

**NEWS NOTES
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A Boiling Down of the More Important Events Here and There

Congress.
Senator Burkett's bill appropriating \$15,000 for the purpose of additional ground for the postoffice at Beatrice passed the senate and probably will be attached to the sundry civil bill when that bill reaches the senate.

Representative Kennedy introduced a bill appropriating \$100,000 for the erection of a postoffice building at Fort Madison, Ia.

Senator Aldrich introduced a bill providing for court of inquiry to pass upon application of discharged negro soldiers for enlistment.

The house of representatives adopted the report of a special committee favoring the expunging of Willett's speech attacking President Roosevelt.

The committee on public lands of the senate reported favorably the following nominations: Edwin G. Coleman, receiver; Cyrus C. Carpenter, register, United States land office, Lemmon, S. D.; John L. Lockhart, register, United States land office, Pierre, S. D.; John E. Adams, receiver, United States land office, Aberdeen, S. D.

Representative Kinkaid introduced a bill providing that a certain portion of the Nebraska national forest reserve originally designated as North Platte national forest be made subject to an act entitled "an act to provide for entry of agricultural land within forest reserves."

The senate committee on judiciary has found that the senate has no right to call upon President Roosevelt for information he secured from the steel corporation.

The Reaser oil portrait of the late Senator William B. Allison of Iowa will be purchased for \$1,500 by the senate in accordance with the terms of a resolution introduced by Senator Teller and adopted unanimously.

Senator Cummins of Iowa delivered his maiden speech in opposition to the postal savings bank bill in the form in which it had been reported to the senate by the committee on postoffice and post roads.

The house insurgents who are advocating changes in the present rules of the house met recently to consider various amendments. No definite decision was reached.

The postal savings bank and the omnibus claims bill were before the senate Monday for discussion and amendment, but no substantial progress was made on either measure.

In the agricultural department appropriation bill, reported to the house there is an increase of \$1,208,820 over the amount given the department for its work during the present year, although the amount reported, \$12,880,826 is less by \$1,739,999 than was expected by the secretary of agriculture.

Congress is likely to refer the Harman claim for expenses in stopping the break in the Colorado river to the court of claims.

There will be free seeds for the farmers of Nebraska and elsewhere next spring. The committee on agriculture decided to vote an appropriation of \$200,000 for free seed distribution by congressmen.

A special session of congress may be called without specific purpose, as many things of importance must be considered.

Senator Burkett has taken up the matter of making Omaha a delivery point for medical and veterinary supplies for the army.

General.
Southern Spain was shaken up by an earthquake shock and the city of Barcelona is reported overwhelmed by a tidal wave.

Trouble between the president and vice president of Cuba over political appointments may lead to resignation of latter official.

Anthony Howard, a car cleaner of Council Bluffs, Ia., was frozen to death during the late storm.

The Bulgarian government sent a note to the powers complaining of the uncompromising attitude of Turkey.

New York importers are preparing a protest against the attitude of the people of California toward the Japanese.

Loan agents have discovered it will not be safe to loan on Tripp and Gregory county lands until five years from date of entry.

Fire in retail district of St. Paul, Minn., destroyed six buildings, causing loss of \$600,000.

The American Live Stock association passed a resolution asking for a law prohibiting an advance in freight rates until commission has had opportunity to approve them.

Burlington officials testified at Chicago in the Missouri river rate hearing that payment of rebates was common up to a few years ago.

The appropriation bill for the post-office department carries with it an amount aggregating \$234,000,000.

Citizens of New Orleans are planning to give President-elect Taft an allegator steak dinner.

The United Mine Workers' convention passed series of resolutions condemning decision of Judge Wright in Gompers contempt case.

Edwin Hawley and associates have purchased control of the Chesapeake & Ohio railroad.

A new action in the Panama libel case may be started in the New York state courts.

The captain of the Florida puts the blame for the collision on the Republic.

The Interstate Commerce commission has ruled that rates on cream from points as far as Colorado to Chicago are too high and ordered a reduction.

Lincoln, Neb., ministers have agreed on a bill which will have their support to bring about county option.

Grand jury investigating town lot frauds at Muskogee returned three bills after holding a brief session. The conspiracy is said to be more extensive than was at first suspected.

Weighty problems confront Mr. Knox when he becomes secretary of state.

