

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.

H. E. Miller of Racine, Wis., chairman of the committee of the National Manufacturers' association, believes the work of changing the tariff must be done by a board or committee.

Dr. Lyman Abbott read a letter from President Roosevelt at a meeting in New York, in which the president expresses himself as not in favor of woman's suffrage now, but not opposed to it if the women want the right.

Governor George Curry of New Mexico laid the claim of that territory for statehood before President-elect Taft the other day and received the assurance that Mr. Taft is heartily in favor of the proposition.

Representative Clayton of Alabama announced that the democratic members of the house of representatives would hold a caucus Saturday for the purpose of forming its organization for the coming session of congress.

The president's message was read to congress on Tuesday.

It is generally believed that Congressman Burton may have the treasury portfolio under President Taft if he desires it.

Champ Clark of Missouri will probably be the democratic house leader. Charles E. Magoon is believed to be booked eventually for a place on the Philippines commission.

Judge Taft refuses to take a hand in the Ohio senatorial fight.

Democrats of Nebraska are preparing a bank guaranty law which will be limited and which will provide for the ultimate payment only of the deposits in failed banks.

General.

The Cudahy company asks the ways and means committee to place a higher duty on pumice stone, used in the manufacture of soap and scouring compounds.

Samuel M. Biddison, a New York broker, was arrested on the charge of forging a signature to \$600,000 worth of bonds.

Rules enforced by the Immigration department have prevented a rush of men to Canadian territory during the last year.

Superintendent Scott, of the West Point academy, in his report spoke highly of the colored troops.

A meeting to pay tribute to the late Grover Cleveland was held in New York.

Mrs. Nicholas Longworth daughter of President Roosevelt, has been presented with a beautiful pair of jeweled bracelets, the gift of the late empress dowager of China, to whom she paid a visit some years ago.

It is announced in Paris that Mulai Haflid, the new sultan of Morocco, has definitely accepted the Algerians and the attendant conditions laid down by the powers for the recognition of his sultanate.

The jury in the United States court at Salt Lake City finds the Union Pacific Railroad company, the Union Pacific Coal company, the Oregon Short Line, Everett Buckingham and J. M. Moore guilty of conspiracy in restraint of trade.

United States Treasurer Charles H. Treat in his annual report says there was a deficiency last year of \$58,070,201. He attributes it not to the decreased receipts, but to increased expenditures.

Several Nebraskans have drawn prizes for their stock on exhibition in Chicago.

John D. Archbold denies that the Standard Oil company has sought to limit the production of crude oil by its system.

The Nebraska Railway commission refuses to equalize the Omaha and Lincoln lumber rates on the ground that an entire new classification is in contemplation.

The tariff hearings will continue for two more weeks.

Senator Knute Nelson favors the repeal of the timber and stone act.

Judge Sullivan, recently appointed to the supreme bench by Governor Sheldon, resigned the position after being sworn in.

Crackmen looted a national bank at Pepperell, Mass., of \$14,000 and made their escape in an automobile.

The infant emperor of China was enthroned amid the assembled nobility of the celestial empire.

President Roosevelt read a letter of the late emperor of China in which expressions of gratitude are addressed to the United States.

President Alexis of Hayti is deposed by the revolutionists and compelled to leave the country under the protection of foreign soldiers.

A corner on butter has caused the present extravagant prices of the product in the United States.

Diplomatic relations between Turkey and Austria are strained over the Balkan situation.

Race riots at Prague, Bohemia, are becoming serious.

Port Au Prince is in a panic with the approach of the rebel forces. Annual report of the Isthmian Canal commission shows great progress is being made in the work.

Omaha banks show an increase in deposits and in cash resources over a year ago.

The supreme court has postponed a hearing in the Standard Oil fine until after the holidays.

Secretary Wm. Hayward of Nebraska was in Washington and talked over the campaign with Judge Taft.

Nebraska won second in the stock judging contest at Chicago.

