first congress will be called soon after March 4, to take up the matter of tariff revision, became known positively Sunday, when William H. Taft, president-elect, after spending the day at the White House as the guest of President Roosevelt, stated that he intended to call the special session to meet as soon after his inauguration as would be reasonable.

Standing of Next House.

Washington—The temporary roll call of the house of representatives for the sixty-first congress has been completed and published. It presents a complete list of members of the new house as shown by unofficial returns and gives the politics of all of them. According to this publication the next house will consist of 219 republicans and 172 democrats, a total of 391, as against a total of 389 in the house during the last session, of whom 223 were republicans and 166 democrats. The republican loss is four.

NEBRASKA NEWS AND NOTES.

Items of Greater or Lesser Importance Over the State.

Chicken thieves have of late been numerous in Otoe county. The big flouring mill at Pierce burned last week. The loss is \$75,000.

A. W. Taylor, an Omaha carpenter, fell from an eight-story building and died from his injuries.

Omaha is making big preparations for the corn show in December. Railroads will give reduced rates.

I. Hampen, a farmer of Hayes Center, committed suicide on account of domestic difficulty. He leaves two daughters.

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."

Magnus Anderson of Bertrand is erecting a new building for the Independent Order of Odd Fellows' lodge No. 188. It is to be a two-story structure, the contract price being \$15,000.

Elmer Lewis was killed in the railroad yards at Ravenna. He had just come in on a freight train and stepped off from the caboose. A switch engine going in the opposite direction struck him.

The day set for the doings in the matter of the Young Men's Christian association at Columbus, November 22, has been called off, as they were not ready, and it will be held the first week in December.

Vaclav Bohaty, aged forty-nine, a farmer residing about six miles northwest of David City, was adjudged a dipsomaniac by the board of insanity commissioners and taken to the hospital at Lincoln by sheriff West.

If arrangements go as planned, Mrs. Pierce and Mrs. Holdsworth, two ardent Bryan women of Valley, will haul Mrs. Ramsey and Mrs. Kennedy, equally ardent Taft women, in a pushcart from the postoffice corner to the opera house.

In district court at Plattsmouth Judge H. D. Travis sentenced James Smith, colored, to serve five years in the state penitentiary. Smith was convicted of entering and stealing from the home of Mrs. Jennie Schildknecht of that city.

"Move to town and live off the income from the farm. Roosevelt will take care of the children." This was the substance of a note to his wife found in the pocket of Ira Best, a well-to-do farmer, 34 years old, who committed suicide by hanging himself in the barn on his farm, eighteen miles northwest of Schuyler. He is believed to have been temporarily insane.

A monster cement bridge is being erected across South Table creek at the foot of Central avenue in Nebraska City to take the place of the steel one which was carried away by a storm and high water. This is the first bridge of this kind to be put in in that county and if it is satisfactory the commissioners expect to put in many more.

A twenty-mile walk is what is coming as a result of a bet on Bryan. A wager was made between him and George Christopher of Simeon that if Bryan was elected Christopher was to walk in and notify Mr. Meltondorf, and in case of Taft being elected Meltondorf was to walk out and notify Mr. Christopher.

Mrs. August Mueller of Richardson county was killed and her husband probably fatally injured when a buggy in which they were riding was run into by an automobile. The driver of the automobile sought to stop the machine and partly succeeded but Mueller's horse plunged wildly, throwing the occupants under the buggy and the automobile.

A suit for damages in the sum of \$625 has been filed in the county court against the Union Pacific by the Blue Springs Farmers Elevator company. Plaintiffs allege that last June they sent a car of wheat to a grain firm in Omaha. When the car reached its destination there was a shortage of 720 bushels, which had either been lost or stolen.

While performing his duties as night watchman at the mill of the T. B. Hord Alfalfa Meal company in Central City, Sherman Grubb had an exciting experience with some robbers, and as a result carries a bullet wound in his left hand. He encountered two men stealing cement, the outcome of which was above related. The would-be robbers escaped.

As the result of a shooting affray near Alliance, Lizzie Braner is in the hospital, fatally wounded, and her brother, Charles Braner, who did the shooting, and her sweetheart, Frank Augustine, are in the county jail. Braner objected to the attentions of Augustine to his sister, and when the young couple went riding the brother followed them. Miss Braner was wearing the fur coat of her escort, and mistaking her for the man, Braner shot her at short range. Discovering his mistake, he fired at short range at Augustine, but injured him only slightly.

