

NEWS NOTES CONDENSED

A Boiling Down of the More Important Events Here and There

Foreign.

An empty balloon, the envelope of which had burst, descended near Lubbeck, Germany, during a storm. It is thought that the aeronaut had fallen into the sea.

Scheffek Pasha, commander of the constitutionalist forces, has been appointed inspector general of the first, second and third army corps, or in other words, of all the troops in the capital and European Turkey.

King Alfonso inaugurated the Reginal Exposition at Valencia, Spain. It was followed by a flower fete in the streets of the city.

Prince Lidj Jeassu, the 13-year-old grandson of King Menelik, was publicly proclaimed heir to the Abyssinian throne in the presence of many chiefs and 20,000 soldiers.

A destructive fire at Kingston, on the warf of the Hamburg-American line destroyed the entire dock, which was 130 feet long. Two-thirds of the cargo of the steamer Prinz Joachim, valued at \$72,000, was destroyed.

That all of the members of his immediate family had survived the Armenian massacres was the cheering word brought to K. K. Krikorian (Gregory) an Omaha Armenian, in a letter from his brother. Of all his numerous relatives only one met death.

Without any flourish of trumpets Japan has made considerable strides in the matter of airship building, and while the utmost secrecy is maintained there is reason to believe that an inventor of some repute has recently patented improvements that are calculated to startle aerostats all over the world.

It was learned at Astar, Asiatic Turkey, that the local governor received from Constantinople on the day following the outbreak of anti-Christian rioting at Adana a message suggesting the killing of Armenians as a precaution against insurrection.

General.

The president's wife will put aside social duties for a time in the interest of her health.

Governor Hughes vetoed the Allen bill, which proposed a bond issue of \$2,000,000 to provide a pension of \$6 per month to veterans of the civil war who served for at least ninety days and who were enlisted in this state.

A fire at Akron, Ohio, destroyed \$1,500,000 worth of property.

Unjust discrimination between white and colored passengers paying the same fare is not legally permissible by a railway according to a decision of the interstate commerce commission.

Mr. Bryan has arrived home in Lincoln and will remain for ten days.

Mrs. Helen Kelly Gould was granted on interlocutory decree of divorce from Frank J. Gould by Justice Gerard, in the supreme court.

Abbott Lawrence Lowell, who for the last ten years has been Eaton professor of the science of government at Harvard, has assumed the presidency of the university as the successor of President Elliot without ceremony.

Owing to the Oklahoma deposit guarantee law, which went into effect in February, 1908, there has been a decrease in the state during the year of sixty-seven national banks.

Resolutions were passed by the house authorizing the secretary of war to loan coats and tents for the thirty-third national encampment of the G. A. R. at Salt Lake City.

Governor Hughes of New York signed a law increasing the penalty for extortion of blackmail from five to ten years.

A new tariff sheet is being prepared by transcontinental railroads which will affect the country west of the Mississippi. It will take effect July 1.

President Taft spoke at Petersburg, Va., on the occasion of unveiling a monument to Gen. Hartranft.

Nord Alexis, deposed president of Hayti, will soon come to Peru, Ind., for a visit, as the guest of James Turner, colored. Turner is wealthy and has invited the ex-president to spend the summer in the United States with him.

Experts of the United States navy are bending every effort toward perfecting wireless equipment, both telephone and telegraph, for use by the vessels of the navy and the naval shore stations.

The town of Alger, O., was almost entirely wiped out by fire. The loss is estimated at \$60,000.

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Secretary Ballinger has received the resignation of W. Scott Smith, superintendent of the Hot Springs reservation, Arkansas, to take effect June 30.

Without a dissenting vote the Wisconsin assembly concurred in the senate bill fixing the penalty for kidnapping at life imprisonment.

It is the outcome of this year's crops not tariff revision, that interests the people, says Jim Hill of the Great Northern.

President Taft has appointed Lieutenant Commander Leigh Carlisle Palmer to act as naval aide at the White House. He succeeds Lieutenant Simms.

An amendment to restore Dingley tariff rates on razors was lost in the senate.

According to the figures presented the world's stock of gold has increased about one-half in the last decade and doubled in the last quarter of a century.

A new freight rate schedule from all the territory east of the Missouri river to all the western cities not located on the Pacific coast will go into effect on the transcontinental lines July 1.

The United states dirigible balloon No. 1, otherwise known as the Baldwin air ship, arrived at Fort Omaha.