Preparations are going forward for taking the next national census.

An explosion in the Marianna coal mine in Pennsylvania killed every man employed. At least 133 lives were lost. The men were entombed and suffocated, but their bodies were not mutilated.

Three thousand people were driven from their homes at Guthrie, Okl., by the sudden rise of the Cottonwood river.

Notes exchanged between the United States and Japan declaring their policy in the far east were made public at the state department.

Eastern Iowa, southern Illinois and southwestern Missouri were visited by destructive storms.

South Dakota produced \$7,460,000 worth of gold during the last year, breaking all records for the state.

European powers without exception comment favorably on the new agreement between the United States and Japan as assuring peace in the far east.

A serious controversy is now pending between the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and the Pennsylvania railroad and a strike vote is being taken.

Governor Cummins of Iowa was elected United States senator by the legislature, to succeed W. B. Allison for his unexpired term.

Washington.

Fourth Assistant Postmaster General P. V. De Graw recommends increased usefulness of rural free delivery of packages not to exceed eleven pounds between distributing office and patrons.

The United States supreme court has upheld an order of the railway commission of Virginia enforcing 2-cent railroad fares in that state.

Judge W. F. Norris is transferred from the Philippine service to the Department of Justice at Washington.

The ways and means committee of the house proposes to make the tariff hearing through and will ask congress for authority to subpoena witnesses.

Postmaster General Meyers report shows a big postal deficit.

The forthcoming presidential message is said to be a very long document.

Congress will face a deficit in the immigration fund by reason of the extraordinary expenditures by the immigration commission.

President Roosevelt, it is understood, soon may appoint a commission to investigate the entire system of the navy department, looking toward a reorganization and the establishment of a general staff to act in an advisory capacity to a civilian secretary.

Mail carrying railroads will hereafter receive their pay monthly, instead of quarterly, as has been the custom.

Foreign.

A period of looting followed the change of government at Port au Prince, but quiet was restored, due to the efforts of General Poidevin.

The shah of Persia granted an audience to the local representative of the Associated Press and expressed a keen desire to dissipate some of the false impressions regarding his attitude on constitutionalism that have reached the outside world.

At Manila the coastwise seamen's union declared a strike as a result of which six large coasting steamers are tied up. The men demand a 100 per cent increase.

President Nord Alexis of Hayti was deposed by his people, they rising at night and taking the government at Port Au Prince by surprise.

Japanese newspapers generally applauded the official text of the notes exchanged between Japan and United States.

Hayti's "paper" blockade of the port of Aquin and Jeremie, which the government admits its inability to make effective by force of arms, will not be recognized by the state department.

The relations of Austria and Turkey are becoming more strained.

A Japanese steamer foundered off Wei-Hei-Wel and the crew and passengers perished.

Two Japanese vessels collided near Chee Foo and 700 persons drowned.

Personal.

Daniel J. Keefer has been appointed commissioner general of immigration to succeed Frank P. Sargent.

The body of Captain Emmett Crawford is in its final resting place in Arlington cemetery.

President-elect Taft will deliver the oration at the university day celebration to be held in Philadelphia on Washington's birthday.

Four new supreme court judges have been appointed for Nebraska by Governor George L. Sheldon, being Jacob Fawcett of Omaha, W. B. Rose of Lincoln, Jesse L. Root of Plattsmouth and J. J. Sullivan of Columbus.

L. B. Clore, champion winner of the corn show prizes, arrived in Omaha for the National Corn show.

It is now quite certain that at least 138 lives were lost in the Marianna (Pa.) coal mine explosion.

CONGRESS AT WORK

SECOND SESSION OF SIXTIETH BEGAN MONDAY.

LITTLE BUSINESS FIRST DAY

Message of President to be Read Tuesday and Thereafter the Regular Grind Will Begin.

Washington.—Monday at 12 o'clock both houses of congress will convene for the beginning of the second session of the Sixtieth congress. Vice President Fairbanks and Speaker Cannon will preside.

