NORTH PLATTE, - - NEBRASKA

# **NEWS NOTES** CONDENSED

A Boiling Down of the More Important Events Here and There

#### Congress,

Senator Burkett spoke for nearly two hours in advocacy of the postal savings bank bill. He was interrupted a great many times, his speech drawing a good deal of fire from the opponents of the measure.

That the senate committee on interoceanic canals is prepared to take up any sort of an investigation of canal affairs that may be demanded by any member of the committee was asserted by Senator Kittredge of South Dakota, chairman of the committee

The senate referred that part of the president's message referring to the secret service to the committee on appropriations with instructions to investigate and recommend what action, if any, is required.

With a view of letting the public know what influence operated upon it through the press, Representative Cooper of Texas introduced a bill to exclude newspapers and magazines from the malls unless the names of pines. the owner and editor or officers, directors and stockholders be printed on its front page.

Roosevelt is said to be prepared for any attack congress may make upon him. If the conflict comes the "big stick" will be wielded in a most effective way.

Senator Foraker introduced a bill in the senate to create a special tribunal to hear the cases of the colored soldiers discharged by the president on account of the Brownsville riots.

The commissioner of Indian affairs asks congress to appropriate more money for irrigation projects on the Indian reservations.

The republican delegation from Illinois unanimously endorsed Joseph G. Cannon for re-election as speaker at a dinner given to Representative Magden of Illinois

Congress will probably adjourn for the holidays on Monday, December 21. This week the senate will dis-Foraker bill to permit re-enlistment of colored troops discharged by the president.

Insurgents of the house of representatives among the republicans are laying plans for the alteration of the rules to curb the power of the speaker.

#### General.

President-elect Taft announced that Senator P. C. Knox will be secretary of state in the new cabinet. Robbers in an automobile he'd up the Farmers and Merchants bank of Keene, Neb., and the Commercial

000 in all. Judge Gary said the steel corporation was not afraid to have its affairs fully investigated.

bank of Gibbon, Neb., securing \$5,-

Judge, Kunkel has sentenced four men implicated in the Pennsylvania capitol graft cases to two years in prison, with a \$500 fine.

Congressman Pollard has secured an old iron cannon now at the government arsenal, San Antonio, Texas, for Nebraska City. The gun will be shipped to the park commissioners, who will place it in one of the city parks.

Speaker Cannon announced the following as the representatives of the house on the inaugural committee: Megara, Burke (Pa.), Young (Mich.) and Gaines (Tenn.)

Further control of carriers is suggested by Chairman Knaup of the interstate commerce commission.

France and Spain transmitted to the signatories of the A'gereiras conference an identical note relative to the formula for the recognition of Mulai Hafid, the present sultan of Morocco.

Members of the house passed a resolution calling for proof of the truth of the utterances of the president with respect to the secret service of the government.

Judge Taft in an address to the Ohio society of New York said that it is better that there should be no revision of the tariff than to have a law that does not carry out the spirit of the republican platform.

The Isthmian Canal commission has issued a statement that the Gatun dam site is not settling more than was expected.

The first contest on the revision of rules in the house at Washington resulted in a victory for the speaker and a defeat of the whole proposition.

Judge Taft left New York for Augusta, Ga., taking luncheon with President Roosevelt at Washington on his way.

The Iowa and Nebraska Implement Men's associations have decided to unite.

President Roosevelt will contribute the results or his African hunt to the Smithsonian institute if taxiderialsts are provided.

The British government is arresting Indian revolutionists by the whole-

The National bank examiner found evidence of defalcations of so large an amount that the Somersworth, (N. H.) bank had to close its doors.

Count Boni de Castellane is apparently indignant that any one should charge him with wanting large amount of money. He says he wants only his children.

A quartermaster sergeant of the army service has resigned with \$13,-900 coming to him as savings.

Attempt is to be made to get some important amendments to the Kinkaid

Governor Sheldon of Nebraska announces he will not appoint any one until January to the position on the supreme bench which was declined by Judge Sullivan.