Judge T. C. Munger, of Nebraska, rules state law unconstitutional prohibiting appeal to federal courts from orders of the state railway commission.

President Roosevelt has submitted plans for reorganization of the navy.

The New England fishers dispute is in fair way of settlement.

Old age pensions in Ireland are paid in postoffice saloons and pensioners are told the proper way is to patronize the bar.

Two thousand people were at a country church near Axtell, Neb., to attend the funeral of the Olsons, killed in the Colorado wreck.

A bill is to be introduced in the New York legislature to compel instruction in boxing in the public schools.

California racing men are of the opinion that the anti-pool selling bill will pass and sound the knell of racing in that state.

A drastic prohibitory bill was introduced in the Utah legislature and it is expected to pass.

The Genoa, Neb., Indian school will be retained.

The steamship Republic and the Florida were in collision and the former sank. No lives were lost.

Minister Loomis, in an interview on the Japanese question, gives that country credit for good faith in its effort to stop emigration to the United States.

Lincoln's native county in Kentucky has voted for prohibition.

Washington.
Senator Burkett has accepted an invitation of the Atlantic City Board of Trade to speak before that body at a banquet on February 20.

Oakleigh Thorne and George W. Perkins testified before the senate committee on judiciary on its inquiry into the absorption of Tennessee Coal and Iron company by the United States steel corporation.

The Nebraska delegation and their wives were entertained at dinner by Senator Burkett. All were present except Congressman Hitchcock.

Senator Brown desires the senate to take his bill to prevent injunction of collection of state taxes by federal courts from the committee on judiciary and consider the same directly.

President Roosevelt believes the organization of the navy department is not as to bring the best results and he has appointed a committee whose announced duty will be to consider "certain needs of the navy."

Pleading for the establishment of a children's bureau in one of the departments of the federal government at Washington, promoters of the welfare of children, who have been in conference here, bore down on congress.

The military Order of the Loyal Legion of Nebraska, through its officers, W. J. Broatch, Horace Ludington and F. B. Lawrence, have sent a petition to Senator Brown calling upon congress to place officers on volunteer relief list.

President Samuel Gompers, Vice President John Mitchell and Secretary Frank Morrison, of the American Federation of Labor, recently adjudged in contempt of court and sentenced to imprisonment in the District of Columbia jail, were ordered by Justice Wright of the district supreme court to pay the costs incurred in the proceedings which resulted in the sentence for contempt. These aggregate about \$1,500.

By a vote of 9 to 8 the house committee on agriculture agreed to report favorably the Weeks bill providing for a commission for the establishment of a White mountain and southern Appalachian forest reserve.

Personal.
Judge J. J. Sullivan took the oath of office at Omaha and accepted appointment as justice of supreme court of Nebraska from Governor Shallenberger.

President Gomez was inaugurated at Havana and Provisional Governor Magon and staff sailed at once for home.

COMING NEW HOUSE

MANY OF MORE PROMINENT MEN NOT RE-ELECTED.

COMMITTEE HEADS TO RETIRE

The Problem of Reorganization Already Causes Anxiety Among Leaders.

Washington.—With the convening of a new congress scarcely more than a month distant, the selection of the standing committees of the next house and particularly the award of chairmanship, has become the subject of keen speculation and a source of some anxiety.

The understanding among members generally is that the rule of the seniority will be followed in selecting chairmen, but there may be some exceptions. In cases in which the chairmen are re-elected, it is expected that they will be retained in their present places with the possible exception of Mr. Fowler of New Jersey, chairman of the committee on banking and currency. There are, however, some important committees whose chairmen will not be members of the next house, and the selection of their successors is causing no little speculation.

Among these committees are those on the judiciary, where Mr. Jenkins of Wisconsin is chairman; interstate and foreign commerce, Colonel Hepburn, Iowa, as chairman; rivers and harbors, Senator-elect Burton, chairman, and postoffice and post roads, Mr. Overstreet of Indiana, chairman. These are four of the most important committees of the house and the chairmanship of each is highly prized.

The name of Representative Da Alava S. Alexander of Buffalo, N. Y., is strongly mentioned in connection with two of these committees. He will be the ranking member of the committee on rivers and harbors after Chairman Burton of Ohio takes his seat in the senate. With the renewed agitation in the middle west for waterways improvement there has sprung up a keen desire to keep the chairmanship of the rivers and harbors committee in that territory. For this reason Mr. Alexander's appointment as chairman does not appeal to the western representation.