The impressive ceremonies attending the laying of the corner stone of the new Masonic Temple theater in McCook were held last week by the officers of the grand lodge and the masonic lodge of that city. Preceding the ceremony a parade was given.

The body of Gottlieb Essmann was brought to Nebraska City from Arapahoe, Okla., for interment. He was found dead in a well with several pigs. He was a hermit and lived alone and it is thought that he went in search of the missing pigs and fell into the unused well and was not found for some time.

THE STATE CAPITAL

MATTERS OF INTEREST TO ALL CITIZENS.

ESTIMATES FOR THE BIENNIUM

Thirty Departments and State Institutions Report What is Needed for the Next Two Years.

Thirty departments of the state and state institutions have made their estimates of appropriations needed for the coming biennium. These estimates have been filed with the state auditor and will be reported to the state legislature for action. Those reporting show an increase over the appropriation of two years ago from \$2,039,615 to \$2,722,166, or almost \$700,000. This increase is due to a large extent to the need or desire of new buildings.

One new building is asked for at the Nebraska School for the Deaf at Omaha, to cost \$50,000, and to include an auditorium, library, museum, domestic science room and dormitory.

The Soldiers' home at Grand Island wants an administration building to cost \$15,000 and an addition to the brick hospital kitchen to cost \$3,000.

The Home for the Friendless at Lincoln asks for a boys' cottage and school building to cost \$25,000, and a \$35,000 men's cottage is wanted at the Hospital for the Insane at Norfolk.

Two \$5,000 items in the estimate of the Industrial School for Boys at Kearney provide for a new barn and equipment for the trade department. Superintendent Osborn of the Institute for Feeble Minded Youth at Beatrice asks for a \$100,000 cottage furnished and complete and a horse barn and a boiler house costing \$5,000.

The Normal school at Kearney wants one new wing to the building costing \$50,000 and a chapel and gymnasium with equipment costing \$50,000.

The Hospital for the Insane at Lincoln wants a \$50,000 building for men, a \$6,000 ice and cold storage plant and \$5,000 for repairing a reservoir and building a standpipe.

The insurance department estimates that it will have a deficiency of \$2,000 by April 1, 1909.

The Peru State Normal wants a \$50,000 new building for an administration building and enlarging the library.

The National Corn Show.

Saturday, December 12, has been designated as Governors' day at the National Corn Show in Omaha. Conditional acceptances have been received from Governor Sheldon, Governor Hoch (Kansas), Governor Cummins (Iowa), Governor Brooks (Wyoming), Governor Johnson (Minnesota), and Governor Crawford (South Dakota). Invitations have been extended to all the governors, and it is expected that many acceptances will be received. It is also the intention of the exposition management to invite Hon. William J. Bryan to deliver an address on Governors' day.

Shallenberger Sees Applicants.

Governor-elect Shallenberger was here and then went to Seward. He held a meeting with prospective appointees at Lincoln during his visit. Lee Herdman of Omaha was in town, but not for the purpose of interfering in the matter of appointments, he said.

GOVERNOR TO PICK JUDGES.

Nineteen Men Willing to Accept One of Four Places.

Four additional judges of the supreme court will be appointed by Governor Sheldon within two or three weeks. The appointments are to be made soon after the state canvassing board ascertains the result of the submission of the constitutional amendment increasing the number of judges from three to seven. The amendment has undoubtedly carried, but the state canvassing board cannot officially act until November 23.

Within ten days thereafter the governor shall issue a proclamation declaring the amendment to be a part of the constitution. The present court commission of six members is serving at the pleasure of the court and can be displaced any time to give way for four judges. The amendment increases the salary of judges of the supreme court from \$2,500 to \$4,500 a year. Two of the judges appointed by the governor will serve till their successors are elected next fall and two will serve until 1911. Nineteen names have been presented to the governor for his consideration in making the appointments. In the list there are four democrats.

Many Out for Judgeships.

These names have been filed with the governor: J. L. Root, Plattsmouth; E. R. Duffie, Omaha; Jacob Fawcett, Omaha; John M. Ragan, Hastings; Lincoln Frost, Lincoln; S. P. Davidson, Tecumseh; R. E. Evans, Dakota City; E. E. Good, Wahoo; B. F. Good, Wahoo; James A. Douglas, Bassett; H. M. Grimes, Lincoln county; North Platte; John J. Sullivan, Columbus; Judge Sedgwick, York; J. S. Hoagland, North Platte; George Loomis, Fremont; A. C. Epperson, Clay Center.