Iowa wins many Corn show prizes. Ames college class gets the Mexican and Western Grain Dealers' association trophies and student judging con-

Secretary Wilson, in his annual report, told of the immense wealth produced from the farm.

Secretary Root told of the wonderful expansion of the country in a period of eleven years. The offer of a cabinet position to

Congressman Burton has been revoked by President-elect Taft Chief Justice Mitchell of Pennsylvanta in an address in New York at-

tacked President Roosevelt's alleged hostfle attitude toward the judiciary. The testimony of John D. Archbold in the Standard Oil inquiry was that the company has owned stock in the Waters-Pierce company since 1878,

but the Pierce family has always managed the concern. Judge Taft said he would follow McKinley's policies in the Philip-

Annual report of secretary of agriculture shows that crops of the year are worth nearly \$8,000,000,000.

#### Washington.

President Roosevelt declined an invitation to attend a banquet to be given in New York by the Oero club of America in honor of the Wright brothers. The president told a committee he would be glad to give a reception at the White house in honor of the aeroplanists and the club therefore may hold the reception and banquet in Washington.

President Roosevelt told a delegation of West Virginia congressmen and friends that they were "wasting time" to recommend to him the name of a brother of Judge Peter Grosscup, for appointment as collector of internal revenue.

The direct primary law in Nebraska may be repealed by the democratic legislature, according to J. E. Kavanaugh, a prominent democrat of Spalding, Neb., who was in Washington cuss the postal savings bank bill and transacting business with the interior department. He believes that the peode of his part of the state much opposed to the primary that the legislators will ask for the repeal of the law.

A rlot, the proportions of which are not stated, has occurred at Puerto Cortez, Honduras, according to information received at the state department from its representative there.

Governor Magoon, accompanied by his military aide, Captain Ryan of the army, left here for Havana for the purpose of personally conducting the transfer of the government of Cuba to the newly elected administration on the 28th of January.

There is the best of reason to believe President-elect Taft will take a new cabinet from among the people and not promote men from clerical positions in the departments.

It is generally accepted in Washington that James Wilson, secretary of agriculture, will not hold the position beyond next July. It has been Mr. Wilson's ambition to serve the longest time of any other secretary of agriculture. He will be permitted to made that record, then will come a change.

President-elect Taft contemplates a visit to Panama before his inauguration. This visit is approved by President Roosevelt and Secretary Root.

#### Personal.

Major Brad Slaughter of Omaha, paymaster of the United States army, will not be disqualified and put on the

retired list as was rumored recently. President Roosevelt has applied to the Belgian government through the American legation for a hunting permit in Belgian territory in Africa.

After losing between \$500 and \$1,500 by cards, William Pedrick, a "squaw man" of Anadarko, killed himself at Oklahoma City.

John Bruce Woodward, a student at the Kentucky university, died as the result of the bursting of a blood vessel in his lung while blowing into a lung testing machine. D. Jacob Gould Schurman, presi-

dent of Cornell university spoke before the corn show in Omaha, Judge Taft says he will be in no

hurry in selecting his cabinet, President Castro is in a rage at the lack of respect paid him in Paris

by the French government. W. J. Bryan in a statement denies that he will attempt to direct the

legislature of Nebraska. President Roosevelt, in a special message to congress, denounced Editor Joseph Pulitzer of the New York

World as a villifier of the nation. A conference between Presidentelect Taft and Frank B. Kellogg revives the rumor that a Minnesota man is to be attorney general

### CHANGES IN SENATE

TERMS OF THIRTY-ONE MEM-BERS EXPIRE MARCH 4TH.

### SCRAMBLE FOR KNOX'S SEAT

All Eyes on Ohio, Where Several Candidates are Anxious to Succeed Mr. Foraker.

Washington.-While the terms of thirty-one senators, more than onethird of the entire membership, expire on March 4 next, eighteen of this number already have been re-elected or assured of re-election, either through successes in primary contests or pledges of a majority of the membership of the several state legislatures charged with the duty of electing senators before the beginning of next congress.