One hundred and seventy mules were burned to death in a fire at the Kansas City stock yards.

Thos. A. Creigh, past department commander of the Nebraska G. A. R., died in Omaha a few days ago after five days' illness from pneumonia. He was taken sick while attending the state encampment at York.

W. J. Furse, private secretary to Gov. Shallenberger, announces in a letter to R. Insinger, chairman of the board of control of the national irrigation congress, that delegates have been appointed to represent the state of Nebraska at the seventeenth session in Spokane, Aug. 9 to 14.

A friend of Petrosino, the Italian detective, was assassinated at New York.

The Great Northern railroad has offered a reward of \$10,000 for each robber in the recent train holdup.

Speaker Cannon says it will take 100 degree temperature to get action in the senate on the tariff bill.

President Taft attended the funeral of Mrs. Mary Louise Dalzell, wife of Representative John Dalzell of Pittsburgh, Pa., who died in Washington.

There was a large attendance in Omaha of the funeral of Lorenzo Crouse, former soldier, pioneer, legislator, judge, congressman and governor.

Washington.

Brigadier General John B. Kerr, recently detached from command of the mounted service and post at Fort Riley, Kas., has been placed on the retired list of the army on his own application.

Ensign Edward Guerrant Hargis, of the United States navy, a nephew of the noted Judge Hargis of Kentucky, was declared by a jury to be afflicted with "depressive insanity." He must be taken care of by his father.

Representative Kinkaid invited Secretary Ballinger to visit North Platte irrigation district this summer, and Mr. Ballinger promised to do so, at a date to be fixed later, when he is on his way back to Washington after his summer vacation.

There were 1,922 fewer fatalities to passengers and employes in railway accidents during the calendar year 1908, than in 1907. Comparing the returns of 1908 with those of the fiscal year 1906-07, the decrease in fatalities was even more gratifying, being 2,173, or 43.4 per cent.

These postmasters have been appointed: Mallard, Palo Alto county, Ia., Arvin C. Sands, vice A. D. Johnson, removed. Palmer, Pocatoh county, Neb., Martin A. Hansen, vice R. H. Borrey, resigned. Spragg, Rock county, Neb., George R. Sage, vice G. Spragg, resigned. Spring Ranch, Clay county, David M. Roush, vice J. D. Morehouse, resigned.

James J. Hill, the railroad magnate, called on President Taft. He expressed the belief that if the tariff agitation was cut off short and the oratorical steam in congress shut off, the country would begin a great era of prosperity at an early date.

That seventeen republicans have pledged themselves to vote for the compromise income tax bill is the claim put forth by Senator Cummins, leader of the republican movement for this legislation. "This means that the bill is likely to pass at this time," said the senator. "Though of course accidents may happen."

Because nobody wants to be postmaster the postoffice at Glenrose, McPherson county, Nebraska, will be discontinued. Representative Kinkaid has been so notified.

Personal.

"Civic betterment of cities" will be the star to which the Iowa Federation of Women's Clubs will nail its flag during the coming two years.

Samuel Avery was made chancellor of the state university of Nebraska.

The president struck a popular chord in his recent speech at Charlotte, N. C.

Miss Helen Taft, daughter of the president, has accepted an invitation to unveil the monument erected at Gettysburg, Pa., in memory of the soldiers of the regular union army, who participated in the Gettysburg campaign.

The Illinois legislature thus far has been unable to elect a United States senator.

Ella Wheeler Wilcox believes in a hundred years all drudgery will be done by machinery.

Henry H. Rogers, New York, just deceased, was 69 years old.

Lieutenant General Stoessel and Rear Admiral Nebogotoff were pardoned by Emperor Nicholas.

Mrs. Annis, wife of the man killed by Capt. Haines, will go on the stage in vaudeville.

St. Joseph lawyers voted to investigate the charges against Federal Judges Phillips and McPherson.

William Williams has been appointed commissioner of immigration.

The president nominated Walter E. Clark, a Washington newspaper man, to be governor of Alaska.

LIMITED IS HELD UP

UNION PACIFIC OVERLAND TRAIN MEETS ROBBERS.

REGISTERED MAIL SACKS TAKEN

Four Men Concerned in Work Are Believed to Be at Present Hiding in Omaha.

Omaha—Overland Limited train No. 2 on the Union Pacific was held up by four masked robbers on the Lane Cut Off at 11:20 Saturday night, the train crew and mail clerks subdued with guns and seven sacks of registered mail taken from the mail car by the robbers, who jumped into a waiting automobile and escaped.

