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NEWS NOTES CONDENSED

A Boiling Down of the More Important Events Here and There

Congress.

President Roosevelt sent a special message to the house, vetoing the bill to permit the construction of a dam across the James river in Missouri.

The matter of increasing the president's salary to \$100,000 a year was discussed in the senate without definite action.

Nebraska national bankers are said to be coming around to favor the postal savings bank bill.

Mr. Tillman in another speech in the senate made further denials and explanations regarding his connection with Oregon land deals.

Mr. Carter offered an amendment to the postal savings bank bill, fixing the rate of interest on deposits at 2 per cent.

Senator Bacon declares in favor of a bill providing for right of senate to demand papers of any department.

Senator Burkett's bill to allow the Fremont, Elkhorn and Missouri valley railroad permission to change its course was refused.

The authority of congress to direct heads of executive departments to send to the senate or house information in their possession was the subject of an extended speech in the senate.

Senator Cummins of Iowa is going to make his first fight and his first speech in the senate, in behalf of amendments to the postal savings bank bill, which he considers absolutely necessary if the measure is to pass. He is determined to oppose the measure unless the amendments are adopted.

Objection was made in the house to the use of the pension building for the inauguration ball.

Opponents of a large river and harbor appropriation contend the treasury is too low to stand it.

Senator Tillman says he will soon expose the "dark and crooked ways of President Roosevelt."

Senator Burkett introduced a bill previously presented to the house by Representative Boyd, enabling the Omaha Indians to protect from overflow their tribal and allotted lands within the boundaries of any drainage district in Nebraska. The lands sought to be drained lie in Thurston county.

Representative Hull has introduced a bill authorizing the president to appoint one additional professor of mathematics in the navy.

Congressman Hinshaw has returned from a visit to Panama. He regrets that he was not in Washington to cast his vote against the resolution tabling that portion of the president's message having reference to the secret service.

The house of representatives appointed a special committee to investigate secret service work in all departments of the government.

Senate galleries were crowded to listen to Senator Tillman reply to the president's charges against him in connection with land grants.

General.

Thornton Hains, charged with aiding his brother, Captain Hains, to kill W. E. Anns was declared not guilty by the jury after twenty-two hours' consultation.

The order of hat manufacturers removing labels from all hats is the cause of a strike which involves thousands of workers.

A statement from Denver says General Superintendent W. L. Park is to become head of the operative department of all Harriman lines, with headquarters in Chicago.

Ten persons were killed in a wreck on the Denver & Rio Grande.

At Denver John C. Beatty, aged 65, of New York, said to be a wealthy land owner was found dead in a bath tub in which hot water was running.

One man was killed and fourteen persons injured in a fire which destroyed Copeland hotel at Topeka, Kas.

Mrs. Edward Pomeroy of Sidney, Neb., gets half of big estate of John R. Platt, late of New York.

John W. Kern in a formal statement charges his defeat for senatorship in Indiana to special interests who are using the party for selfish ends.

Prof. Abbot L. Lowell is recommended by corporation for president of Harvard as successor to Charles W. Eliot.

Nebraska landed more prizes than any other state at the Corn Show, with Iowa a close second.

Judge Anderson is to preside at the retrial of the Standard Oil case.

Louis W. Hill, president of the Great Northern railroad, will pay fare on his own road hereafter when traveling in Minnesota.

John F. Stevens, former engineer of Panama canal, has been offered presidency of Colorado & Southern, recently acquired by the Hill interests.

The commander at Messina issues orders to shoot looters.

An explosion in the Lick Branch colliery, West Virginia, caused the death of probably sixty men.

Depletion of government revenue is the greatest barrier to systematic revision of the tariff.

Union Pacific announces fast daily local trains between Omaha and North Platte, which will relieve the Overland Limited.

One of the interesting measures to be considered in the New York legislature is one proposing that the state assume control of the police in all of the cities of the state.

An ancient church in Switzerland collapsed. Forty dead and sixty injured have been taken from the ruins.

Many deaths have marked the emigration of Richardson (Neb.) county people who emigrated to Canada. It is a great country for penitentiary harvests.

The Nebraska legislature recapped the vote on the amendment providing for four new supreme court justices.

Rev. John H. Carmichael of Adair, Mich., committed suicide at Carthage, Ill., after writing a letter confessing he killed Gideon Browning in the church at Adair. Carmichael formerly lived in Nebraska.

"Work, peace and progress" is declared to be the new motto of Turkey.

The Irish universities act and the housing act passed by the British Parliament are two measures that will prove a great benefit to the people of the Emerald Isle.

Search in the ruins of Messina are occasionally rewarded by the finding of living victims.

Return of balmy weather permits earthquake sufferers at Messina to live in the open.

Governor Magoun received a hearty welcome in his tour of Cuba.

The Illinois legislature has a deadlock on that threatens serious possibility.

Twenty-five men were killed by an explosion of gas in the Leiter coal mines at Ziegler, Ill.

Washington.

The president sent to the senate the following nominations of postmasters:

—Nebraska—George Young, Cedar Bluffs; Benk W. Showalter, Davenport; Spicer E. Ellis, Elmwood.