In addition to the vacancies occur ing by reason of a provision of the constitution there will be a vacancy in Pennsylvania on account of the forthcoming resignation of Senator Knox to accept the portfolio of secre tary of state in the Taft cabinet There will be a scramble between prominent republicans of Pennsylvania for Mr. Knox's seat, which will cause public interest equal to the contest now going on in Ohio for the seat of Senator Foraker and in Connecticut for that of Senator Brande gee, That Secretary Root will be given the New York seat now he'd by Senator Platt is believed and a contest is not expected.

The republican senators whose terms expire at the end of the present congress, but who are sure of be ing returned, are Cummins of lowanow serving out the unexpired term of the late Senator Allison; Senator Dillingham of Vermont, Gallinger of New Hampshire, Heyburn of Idaho, Hopkins of Illinois, Penrose of Pennsylvania, Perkins of California. Smoot of Utah and Stephenson of Wisconsin. Democratic senators who will be returned are Clark of Arkansas, Clay of Georgia, Gore of Oklahoma, Johnston of Alabama, Mc-Enery of Louisiana, Newlands of Nevada, Overman of North Carolina. Smith of Maryland and Stone of Missouri.

By reason of defeat in primary contests Senator Ankeny of Washington will be succeeded by Representative Wesley L. Jones, Hansborough of North Dakota by M. N. Johnson, Kittredge of South Dakota by Governor Coe I. Crawford, and Long of Kansas by Joseph Bristow, formerly fourth assistant postmaster general.

All of these men are republicans, and in addition Fulton of Oregon probably will be succeeded by Governor Chamberiain, democrat, who was victorious in what is known as the double primary system of the state. If pledges made by certain republican members of the Oregon legisiture are kept. Chamberlain wil come to the senate, but if they are violated as many leading republicans of the state are demanding, it is possible, in fact probable, that Fulton would be chosen to succeed himself.

The eyes of the country are on Ohio because of the candidacy of Charles P. Taft, brother of the president-elect, for the seat of Foraker, one of the most vigorous and picturesque characters in the senate. and one who has declined to abandon his place without a fight.

The relationship between Mr. Taft and the president-elect, and the fact that the Cincinnatian has been prominent in the councils of the republican party in Ohio for many years, are powerful factors in the contest he is waging for the senatorial toga.

Pittsburg, Pa .- "I may not think as well of Mr. Taft's cabinet selections

Mr. Bryan at Pittsburg.

as he does," said W. J. Bryan here, when asked for an expression on the choosing of Senator Knox as secretary of state "I do not believe, therefore, that I care to discuss the appointments just now."

#### No Action Agreed Upon.

Baltimore-Attorney General Bonaparte, speaking of the suit which the president has urged against Joseph Pulitzer of the New York World, said that it is still under consideration and no definite line of action has been agreed upon.

#### DEATH BLIGHTS SHOW.

Builder and Buildings of Corn Exposition Pass Away Together.

Omaha-As the walls of Jericho fell at the blast of a ram's horn, so the National Corn exposition fell Sunday morning at the sound of the sledge hammer, and by evening it was practically a wreck, while as a strange coincidence to its close W. E. Findley. the draughtsman who designed the buildings, died at his home as the buildings he had designed were fast disappearing.

#### Herrick for Cabinet Place.

Oneinnati, O .- A Times-Star special from Augusta says. When Philander C. Knox, the Taft secretary of state, comes to Augusta to discuss with the president-elect the makeup of the remainder of the new administration cabinet, Mr. Taft will ask him to approve of Myron T. Herrick, former governor of Ohio, as secretary of the treasury. This fact can be stated as authoritative. Before Mr. Taft offered the treasury portfolo to Representa tive Theodore E. Burton of Ohio he was seriously considering Herrick,

NEBRASKA NEWS AND NOTES.

Items of Greater or Lesser Importance Over the State.

Broken Bow, amid much enthusiasm, organized a commercial club. The Union Stock Yards company at South Omaha has re-elected all its old officers.