"One of the features of the holdup was that the train was held less than fifteen minutes," said Mr. Foley, who was at his home, but soon hurried to his office to hear the reports of the train crew.

The place where the train was held up was on the country road between the Northwestern crossing and the overhead bridge, just west of South Omaha, less than a mile from the west side of Hanscom park. The train had just crossed the big fill over the Little Pappio when the robbers climbed over the tender into the cab and ordered the engine crew to run the train a little farther before stopping. The stop was finally ordered on the country road.

The Limited was coming into Omaha over the Lane Cut Off and had reached a point this side of Seymour when two masked men crawled over the tender into the cab of the engine and forced Engineer Ellick R. Mickeljohn and Fireman Herman Prawl to throw up their hands. After they had been searched for weapons they were told to run the train a little further and stop, the place of stopping having been planned with reference to the waiting automobile.

A third robber soon appeared on the scene and was joined by a fourth as soon as the train stopped. Taking the engine crew along with them the robbers went to the mail car and found the door open. They fired a couple of shots and brought the eight mail clerks to the door of the car, where they were soon confronted with guns and lined up and searched for weapons.

The robbers, after lining up the mail clerks, forced the engine crew to carry seven sacks of registered mail to the waiting automobile, and as soon as the seven sacks were loaded, the four jumped in the automobile and started for the north.

Late but meager clues, all tending to show the men who robbed the mail car of the Union Pacific Overland Limited on the boundary line between Omaha and South Omaha at 11:30 Saturday night are in the city of Omaha have been found by Omaha police and railroad detectives.

These officers believe the train robbers are in Omaha, and that perhaps at their leisure they sorted the seven sacks of registered mail taken from the car while in hiding Sunday. The amount of loss is not known and will not be for several days.

Coney Island Still Does Business.

New York.—Two hundred thousand persons, according to estimates, went down to Coney Island Sunday to watch the police clap on the lid, as threatened by Mayor McClellan's recent declaration that the Sunday closing law would be enforced. Those who expected a clash between the law and the showmen were disappointed, for no friction whatever occurred. All amusement resorts ran as usual and only six arrests were made during the day. Two were peddlers and two were for violation of the excise laws.

One Hundred Engines for U. P.

Dunkirk, N. Y.—It is reported that the Union Pacific railroad has placed an order for 100 engines with the American Locomotive company and that they will be built at the Schenectady and Brooks plants.

Big Reward for Robbers.

Omaha.—Assistant Superintendent Foley says: "The Union Pacific will give a reward of \$5,000 for the apprehension of each of the robbers who held up the Overland Limited Saturday night."

HAMMOND FOR CHINA POST.

Famous Engineer is Said to Be Slated for the Position.

Washington.—While it is impossible to secure any confirmation of the report that President Taft will tender the post of minister to China to John Hays Hammond, it is believed here that such an offer will be made. Whether Mr. Hammond would feel that he could leave his business interests in this country and take up his residence in Peking without serious detriment to the former has been the subject of much speculation.

Fairbanks is at Tokio.

Tokio.—Former Vice President Charles W. Fairbanks and party arrived here from San Francisco. Mr. Fairbanks will be received in audience by the emperor.

Kermitt Gets Third Buffalo.

Nairobi, British East Africa.—The Roosevelt expedition is still hunting buffalo on the Nairobi river, and Mr. Roosevelt and his son Kermitt succeeded in bringing down their third animal of this kind.

ROADS GET HEARING.

Lawyers Appear Before Board of Equalization.

The state board of equalization held its first open meeting to listen to the arguments of Tax Commissioner A. W. Scribner of the Union Pacific and T. A. Polley of the Omaha & Minneapolis railroads. Both tax commissioners made showings in an attempt to prove to the board that their roads were assessed too high compared with other property in the state, and the Union Pacific endeavored to show that its road was assessed out of proportion to other roads in other states.

Mr. Scribner insisted that the state of Nebraska was realizing taxes on property of his road to which it was not entitled. He made the statement that the Union Pacific owned stock in auxiliary companies outside of the property of the Union Pacific proper to the amount of \$47,376,450, investments in stocks of the market value of \$254,666,696, bonds to the value of \$31,823,200, making a total holdings of \$365,866,246 owned outside of the railroad property. He insisted this amount was not assessable in this state. He argued also that the board should value the property strictly on what the property is worth and on the same basis its freight rates should be fixed. After deducting the outside holdings, he said his own company was capitalized on a net valuation of \$53,610 a mile, market value. In Nebraska he said the board had fixed the actual value of the main line at \$107,500 a mile, and the branch lines at \$46,000 a mile.