The interstate and foreign commerce and postoffice and post roads committees are being paired.

Unless Colonel Hepburn of Iowa desires to contest for his seat in the house, and the chairmanship of the committee on interstate and foreign commerce is left vacant on that account, there will be a big problem to be solved in that committee.

The ranking member below Mr. Hepburn is James Sherman, vice president-elect. Next comes Messrs Wanger of Pennsylvania and Mann of Illinois.

The suggestion has been made that Mr. Wanger be appointed chairman of the postoffice and postroads committee to succeed Chairman Overstreet of Indiana, retired.

Terminal Fight Is Ended.
St. Joseph, Mo.—After preventing the Missouri Pacific railroad from gaining access to its terminals, upon which \$1,000,000 had been spent, for a period of two years, the Burlington has entered into an agreement by which the former road will cross the Burlington tracks, the only way of reaching the terminals and freight house. The Missouri Pacific will build a line from here to Atchison and construct a double-track road in conjunction with the Rock Island. It will erect a new passenger station here.

Great Britain Needs Meat.
London.—The committee of the government which was appointed last summer to inquire into the alleged American control of the British meat supply has concluded its investigation and, according to the Daily Mail, will report against interference with American imports, for the simple reason that Great Britain needs the American supply.

Frozen to Death in Blizzard.
Marshalltown, Ia.—While on his way home from Odebolt, Joseph Jacobsen, a well known farmer living southeast of town, was caught in the blizzard and was frozen to death.

Root at Hot Springs.
Hot Springs, Ark.—Senator-elect, Elihu Root arrived at Hot Springs to get away from the strenuous life and give a sprained knee a chance to mend. He will remain three weeks.

Garfield not in the Cabinet.
Washington.—The definite statement can be made that James R. Garfield, secretary of the interior, will not be a member of the cabinet of the next administration.

Money for Signal Corps.
Washington.—By voting an appropriation of \$75,000 the house of representatives on Saturday made liberal provisions for further experiments by the army of balloons and airships for use in warfare. The subject gave rise to a spirited debate, which continued most of the session. The opponents of the proposition tried to defeat it by raising all sorts of parliamentary points, but the chair overruled these and paved the way for incorporating the provisions in the army appropriation bill.

DRY FARM STATIONS

THE LOWER HOUSE ENDORSES TWO BILLS FOR SAME.

VARIOUS LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

Oregon Senatorial Primary Bill Passed—Measure for the Protection of Game Birds.

The house stamped its approval upon furtherance of dry farming experiments for sand hill farmers when it indorsed in committee of the whole two bills for the establishment of experiment stations in the semi-arid regions of the west and northwest.

The limitations upon the location of these stations require that they be located somewhere in Kimball, Scotts Bluff, Sioux, Sheridan, Cherry, Keya Butte, Sioux, Sheridan, Cherry, Keya Paha, Brown or Rock counties.

Brown of Keya Paha pleaded, in asking for the establishment of one of the stations, that it has taken the dwellers in the sand hills twenty-five years to find out what they can grow in those regions.

The bills carry appropriations each of \$15,000. Representative Clark, in urging their passage, declared that he believes the state could not spend money to better advantage than in testing the resources of the sparsely populated, semi-arid portions of the west.

There is a tendency on the part of a good many of the members to consider that the establishment of experiment stations will answer the purpose of a western agricultural college.

Mr. Kelley denies this, however. He says a college is a college and an experiment station is an experiment station, and this legislature will leave one platform unfulfilled if it does not provide for a school similar to the Lincoln school somewhere in the west.



M. A. BATES
Floor Representative from Cass and Otoe Counties.

Long Hours for Saloons.
Nebraska's saloons will not be closed all over the state from 7 p. m. to the same hour in the morning, the senate committee on judiciary reporting to postpone indefinitely the bill offered by King of Polk to this effect.

Insurance Bill Is Killed.
H. R. No. 15, by Gates of Sarpy, was put to rout by the house in the committee of the whole. The bill provides that farm mutual insurance companies had the right to insure detached residence property and limited the liability of the members to one and a half times the board rate, and that losses could be prorated. The bill was indefinitely postponed.

As to "Dope Fiends."
Senator Henry of Colfax does not believe the state should have to take care of dipsomaniacs and "dope fiends." He introduced a bill repealing all acts that had to do with the examination of such persons and providing for their care.