In the senate ex-Governor Cummins of Iowa will take the oath of office as the successor of Senator Allison of that state, as will Carroll S. Page of Vermont as the successor of Senator Stewart.

In the house the seven members elected in November to fill vacancies also will be sworn in. They are Henry A. Barnhart, democrat, who succeeds the late Mr. Brick, republican, Thirtieth Indiana district; Albert Estep, democrat, who succeeds the late Mr. Meyer, First Louisiana district; Otto G. Poelker, republican, successor to Mr. Dunwell, republican, Third New York district; Frank E. Guernsey, republican, successor to Mr. Powers, republican, Fourth Maine district; Eben M. Martin, republican, successor to Mr. Parker, republican, South Dakota, at large; O. C. Wiley, democrat, Second Alabama district; and John P. Swasey, republican, successor to Mr. Littlefield, Second Maine district.

The two houses will appoint committees each to notify the other house and the president that congress is organized for business. The senate will then adjourn for the day out of respect to the memory of the late Senator Allison. The house will also terminate its brief session with resolutions commemorative of the lives of Messrs. Parker, South Dakota; Wiley, Alabama; Dunwell, New York, and Powers, Maine.

Tuesday will be given up to the reading of the president's message. As this is President Roosevelt's last annual message, there is unusual interest in it. The general report is that it will prove to be a conservative and carefully prepared document and that few recommendations for legislation will be ventured upon.

The house likely will begin business Wednesday by considering the bill providing the means for the taking of the thirteenth census. It is the expectation of Mr. Tawney, chairman of the committee on appropriations, that his committee will be prepared to report the bill making appropriation for the legislative, executive and judicial branches of the government before the end of the week, and its consideration will be begun at the first practical moment.

The senate has agreed to take up the bill for the establishment of postal savings banks and Senator Foraker's bill authorizing the re-enlistment of the negro soldiers who were discharged on account of the Brownsville riot of 1905.

Party leaders expect that little legislation other than the appropriation bill will be attempted. These aggregate \$100,000,000.

Removed to Arlington.

Washington.—Having been buried for nearly a century in an obscure corner of Digges' farm in Maryland, near here, the body of Major L'Enfant, an engineer officer of the Colonial army who assisted George Washington in laying out the national capital, is to be removed at government expense, with military ceremonies, to Arlington cemetery, in Virginia.

Magoon Confers With Wright.

Washington.—Governor Magoon of Cuba arrived here and had a conference with Secretary of War Wright relative to the methods to be employed in the withdrawal of American troops from Cuba and on other matters relating to the government of the island.

Findlay Cases All Nolle.

Findlay, Ohio.—Standard Oil prosecutions in this county came to a sudden termination when, at the request of prosecuting Attorney David, all the indictments against the company were nolle prossed.

CUBAN AFFAIRS DISCUSSED.

President, Secretary Wright and Governor Magoon Hold Conference.

Washington.—Governor Magoon of Cuba and Secretary Wright held a conference with President Roosevelt Sunday night. It is understood that Cuban affairs in general were discussed and particularly the question whether the United States should withdraw all of its troops from Cuba when this government relinquishes control of the island next February.

Spokane Has an Apple Show.

Spokane, Wash.—President Roosevelt will press a button at 10:30 Monday morning, Pacific time, which will give the signal for the formal opening of the National Apple show, to be held in Spokane from December 7 to 12. The exhibits, ranging all the way from a single apple to a barrel aggregate twenty carloads. The exhibit is the greatest and finest exhibition of apples, apple products and implements and machinery associated with the cultivation of the apple that has ever been assembled anywhere.

NEBRASKA NEWS AND NOTES.

Items of Greater or Lesser Importance Over the State.

A late venture launched in Seward is a roller skating rink.

The Rock Island road has paid its taxes in Gage county, amounting to \$9,565.95.