Representative Hinshaw made a request upon the Agricultural department that one of the expert road builders of the department now operating in Nebraska be assigned to the Fourth congressional district.

The senate committee on agriculture authorized a favorable report on the McCumber bill providing for the inspection and grading of grains. Under this bill national inspection and grading of grains is provided for and the Department of Agriculture is authorized to fix definite grades.

The senate passed a bill permitting the use of the pension office for the inaugural ball in connection with the inauguration of Mr. Taft. Senator Scott, in charge of the measure, explained that it contained the usual provision for special police, etc., "to provide for the pickpockets and others who come here on occasions of inaugurations."

Taking evidence in the suit to dissolve the Standard Oil combine will be finished in a day or two. Final arguments will be heard in St. Louis in April.

The military affairs committee of the house authorized a favorable report on the bill granting the Chicago & Northwestern railway the right to change its right-of-way over the abandoned Fort Niobrara military reservation, and giving said railway permission to construct a new bridge across the Niobrara river in conformity with the new right-of-way.

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DAY OF TOLERANCE

PRESIDENT-ELECT TAFT DISCUSSES RELIGIOUS WORK.

WARM PRAISE FOR Y. M. C. A.

Believes the Association Has Brought About More Tolerance Than All Other Agencies.

Augusta, Ga.—Introduced to a big audience of men, comprising the negro Young Men's Christian association of this city, Sunday, as the "most popular and conspicuous citizen of the United States, America's great statesman, our uncrowned king, for whom we wish a successful administration." President-elect Taft discussed the Christian uplift of the Young Men's Christian association work.

Dr. Walker, known as "Black Spurgeon" who introduced Mr. Taft, said the negroes of Georgia, owned 1,000,000 acres of land in the state and paid taxes on \$20,000,000 worth of property.

This report Mr. Taft regarded as most encouraging. It gave him an illustration for the oft expressed belief that the race question must be settled by the negroes themselves becoming indispensable to the community in which they lived. This meant industry, education and thrift, acquired by constant individual effort.

He dwelt at length upon the advantage of Young Men's Christian association work to bring out this end and illustrated his point by picturing the temptations and depression of Americans in the Philippines and the help which the association is rendering there to afford wholesome ways of entertainment for the leisure hours.

It was his belief that the Young Men's Christian association had brought about in this country more tolerance between the various religious denominations. As an example of this he gave a detailed account of the situation in which the government found itself with regard to the friar lands in the Philippines. Concourse, he said, had been obtained from a body of clergymen, representing the various denominations that no protest would be made by them when the government should take up with the pope the negotiations necessary to acquire title to these lands. Their purchase for \$7,000,000 he said, had saved what would have been a bloody revolution in the Philippines, which would have cost the country millions more and many lives.

"Forty years ago," he said, "it would have been impossible to have obtained this concurrence. There would have arisen among the denominations an objection to it, on the ground that it was a recognition of the Roman Catholic church contrary to our traditions."

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Complaints are heard from many farmers about Arlington to the effect that wolves are becoming too numerous and many have been killed recently in that vicinity. An organized effort will be made to rid the country of the beasts.

The creditors and some of the stockholders of the Fairbury Iron Works and Windmill Company have applied for a receiver for the company and the judge of the district court appointed F. L. Rain receiver. The property is appraised at \$40,000.

Chicago dispatch: An unidentified young man, who was formerly on the Nebraska university athletic team and was lately converted, has returned to the Victoria hotel a silver spoon he took while stopping there in his college days. It comes from Beatrice.

A valuable horse belonging to Gus Weidberg, a farmer living east of Fremont, was found in the pasture near his house with a gunshot wound in the shoulder and so badly injured that it was necessary to kill him. It is supposed that the animal was shot by some careless hunter.

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Cuba to Rule Itself.

Havana.—January 28, at noon the Cuban people will come into their own for the second time at the hands of the American government.

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NEBRASKA NEWS AND NOTES.

Items of Greater or Lesser Importance Over the State.

Near Alsworth, John Gustafson fell from a windmill and was badly injured.

The ice harvest is now being gathered all over the state. The crop is excellent.

Christ Sorensen of Valley county, near Ord, shelled two thousand bushels of corn in one day.

Some one competent to do the work is about to write a history of Antelope county.

Jack McGowan a farmer of Dixon county is said to be suffering with "lumpy jaw."

The residence property of Postmaster John Shoff, of Grafton, was totally destroyed by fire.

It is probable that the Johnson county agricultural society will sell the fair grounds.

About thirty Johnson county persons took advantage of the excursion rates south and are now visiting in Texas and other states.

Sunday school affairs in Cass county are shown to be in a very satisfactory condition by proceedings of the late association meeting.

Nicholas Thurman of Cuming county has been pronounced of unsound mind and ordered to the asylum.

John Kaffer, an ex-convict, bound over for burglary, and Charles O. Anderson, bound over for forgery, escaped from county jail at Hastings.

The initial steps have been taken by the city council of Grand Island for a lower fire insurance rate in that city.

Albert Brooker, a young farmer living south of Barreton, was gored by a vicious bull and so badly injured that his recovery is doubtful.

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