Want New State School.
The Nebraska association for the protection of the blind has drawn a bill for the erection of a new state institution, a manual training school for the blind. The school is to be located by the state officers, and buildings are to be erected at a cost of \$50,000.

Placed on General File.
The house committee on railroads placed on the general file the Evans bill to compel railroads to furnish scales for weighing grain, without recommendation, and deferred action on the Sink bill limiting the number of cars in a freight train to fifty.

For District Clerks.
A bill in which district clerks of the state are interested was introduced into the senate by Senator Ransom. It provides that orders of the courts will be filed without charge and fixed specific charges for entering all other papers. The clerks have had a difficult time in collecting the money on judgments and other orders by the court, and in many cases these have never been filed. The new law raises the process of filing other documents so that the charge will not have to be made for the order.

PLANNING A PRIMARY.

Bills on the Subject Come Before Both Houses.

Bills have been introduced in both houses to amend or repeal the primary law. The measure for amendment is by Mr. Kuhl in the senate. It is in keeping with suggestions made during the campaign by adherents of both parties. Mr. Scheele, in the house has a bill to do away with the primary law altogether. His measure carries with it no suggestion to take the place of the primary law, passed by the thirtieth session of the legislature. It presumes a return to the old convention system. Senator Hatfield of Antelope introduced a similar bill. Many democrats will vote to repeal. Many republicans want to see it repealed, but may not stand firm when the measure comes up in the house. Action on the Scheele bill is not likely to be entirely along party lines.

"I will vote for the bill," said a prominent democrat. "The primary law has not been a success in our neck of the woods. It could be so amended that it would only apply to cities of 10,000 population or over, it would be all right. But in the country it is a failure. The people did not get out to the primaries. The entire cost of a campaign is more than the advantages of the measure will warrant. One member is considering the introduction of a bill taxing every voter who does not appear at the polls on primary day or on general election day.

Kuhl's amendment to the law provides that the state convention shall be held the last Tuesday of July in order that it may frame a platform before the candidates file applications for office. In addition to this he would have the committees, county, congressional, judicial and state, selected according to a plan arranged by the state committee of each party.

These methods need not be similar in each party. The state convention shall select the state committee, and shall issue a platform. It shall not endorse any candidates for any office. The delegates to the state convention shall be selected by the county committee, but shall not be one from each county, but shall be apportioned by the state committee according to the vote cast for presidential elector at the last presidential election.

Railroad Physical Valuation.

The subcommittee of the joint committee on railroads, which has been considering physical valuation of railroad and public service corporation property, has agreed to recommend the bill of Senator Ollis as their idea of the measure to be introduced. It includes:

Value of all real estate, value of all grading, value of all bridges, buildings, water stations and other structures used by the road, all track material, tools, signals, etc. all telegraph and telephone material owned by the company, all stores and supplies on hand, value of all rolling stock which in the case of an interstate road shall be the proportion justly chargeable to the part of the road lying in the state; value of shops and machinery, and all other articles and things belonging to and necessarily a part of the road.

The commission must find the total value of each railroad, the number of miles of road and the average value per mile of track. The basis to be used in arriving at such value shall be average market value of cost of labor and material.

The values shown of shall be the amount of money found necessary to rebuild the road complete as it now stands, allowing for a reasonable length of time for assembling the material and doing the work necessary for bringing into existence such railroad. The proper reductions shall be made for the wear and shrinkage in value on account of age and wear of material.

Full power is given the commission to call for reports from all the corporations affected and to devise schedules which the companies must answer under oath.

The work must be concluded in the year 1910 and when a valuation of a company is determined the opportunity for a hearing must be granted.

Bank Guaranty Law.
Democratic leaders conferred with Mr. Bryan and Governor Shallenberger and agreed upon the principal provisions of the bank guaranty law that is to be passed by the legislature. There were present Senator Volpp and Representative Graf, chairman of the senate and house banking committee, and several leading members of both houses. The bill which Mr. Bryan wishes passed will be a compulsory act and for immediate payment even as distinguished from Senator Volpp's thirty-day payment provision, it having been impressed on the members that this is necessary, and Mr. Bryan desires losses shall be made good the moment the bank cannot be checked up. The bill must also have a tax equal to 1 per cent maximum levy in any one year must not exceed 2 per cent of the deposits in emergencies.