RETURNS ARE STILL COMING.

Exact Conditions Cannot Be Known for the Present.

The Journal of Friday says: Official returns from all but four counties now in the office of the secretary of state indicate the election of two democratic state officers, Garrett for lieutenant governor and Cowgill for railway commissioner, but the exact result cannot be known until Douglas county, one of the missing counties, is heard from. Unofficial reports from Omaha indicate the defeat of Railway Commissioner Williams. The other counties not heard from officially are Holt, Pierce and Richardson.

With four counties missing Hopewell for lieutenant governor has 108,790 and Garrett has 107,196. The majority of 1,594 for Hopewell may be wiped out in the missing counties.

With four counties missing the returns give Williams 110,029. Cowgill has 108,752. If the reports from Douglas county are correct the plurality of 1,277 for Williams will be wiped out.

The belated returns from Platte county that were mailed to the secretary of state last week, but which never reached him till yesterday, arrived from Washington, D. C. County Clerk John Graff, who mailed the envelope, had it sent by registered mail. He wrote the address on a paper and pasted the paper on the front of a large envelope that had been used before. The lower part of the paper thus pasted on extended beyond the lower part of the envelope and was folded against the back.

The words "Lincoln, Neb." were on that part of the paper that was folded against the back of the envelope, leaving nothing but the words "Secretary of State" on the front of the envelope. As a glance might disclose that no town was written on the face of the envelope the mail clerk sent it to the secretary of state at Washington, D. C.

Nettleton Calls at State House. Speaker Dan Nettleton of Clay county called on Governor Sheldon to discuss the calling of a special session of the legislature. Without having all the facts at hand, the speaker said he had not decided whether he was for or against the session. Mr. Nettleton was re-elected to the house from his county by a majority of twenty-three votes. "My election was by no means unanimous," said Speaker Nettleton. "Twenty-three majority is not a very large number. Republican defeat, in my opinion, was due to several reasons, principal among which were the following: The liquor interests, the railroads, the temperance element, the guaranty of bank deposits and the tax collectors sent out by the democrats. All of these things contributed to the defeat of the governor and the republican legislature in the face of a splendid record."

Franks and Advertising Contracts.

It is up to Attorney General Thompson to say whether or not prosecutions shall be commenced against the Union Pacific railroad and newspaper owners who received mileage or transportation during the month of October on advertising contracts and against the Western Union Telegraph company and persons to whom it has given franks. The railway commission has certified the names of these two companies and the names of frank holders and persons who had drawn transportation during the past month on advertising contracts. The attorney general has not decided what action shall be taken.

Adams Loses Senatorship.

The returns from Keya Paha county furnished final proof of the election of E. L. Meyers of Newport to the legislature from the Fourteenth senatorial district, composed of Keya Paha, Cherry, Sheridan, Dawes, Box Butte and Sioux counties. Mr. Meyers, who is a republican, was running against George M. Adams of Crawford, at present senator from the same district. Meyers received 4,836 votes to 4,555 for Adams.

Appeal to Supreme Court.

The Farmers & Merchants Insurance company has appealed to the supreme court from a judgment for \$799.82 given in Otoe county in favor of Olle N. Nelson on a fire insurance policy. The company resists the claim on the ground that the claimant knew that the agent who wrote the policy had no right under his contract to insure property that is encumbered with a chattel mortgage.

Passenger Revenues Increase.

A comparative statement prepared by Rate Clerk Powell of the railway commission shows that while passenger revenues of railroads operating in Nebraska increased in July and August over the same months last year, the freight revenues decreased. The larger part of the decrease in freight business was in live stock and grain.

Legislators Selecting Seats.

First come, first served, in the selection of seats in the next legislature, is the plan that has been adopted by Secretary of State Junkin for the parceling out of the easy chairs. So far ten members of the senate and eight members of the house have made their selections. Seat No. 9 in the senate, located on the north side in the second row, will be occupied by T. R. Boase of Webster county. Adjoining him to the left will be E. L. Myers of Dawes in No. 10, and George Wiltse in No. 11.