The Gage County Farmers' Institue will be held in Beatrice January 6 and 7 1909.

Contractors installing sewer work at David City have stopped operations

until spring. C. E. Congdon, of Wilcox, who was found guilty of selling liquors on three counts was fined \$300.00 and costs.

Improvements involving an expenditure of between \$4,000 and \$5,000 are shortly to be made in the plant of the Central City gas company with a view to improving the service.

The only flour mill in Kearney county was destroyed by fire at Minden. It was the property of A. D. Andrews & Sons and was estimated to be worth from \$25,000 to \$30,000. Scarlet fever has broken out in the

girls' industrial school at Genova, and

the city officers have established a quarantine over all inmates and em-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 Poultry fanciers of West Point met at the city hall and organized the West Point poultry and pet stock association. It was agreed to hold the annual poultry show January 13, 14

and 15. William Bachman, one of the old conductors of the Burlington, died at Alliance of pneumonia, after a lingering illness of about three weeks. The remains were taken to Glenwood, Ia for burial.

Two more alleged crooks who are thought to have been implicated in the robbery of two stores at Diller and Steele City were arrested in a rooming house at Wymore and taken to

Fairbury and lodged in jail. In district court at Pattsmouth Judge H. D. Travis sentenced Matt Bozarth to serve in the state penitentlary during his natural life. Bozarth killed James Dyer by stabbing him on the street in Greenwood on October 6.

In district court at McCook William Jeffries, the well known horseman of this city, secured a verdict for \$920 in his suit for damages against the Burlington Railroad company for injuries to his fast horses in shipment and delays.

A man named Thompson from Brown county has written Mr. Morresey, an attorney of Valentine, wanting him to have a certain deed canceled, claiming it is a forgery. The deed is made out to one Sutton, who is not known in Valentine.

A Lincoln correspondent says will be a "show-me" session of the Nebraska legislature which begins its thirty-first session at noon of next New Year's day. Every individual and every institution that wants an appropriation will have to put up a pretty good reason for the need of that appropriation to get away with the goods.

At Central City W. A. Hughes has tendered his resignation as secretary of the local Young Men's Christian association, the resignation has been accepted by the board of directors and his successor has been chosen in the person of R. L. McMillan of Crete, a graduate of Doane college and one of the state secretaries.

With a deafening roar and without a second's warning the concrete dam across the Little Blue river at the Fairbury roller mills went out. The first sign of a weakness in the dam was noticed when a sixteen-foot section broke loose and was shoved down the stream twenty feet. The loss is estimated at from \$6,000 to \$8,000.

The sheriff of Grant county arrived in Chappell after Will Henderson of Oshkosh, who had been arrested from a circular sent out by the Grant county sheriff, offering a reward of \$50 for his apprehension. Henderson is charged with a criminal assault on a young woman near Hyannis and a'so with burglarizing the premises after the assault.

Thomas L. Hisgen, late candidate for president on the Independence league ticket, is going to ask the legislature of Massachusetts to enact one of Nebraska's laws, Mr. Hisgen has written Secretary of State Junkin for a copy of the law enacted last winter which prohibits the selling of any commodity at a different price in one place than in another, freight rates being considered.

Cummings & Pease of Beatrice filed a damage suit of \$103.07 against the Burlington railroad for failure of the company to deliver several cars of cattle at Kansas City at the specified time. The plaintiffs allege that their cattle did not arrive in time for the morning markets, that they were obliged to buy extra feed and bedding and that the cattle suffered an extra shrinkage of thirty pounds per head hence the suit.

Postmaster Hollingworth bas received word from Senator E. J. Burkett and Congressman E. H. Hinshaw to the effect that prospects are bright for the passage of the bill appropriating \$15,000 for the purchase of additional ground for the addition to the postoffice building in Beatrice.

At Minden in the district court in the case of George B. Peterson, who was charged with and found guilty of the crime of incest, the court overruled the motion for a new trial and sentenced him to the penitentiary for a term of three years. The case will be appealed to the supreme court.