Wolves are causing farmers and sheep men a good deal of annoyance in the vicinity of Clarkson.

The county clerk issued fifty-nine hunting and fishing licenses in Cuming county during the season.

The schools at Spencer were closed for two weeks on account of several cases of illness among the pupils.

There are some cases of diphtheria in Schuyler and vigorous efforts are being put forth to prevent its spreading.

The treasurer of Otoe county has paid into the state the sum of \$6,384.14 taxes from this year's November levy.

Rev. William Axling and wife, who have been sojourning in the vicinity of Gothenburg for a time, have gone to Japan as missionaries.

The members of the United Evangelical church at Blue Springs have spent over \$100 during the year in improving their church property.

The Baerhoff Creamery company has suspended business for the winter for the reason that sufficient cream to run the plant was not obtainable.

A grain of corn in the windpipe of a little son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Connett of Baker, Boyd county, resulted in the lad's death after several days of intense suffering.

Will Gregory, while out hunting with a party of men from Arendia, accidentally shot himself in the right arm just above the elbow. The wound is not thought serious.

As recompense for the crippled hands she will have during the rest of her life, a jury in district court gave Martha M. Johnson of Omaha a verdict for \$2,750 against a laundry company.

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."

Governor Sheldon has reappointed Mrs. C. S. Carscadden of York and Mrs. Dr. Towne of Omaha members of the advisory and visiting board of the Nebraska Industrial home at Millard.

The tuberculosis exhibit under the national association for the study and prevention of tuberculosis, which has been in Fremont for a week, will be continued one more and possibly two more weeks.

Several York and Fillmore county farmers have recently been soaked and worked by two agents who interest farmers by leaving goods with them and getting them to sign a receipt which turns up as a promissory note in the hands of innocent purchasers.

Corn on Dan V. Stephens' farm near North Bend on land that was recently tilled is going from thirty-five to sixty bushels to the acre, the best in the county. On this same land the cows used to mire down and were dragged out of the swamp at the end of a long rope.

E. D. Wood, who lives in Todd Creek precinct, Johnson county, set a number of pheasant eggs under hens last spring. His success was not the best, but he succeeded in raising three male birds. They are very beautiful. Mr. Wood expects to increase his flock next spring by adding a number of female birds.

As an evidence that farm land in Johnson county, already thought to be high in price, is steadily going up, the sale of Paul Huston's farm is given. Mr. Huston's place included eighty acres and is two miles west of Tecumseh. The improvements are ordinary. Wallace Paris paid \$4,500 for it, or \$112.50 per acre.

The corner stone for the \$80,000 high school building at Beatrice, was laid last week.

Some of the youthful corn growers of Dodge county who won prizes in the recent corn contest will have a chance to compete for prizes in the National Corn Show, which is to be held in Omaha, December 9 to 19.

The Commercial club completed arrangements which insure the immediate transfer to Fremont and its enlargement there of the Hastings Pressed Brick company, a branch enterprise of the Western Brick and Supply company of Hastings.

The new Methodist church at Kearney, costing \$38,000, has been dedicated.

Frederick J. Hetzel of Gordon attained his 90th birthday last week and the event was celebrated by a family reunion and turkey dinner. Grandpa Hetzel came to America from Baden-Baden, Germany, and settled with his parents in Oneda county, New York, when he was 9 years old. He moved from New York to Hamilton county, Iowa, where he remained until 1887, when he moved with his wife and family to Sheridan county, Nebraska.

Secretary Royle of the state banking board has issued a call for reports of the condition of the state banks at the close of business November 27. The comptroller of the currency has issued a call for national bank reports on the same date.

Forty-one years ago, according to the old settlers of Fremont, turkey was more plentiful for Thanksgiving than this year. J. J. Hawthorne says that wild turkeys were numerous in the fields in the Platte and that on his first Thanksgiving in Fremont he had wild turkey and venison for dinner.

THE STATE CAPITAL

MATTERS OF INTEREST TO ALL CITIZENS.