Garnishment Law.
Netleton of Clay has introduced a bill to wipe out the attachment law passed by the last session of the legislature. He would have sixty days' wages of the head of a family exempt from garnishment, attachment or execution, provided that such head of a family is not about to leave the state with debts unpaid. The last legislature amended the law so that only 90 per cent is exempt from attachment. Under the provisions of the law of 1907 much work for justice courts has arisen through attachment on wages.

NEBRASKA IN BRIEF

NEWS NOTES OF INTEREST FROM VARIOUS SECTIONS.

ALL SUBJECTS TOUCHED UPON

Religious, Social, Agricultural, Political and Other Matters Given Due Consideration.

The Midwest Life of Lincoln sells life insurance to prudent, thrifty and sensible men and women. Write for an agency.

Norfolk has entered the race for the new state normal school. A new Catholic church is to be built at Crab Orchard.

In a debating contest between Atkinson and O'Neill the former won. Four new rooms have been fitted up in Fairbury to accommodate increased school attendance.

Petitions have been freely signed in Grand Island for paving the streets.

A "Made in Lincoln" exposition will be held in the Capital city in March.

Legislators visited Beatrice to look over the conditions of the feeble minded institute.

Hastings school facilities are inadequate an steps will be taken to provide more room.

An effort will be made to land the annual encampment of the Nebraska G. A. R. in Fairbury for 1910.

The Odd Fellows of Chappell are putting up a substantial building with hall above and stores below.

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."

Miss Bennie Talbott, of Omaha, 22 years old, ended her life with a pistol a few days ago. She had been disappointed in a love affair.

A Merriek County legislator blew out the gas in Lincoln lodging house and would have been asphyxiated had the discovery not been made.

While two soldiers at Ft. Robinson were engaged in a friendly scuffle, when by some means one of them was fatally shot.

The Furnas County Teachers' association meeting was the largest ever held, 121 teachers being in attendance.

During cold weather ice hanging was vigorously prosecuted, though in few instances was a full crop secured.

William Carr & Sons of Tecumseh have been awarded the contract for about \$5,000 worth of grading on the tracks of the Otoe county speed association at Nebraska City.

The committee appointed to solicit subscriptions to the stock of the proposed cannery at West Point have completed their canvass with very satisfactory results.

Robbers entered the Swartz & Egelston general store in Alma and made a gateway with several overcoats and suits, leaving clothing scattered about the store.

Sheriff McCleery has offered a personal reward of \$50 each for the arrest of John Kaffer and Charles Anderson, who broke out of the Adams county jail two weeks ago.

E. F. Marshall had about sixty-five cottonwood trees on his farm west of Plattsmouth, and had them cut down and sawed into lumber. They were large trees and made 38,000 feet.

Fifty Hungarian partridges were received at Valentine an dare kept in M. V. Nicholson's yard until warm weather when they will be turned loose along the banks of the Minnehadzuza to propagate.

The Grain-Alfalfa milling company has been incorporated, at Nebraska City, with a capital stock of \$200,000. The incorporators are H. H. Hanks, Walter McNamara, Gilbert Hanks, John Johnson and L. F. Jackson.

The Sutton Electric Light and Power Co. has been purchased and enlarged by the Jacob Sack Lumber Co., besides being reorganized and incorporated. The capital stock is \$25,000. It is housed in a new building.

The Cass County Commissioners are making a trip over the roads and examining the bridges in the western and central portion of the county to ascertain the amount of work necessary to be done this spring.

During the last year the building improvements in Alma amounted to \$65,000. Eleven residences were built, a fine Catholic church, one cement block office building and implement warehouse and a large cement auto garage.

At David City Jane White was bound over to the district court to answer to the charge of manslaughter. Miss White had been arrested on the charge of infanticide for dropping a baby from a Burlington passenger train on the morning of December 23, 1908.

Bert Taylor, the Minden murderer, is now in the penitentiary at Lincoln for safe keeping until his trial.

At Grand Island the other day Fred P. Walgrew ended his troubles and thirst for drink by adding a two-ounce vial of carbolic acid to a glass of beer that he drank. He was dead in an hour.

A crazy wild man found living in an old deserted claim shack, living entirely upon baked potatoes, is the latest deep mystery for Valentine. The man was discovered by Frank Bowman, foreman of Metz brothers ranch about six miles north of Cody.