## THE STATE CAPITAL

MATTERS OF INTEREST TO ALL CITIZENS.

### STATE MORTGAGE STATISTICS

What is Set Forth in Bulletin No. 14 by Deputy Labor Commissioner Ryder.

Statistics on Mortgages.

In bulletin No. 14, which he has just received from the printers, Deputy Labor Commissioner Ryder has a ta ble showing the amount of farm and city mortgages filed and released during 1907 and 1908 and the amount of money involved and the rate of interest paid. In 1907 there were 16,658 mortgages filed, involving capital to the amount of \$36,432,073 26; there were released 17,990, involving \$126. 357,391.56. In the same year there were filed city mortgages to the number of 12,436, involving a capital of \$13,258,930.57; there were released 11. 014, involving a capital of \$9,887,902.36 The rate on the city mortgages was from 6 to 10 per cent and on farm mortgages from 5 to 10 per cent.

In 1906 there were filed farm mortgages to the number of 17,451, involving \$34,903,848.79. There were releas ed 19,632, involving \$26,811,512.31. There were filed city mortgages to the number of 11,785, involving \$11. 664,870.30, and there were released 10,507, involving \$9,482,022.36.

In his introductory remarks Mr. Ryder said:

"In round numbers, 35,000,00 acres of the 50,000,000 acres in Nebraska comprise the deeded land, exclusive of town lots. Thus we have a 35,000,000acre farm, to all practical purposes. Since the total cultivated area for 1908 is reported by the deputy assessors at 2,178,773 acres, the frequent assertions of this bureau—that we have only touched the edges of our possibilities as a producing state-are fully borne out. Granting that a very large part of our total area will always be devoted to stock range and another large part to pasturage aside from range, still the fact remains that several millions more of our arable area can very readily be brought under cultivation. This land of promise simply awaits settlers, and its cultivable unused land can be bought today cheaper than it ever will be again.

"For 1908 Nebraska stands third in the list of corn producing states, according to the government crop estimate. The final outcome on this crop for our state was really surprising, all things considered, and the total production realized must stand as a further convincing proof, if such were needed, of the immense possibilities of Nebraska farm land. Through tribulation our producers have come to a most consoling realization. They have emerged entirely from the staggering wave of discouragement that hit them in 1894. And that is saying much when the far-spread advertisement of that disastrous year is kept in mind."

Report of State Auditor. The biennial report of State Auditor Searle will show that from December

30, 1906, to December 30, 1908, there were registered in the auditor's office bonds of all kinds amounting to \$2,-301,686.65. Of this amount \$75,000 was issued by counties, \$9,000 by precincis, \$886,500 by cities and villages and \$1,331,186.65 by school districts. While this large amount represents an indebtedness against the municipalitles and school districts, it does not necessarily follow that it has all been contracted within the time stated, as a goodly amount of it is refunding bonds, issued to take the place of other bonds voted years ago, which have matured and have not been paid. From the school districts of many of the western and northern counties of the state many issues of bonds have been registered in order to provide school buildings in districts where none have ever before been erected.

#### "Unorganized Territory" Dropped.

In preparing the annual tabulation of the membership of the legislature Secretary of State Junkin has decided to remove from the counties of the far west the standing joke about the unorganized territory. The apportionment of representation was made back in 1887, when there was considerable unorganized territory, and all subsequent descriptions of districts have followed the wording of the apportionment. The statutes have never been corrected to give official recognition of counties organized since that date.

It was also discovered that no provision has ever been made for representation from Boyd county, as that was not even described as unorganized territory in the apportionment of 1887. It has been found, however, that a decision of the supreme court several years ago attached that county to Knox in the Twenieth dis-

#### Kansas Bank Guaranty Bill.

Copies of a bill which will be introduced in the Kansas legislature at the coming session, providing for the guaranty of bank deposits, have been received at the state house. This Kansas bill provides that all state banks which desire to avail themselves of the guaranty law shall deposit with the state treasurer \$100 for its first \$100,000 on deposit in the bank and \$50 for each additional \$100,000 deposited. This sum shall be levied annually until the fund reaches more than \$1,000,000.