REESE AS THE CHIEF JUSTICE

This is the Title He Will Bear Until a Successor is Chosen in the Year 1914.

The Chief Justiceship.

Judge M. B. Reese will bear the title of chief justice of the supreme court from now until a successor is chosen, who will take his place in 1914. This was announced the past week, after a meeting of the new augmented court. Judge Barnes has held the title as ranking member of the court.

The change was made in accordance with the interpretation which the judges placed upon the amendment providing for the enlarged court. This provides for the election of three judges in 1909. They will fill the places made vacant by expiration of the terms of Judges Barnes, Sullivan and Fawcett. In 1911 three will be elected to fill the places at the expiration of the terms of Judge Letton, Root and Rose. In 1913 one judge is to be elected to fill the place of Judge Reese. The constitution in providing for the elections makes the judge to be elected in 1913 and each six years thereafter chief justice. It also provides that the judge whose term expires at that time shall be chief justice until then.

That the four remaining members of the old commission will continue to serve the state and draw salaries for a time yet is indicated from the fact that at the first sitting of the court seven cases were assigned to the commission for argument. The court assigned thirteen cases for argument before itself.

Judge Sullivan was not present when the court met and assigned cases. He arrived later and qualified immediately, sitting with the court later to hear argument. Rose, Root and Fawcett were already in Lincoln. Judge Sullivan has since tendered his resignation and the same has been accepted.

The commissioners whose places will cease to exist sometime between now and the first of April are E. R. Duffie, E. C. Calkins, A. C. Epperson and E. E. Good. The commission will probably be continued until after the cases which are in the hands of these four members have been decided. It is not likely, however, that they will hear any further cases after the present sitting.

Genuine and general regret has been expressed on all sides at the determination of Judge Sullivan to relinquish the place on the supreme bench offered him by Governor Sheldon. At the same time it is freely admitted, that Judge Sullivan could not, in justice to himself, have done other than he did.

There seems to have been a pretty general feeling, however, that Judge Sullivan's re-election to the bench next year, had he cared to enter the race, would have been without question. A dozen prominent republicans, including several state officers, have said that they believed no man in the state better qualified for the place than Judge Sullivan and that they would be glad of the opportunity to vote for him.

There is some criticism of Gov. Sheldon for not making Judge Sullivan one of the three-year appointees. It is possible that, had this been done, the resignation would not have been tendered.

More Room Needed.

State Land Commissioner H. M. Eaton will recommend in his annual report that, owing to the crowded condition of the state capital building, the legislature must either abolish some of the new departments it has created or fit up the basement for office rooms, or move the state library and the department of justice to the proposed historical building across the street from the capital grounds. The latter can be done if the legislature makes an appropriation for a historical building large enough to accommodate both the society and the department which it is proposed to house in the building.

Insurance Company Withdraws.

The Mutual Surety company of New York has notified Insurance Deputy Pierce that it has withdrawn from the state and has so informed its agents. The company was admitted to do business in Nebraska in 1906 and has been doing business here since. While no explanation of its withdrawal was given, it is supposed by the insurance department that its Nebraska business did not justify it taking out a license for the coming year.

Maupin to Change Tactics.

Will M. Maupin, who has been chosen labor commissioner by Governor-Elect Shallenberger, will adopt a few different ideas about the management of the bureau. "Mr. Ryder has done a great work in gathering agricultural statistics and calling attention to the resources of the state," said Mr. Maupin, "and I shall endeavor to keep up that record. However, while trying to keep that work up to its present standard, I shall devote considerable time to industrial statistics and endeavor to get more information."

CRUSADE ON TUBERCULOSIS.

Dr. Sward Devotes Much Space to Discussion of the Same.

The report of Dr. J. E. Sward, secretary of the Board of Secretaries of the State Board of Health to the Board of Health is devoted almost entirely to a discussion of tuberculosis, what has been done and what should be done to prevent the spread of this disease in Nebraska.