In comparison with this valuation in Nebraska, Mr. Scribner filed the following, showing the value of other roads in other states:

Iowa—Burlington main line, \$60,000 per mile, all double tracked; Chicago & Northwestern main line, \$62,800 per mile; Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul main line, \$44,000 per mile; Rock Island main line, \$45,200 per mile.

Kansas—Santa Fe main line, 485 miles, of which 200 miles is double-tracked, actual value \$51,773 per mile; Union Pacific main line in Nebraska, actual value \$107,500 per mile; Union Pacific and Omaha & Republican Valley in Nebraska, 428.3 miles, actual value \$46,000 per mile.

Mr. Scribner argued that other property had not been assessed on the same basis as had railroad property, and he filed with the board a statement of land sales with the assessment of the land named in the deeds to show that the assessment was below the real sales value of the land. His table showed the following comparison of the sales value and the assessor's value of the land in question, by counties:

County	Average Sales Value	Assessor's Value
Boone	246.75	\$17.16
Butte	28.85	23.85
Butler	77.03	55.61
Cheyenne	39.95	5.85
Colfax	78.80	63.90
Custer	19.33	14.30
Dawson	29.43	24.36
Deuel	11.50	5.61
Dodge	76.98	58.53
Douglas	90.78	65.42
Fillmore	65.80	55.90
Franklin	28.23	16.90
Grant	38.79	40.87
Harlan	31.62	26.12
Keith	12.47	6.73
Kimball	7.41	4.78
Lancaster	87.62	62.96
Lincoln	12.74	7.83
Madison	54.41	46.49
Merrick	47.71	32.42
Nance	43.24	32.40
Platte	68.50	47.97
Polk	66.80	54.86
Sarpy	76.96	67.01
Saunder	80.71	69.00
Sherman	25.61	21.55
Valley	29.16	20.72

Avery Heads Schoolmasters.

Chancellor Avery of the University of Nebraska was made president of the Nebraska Schoolmasters' club, which held its forty-sixth annual meeting at the Lincoln hotel. George L. Towne was made secretary and treasurer.

Declines the Secretaryship.

Chris Gruenther has declined the position of secretary to the state banking board. The place was offered to him, it is reported, by Governor Shallenberger. The job pays \$3,000 a year.

Nebraska Dentists.

The Nebraska dentists closed the best session in the history of their organization at the Temple building. Nearly 400 practitioners attended the thirty-third annual gathering of the society.

Will Be Admonished.

Foreign candy manufacturers will probably receive an admonition from the office of the deputy food commissioner in a few days. Prizes are being put in packages. Several salad and catsup makers have disregarded the orders of the office.

Will Fight Excise Board.

It has been rumored that the clubs of the city will fight the mandate of the excise board that they must close their bars. All of them have been personally notified by the chief of police that they must be ready to close their bars on June 1. Such notices were served on the Elks club, the Eagles, two German societies, and two negro societies. It is expected by officials that a restraining order will be asked for towards the last of the month. City Attorney Stewart and the excise board want this to be done. They wish to find out their powers in the matter.

Stake Races Filling.

All the stake races for this year's state fair will soon be filled. This is assured from the letters which were received by Secretary Mellor up to last week, more than 100 horses being entered for the eight stake events. The stake races are the 3-year-old trot, the 2:35 trot, the 2:21 trot and the 2:15 trot. There are four races for pacers, the 3-year-old, the 2:30, 2:22 and 2:14. The stakes amount to \$7,000, all of the races being \$1,000 events, except the 3-year-old races, which are for \$500 each.

NEBRASKA IN BRIEF

NEWS NOTES OF INTEREST FROM VARIOUS SECTIONS.

ALL SUBJECTS TOUCHED UPON

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

A dog, supposed to be afflicted with rabies, was killed in Beatrice last week.

Seward will have four saloons henceforth, and after July 1st they will close at 8 p. m.

Mrs. Cronkrite, a prominent and beloved woman of Nebraska City, dropped dead a few days ago.

Julius Seifert of Pleasanton, Buffalo county, was adjudged insane by the insanity board and will be taken to Lincoln.