SOLONS MUST GO IT ALONE.

Mr. Bryan Disclaims Role of Nebraska

Dictator. That William J. Bryan will not attempt to dictate the action of the Nebraska legislature this winter, but will act only in an advisory capacity, is indicated by the following statement made to the Omaha Bee:

"I have only one interest in the legislature, ' said Mr. Bryan, "and that is to see every pledge of our platform carried out, and this applies to the pledges made in our state platform and to such pledges in our national platform as can be carried out by the state legislature. I need hardly add that I shall take no part in the contests for offices in the legislature or the offices to be filled by the governor. My one interest is to see the promises kept This I am interested in because platform pledges are a contract made with the voter and also because I believe that the keeping of such promises is necessary if the democratic party is to maintain its. position in the state."

Mr. Bryan said that he would spendhis winters in Texas hereafter, but he had no intention of changing his residence from Nebraska.

Regarding his interest in democratic newspaper ventures, M.r Bryan entered a denial to the report that his support extended to other ventures than

his own paper. Named as the logical candidate for senator from Nebraska, Mr. Bryan explained his position by saying merely that the election d'd not occur for two years and that no one could tell what might happen.

A Neglected Industry.

In his November crop bulletin States Labor Commissioner Ryder, puts in a bid for an industry neglected in Nebraska. This refers to frog farming. He comments also on the neglect of the raising and truck gardening and thinks there is a great deal of room for development in Nebraska along these lines. With reference to frog

farming he says: "In addition to the ordinary game, birds of Nebraska, there is a steadily increasing crop of Great Western bullfrogs. They are as green as Irish turf, grow to a great size, and "fly high" as to market. Sloughs and ponds are being stocked by the state fish commission, and after a while frog saddles should be within reach of all. The hunter doesn't have to show a license before bringing a frog ashore-thus making these night warblers peculiarly the poor man's game, while at the same time frog legs remain the tid-bit of the epicure. This industry is still in its infancy, but gives the promises of satisfying growth."

#### As to the Weather.

Section Director G. A. Loveland, in a summary of the weather for November, 1908, says: "The month was characterized by high temperature and about normal precipitation. The average cloudiness was slightly below the normal, while almost exactly the usual number of rainy days occurred. The monthly mean temperature was from 2 to 4 degrees above the normal in most of the state. The maximum temperatures were generally between 75 degrees and 80 degrees, and occurred on the 18th, except at some central and western stations, where the maximum was recorded on the 4th or 5th. The precipitation was beow normal.

School Fund Apportionment. State Superintendent McBrien has completed the semi-annual apportionment of the state school fund to the several counties, the apportionment being based upon the amount of the fund in the hands of the treasurer December 8. Douglas county, with the largest number of pupils in the schools, gets the largest slice of the fund, \$27,779.18, and Lancaster, the next largest, \$14,633.26. The amount of the fund available for distribution at this time is \$267,132.91, and the total number of school children upon which the distribution is based is

369,996.

Janitors to Clean Up Capitol. The state board of public lands and buildings employed five new janitors to help out during the legislature, and the work of cleaning up the halls, moving back the furniture and moving the various departments has begun. The legislature appropriated \$1,440 for extra help in the janitor line and it empowered the state board to employ the men and direct them in the work. S. Bullard, for some years head janitor, will have charge of the new men as well as the former employes.

Chancellor E. Henjamin Andrews of the state university and President J. W. Crabtree of the Peru State Normal have started a movement to harmonize the credit systems of normal schools with the state universities, so that a student having done a year's work in a creditable normal school will be given a year's credit in the state university.

#### National Guard Inspection.

The annual inspection of the Nebraska national guard will begin on January 11, if the plans now being made in the office of the adjutant general are carried out. The officer who will make this inspection has not been decided upon. Thirty-one companies will, in all, be inspected, three of these being separate infantry companies. The inspection by a regular army officer will be made a couple of months later. The officer who will make the inspection has also not been decided upon, but will be soon.