According to Dr. Sward this disease costs the state in finances, loss of time from work, over \$5,000,000 every year, besides over 600 lives. Dr. Sward makes the following recommendations:

Each state should provide sanatoria for its own tubercular indigent.

Persons in the advanced stages of the disease, if hopeless, should be kept within the confines of their own state.

All consumptives entering a state should show that they are capable of self support, and will receive benefit from the Nebraska climate.

All cases of tuberculosis should be registered, in order that immigrating cases, escaping observation at the state line, can be reported later, if found indigent.

The board of secretaries of the state board of health should have complete control of these matters and of this census.

Every private, local or state hospital should be inspected under the surveillance of the state board of health, and members of the board of secretaries should receive compensation and expenses while doing this work. The board also commends that all schools should be inspected.

State Institutions.

Semi-annual reports of the various state institutions are being received by Governor Sheldon and will be followed shortly by the receipt of the semi-annual reports, with recommendations, from the superintendents. The semi-annual reports show a condition of the institutions indicative of good management. Of the seven which have reported, five show a great reduction in the cost per capita based on maintenance, officers' and employees' wages. The two which show an increase in the cost per capita are the Girls' Industrial school, which for the same period in 1907 was maintained at a cost per capita of \$93.84, against \$113.37 for the six months ending November 30, 1908; and the Institute for the Blind. The per capita cost in this institution increased from \$11.91 to \$141.23.

Will Officials Be Removed?

A number of persons are wondering if Governor-elect Shallenberger intends to oust bodily the heads of state institutions whose terms do not expire for some four years. Superintendent Kern of the asylum at Hastings was appointed May 1, 1907, for a term of six years and Dr. Hay, superintendent of the Lincoln asylum and Dr. Young of the Norfolk asylum have commissions bearing the same dates. The commission held by Commander Hoyt of the Grand Island Soldiers' home expires September 9, 1909.

Charged With Murder.

A requisition from the governor of Illinois was honored by Governor Sheldon for Virginia Amos who is charged with a murder committed in St. Clair county, Illinois, April 2, 1904. The woman was indicted in Illinois, but she fled from justice.

Appropriation Asked.

The legislature at its coming session will be asked to appropriate \$9,000 to pay a deficiency created at the Girls' Industrial school at Geneva by a cyclone which almost totally destroyed the laundry and boiler room.

SULLIVAN QUILTS THE BENCH.

Newly Appointed Judge Resigns After One Day's Service.

Judge Sullivan, after one day's service as member of the supreme bench, tendered his resignation. The resignation came as a great surprise not only to Governor Sheldon and members of the bench, but to others as well. When Judge Sullivan's intentions were made known to the judges they insisted that he serve out his term.

Judge Sullivan decided upon his resignation during the night, but why no one has yet offered a satisfactory explanation. From friends comes this explanation: Judge Sullivan could not afford to accept, because he would have to move to Lincoln, give up his Columbus home and his practice; then would come primary election and the election next fall at which it is by no means certain he would be chosen. After considering all these disadvantages Judge Sullivan concluded he had better resign.

Mrs. Sullivan was here and she and the Judge looked for a house in Lincoln. It can be stated almost with authority that during this hunt Judge Sullivan decided to quit. Trying to rent a house in Lincoln on \$4,500 a year and still pay grocery bills was too much for the new judge. In resigning, Judge Sullivan acted in accordance with the law which he himself laid down years ago—that when the burdens of office became too heavy an officer had the right to resign.

One Mill Levy for University.

It is evident the State university is again going to ask the legislature at its coming session for a 1-mill levy instead of a direct appropriation of a specific amount for its maintenance during the coming biennium. Two years ago the Board of Regents in making its estimate of the total valuation of the state upon which the 1-mill was to be levied missed the correct figures by only \$62,000,000, but this has not deterred the board from filing with the state auditor an estimate of expenses.