John Rolff, a laborer employed in the quarries at Cedar Creek, was found dead in his bed at the boarding house. Heart malady is supposed to have been the cause.

For the second time within a few months the armories of the Nebraska national guard have been draped in mourning in memory of an ex-governor, and commander in chief of the guard.

Benjamin Heddendorf, the 18-year-old boy who shot and killed W. C. Dillon in his cabin near Stamburg, March 19, was found guilty of murder in the first degree and sentenced to life imprisonment.

J. B. Douglas and G. W. Hassett, who walked from Tecumseh to Grand Island to attend the state meeting of the Building & Loan association, covered the distance of 150 miles in three and a half days.

Secretary Miller of the State Volunteer Firemen's association announces that the dates fixed for the annual tournament are August 24, 25 and 26, and that Hebron will be the place of meeting.

Caley's barber shop in Cozad was broken into by two young men while Caley was on the sidewalk in front. They were pursued by the town marshal in an automobile and overhauled about a mile from town.

Miss Eliza C. Morgan, who, for twenty-six years, was the preceptress of Mount Vernon dormitory of the Peru Normal, has sent President Crabtree word that she will attend the commencement exercises there on June 1.

Andy Potts and Charles Osborn, two Omaha confidence men, who got \$250 from Charles Dressler by the ancient express package game, pleaded guilty in district court at Fremont, and were sentenced to two years in the penitentiary.

Governor Shallenberger and Adjutant General Hartigan went to Fairbury, where both addressed a good roads meeting. The governor spoke on the value of good roads in the state and the adjutant general on highways in towns.

The child of Fred Wilcox, living north of Sutton, was fatally burned while burning trash in the yard. The girl was at home alone and the flames got beyond control, burning her so severely that she died before help could reach her.

Alleging that his character and reputation have been damaged to the extent of \$2,000 by reason of the stories which the defendant has circulated concerning him, Vernon McPherson of Chapman has brought suit against Fred Frel of Chapman for defamation of character.

A verdict of \$5,000 against the Nebraska Telephone company has been won by Sadie M. Latta, formerly an operator in the University Place office of the company. Miss Latta sued for \$10,000 for injuries received while in the employ of the company by the falling of an arc lamp above her desk.

Mrs. Stella Cole of Lincoln was drowned in the raging waters of Antelope creek, which has overflowed its banks and become a torrent, through heavy rains. The woman, when the water came in the house, grabbed her baby and made a brave attempt to save her own and her baby's life by rushing through the waters. The baby was rescued alive.

Miss Ruth Leroy, who was married to L. H. Worley in Portland last week, and who was murdered by her husband the following day, was a domestic in the family of Dr. E. W. Lamb, who lived in Lincoln until recently, when he moved to Sprague, this state, whence Miss Leroy went on her bridal trip. She became acquainted with Worley by correspondence.

Louis K. Sunderlin, a former Tekamah boy, has been appointed by the United States government as special land agent to investigate land frauds in the state of Oregon, at a salary of \$2,280 per annum. He has been located at Portland, Ore. Mr. Sunderlin prepared for college in the Tekamah public schools. He graduated at George Washington university in Washington, D. C.

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NEBRASKA NEWS AND NOTES.

Items of Interest Taken From Here and There Over the State.

Stanton has decided on proper celebration of the Fourth of July.

A new bank is soon to open at Tecumseh.

The Union Pacific is building a new depot at Columbus.

The college at Bellevue was damaged to the extent of \$100 by hail storm.

Several mild cases of smallpox have appeared at Holdrege.

The railway commission ordered the Union Pacific to erect a depot at Madison.

The Farmers' Lumber company of Unadilla has been incorporated with a cash capital of \$25,200.

After two weeks of drouth, six Norfolk saloons reopened, having secured licenses.

Burglars made a raid on several houses in Springfield. They, however, secured but little booty.

John Ruppert was fined \$75 and costs in the district court at Columbus for the illegal selling of liquor.

The fire department of Beatrice will have charge of the Fourth of July celebration in that city.

Fairbury is highly pleased over the selection of that place for the next state encampment of the G. A. R.

Rev. G. W. Crofts of West Point died last week. For eight years he was pastor of the Congregational church at Beatrice.

An unknown man was killed a quarter of a mile west of Denton. His body was dragged forty rods under the box car of a Burlington freight train, and was terribly mangled.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde, living near Paxton, are accused of maltreating a 4-year-old child that they had taken into the family. They were arrested and the child taken from them.