

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

Foreign.

Earth shocks, accompanied by subterranean rumbles, continue daily in the Ribatejo district, Portugal. No casualties have been reported, although many walls have collapsed.

A dispatch from Leopoldville in the Congo says the trial of Rev. William Morrison and the Rev. W. H. Shepard, American missionaries, for alleged libel, has been postponed to June 30.

Emperor Nicholas will visit King Edward at Cowes Aug. 2. The Russian imperial squadron will go first to Cherbourg, arriving July 31, and staying until the next day.

A dispatch received at the state department from Lisbon says the Portuguese government has authorized the importation of 8,000,000 bushels of wheat up to July 10.

The liberals and the radicals as well as the socialists have refused to participate further in the discussions by the finance committee of the German reichstag of the matter of new taxation.

Anuel V. Domenech and Francisco P. Quinones, representatives of the republican party of Porto Rico, discussed with President Taft conditions in the islands. The president was urged to consider the matter of citizenship for the people of Porto Rico and to recommend legislation along that line.

Minister Wu-Ting Fang of China called on Secretary of State Knox to say farewell preparatory to a two months' absence in South America. The Chinese diplomat is also the diplomatic representative of China to Peru and it is to present his credentials to the president of Peru that he is making this trip.

General.

The United States transport John A. Dix arrived at Seattle from Honolulu Friday, bringing the Hawaiian exhibit for the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition.

Marked interest abroad in the currency problem of the United States was noted by Jacob H. Schiff, banker, who returned from a six weeks' trip in Europe.

Government attorneys in the criminal libel suit against the Indianapolis News were forced to take a continuance to secure witnesses.

By adopting a resolution for night sessions and by interpretations of rules, the senate will endeavor to curb western senators.

The Nebraska tax board increased the assessed valuation of Burlington, Northwestern and Union Pacific railroads, and decreased Missouri Pacific.

At Mason City, Ia., Judge Clark sentenced Edward McNamara of Grafton, who shot and killed his father, Martin McNamara, last November, to 18 years in the Fort Madison penitentiary.

At Ithaca, N. Y., President Jacob Gould Schurman of Cornell university, in addressing the graduating class, criticized the reported statements of President Woodrow Wilson of Princeton, that he deplored the decrease in intellectual vitality and slacker spirit of study in American colleges.

The universities of Wisconsin, Michigan, Minnesota and Toronto have been admitted to participate in the professors' allowance system of the Carnegie foundation for the advancement of teaching, according to announcement made in New York.

The first night session of the senate brought a display of temper and exchange of personalities.

Senator Burkett had a narrow escape in an automobile accident near Washington.

Jack Shelton, under arrest in Denver, is considered fourth man in the Union Pacific train robbery. He is known to have been in Kearney and North Platte, Neb., in an automobile, and is believed to have carried the swag.

Detective McDonald, from Spokane, Wash., arrived in Omaha and at once identified Woods, Torgenson and Gordon, the three men under arrest for the Union Pacific railroad robbery, as far western criminals who are supposed to have had a hand in the Great Northern holdup.

Edward Dana Durand, the new director of the census, was born in Michigan in 1871. He was legislative librarian of the New York state library from 1895 to 1897. Later he was instructor of economics at Harvard and Stanford universities.

The vice president of the Union Copper company was sentenced to the Toms for contempt of court.

Germany resents the charge that that country is meddling in the tariff affairs of the United States.

The three alleged bandits who held up the Union Pacific Overland train had examination at Omaha and were held to the grand jury, with bail fixed at \$25,000 for each.

Marcel Prevost, the French author, has been elected a member of the academy in succession to the late Victorien Sardou.

In the big reward offered for apprehension of the Union Pacific railroad robbers, many will share, including a number of school children.

Dr. Elliott, former president of Harvard college, will make a tour of the west.

The one hundred and twenty-first general assembly of the Presbyterian church closed at Denver last week. The session next year will be held in Atlantic City, N. J.

Senators Aldrich and Stone had an angry clash in the senate.

By a premature explosion of a cannon, Henry Mahan, aged 70 years, an old soldier, was killed at St. Mary's, Ohio, while officially opening the Memorial day observance.

The Illinois legislature is again in a deadlock, this time over the question of sine die adjournment.

The Wright brothers will arrive in Washington June 10, when President Taft will present them with the gold medals obtained through public subscriptions by the Aero Club of America.

F. P. Baier, the oldest newspaper editor in Kansas, died a few days ago.

Hidden in the garret of the Brown Park school house in South Omaha, within a few feet of the spot where the rifled mail sacks were discovered, four sticks of dynamite were found by the two janitors.

On recommendation of Congressman Kinkaid, Dr. J. J. Fickett was appointed pension examining surgeon at Broken Bow, Neb., vice Dr. C. J. Christensen, resigned.

The senate refused, 16 to 47, to strike the Dutch standard test out of the sugar schedule.

At Denver the federal grand jury returned indictments against the officers of the Union Land company and others interested in coal lands in Routt county, Colorado, charging them with conspiracy to defraud the government out of coal lands.

Temperance people from all sections of the world will gather at London in July to attend the Twelfth International Congress on Alcoholism at the Imperial institute from July 18 to 24.

Thirteen men were hanged in public at daybreak in Constantinople, having been found guilty of complicity in the revolutionary outbreak of April 13. The bodies were left exposed to view for a short time only.

Omaha people are asking the Washington authorities for better mail service out of that city Chicagoward.

Mrs. May Ion of Silver Creek, Neb., was arrested by a federal officer on the charge of using the mails to defraud.

The Santo Domingan government is proceeding against the revolutionists as rapidly as possible.

The United States army signal corps dirigible balloon No. 1, better known as the Baldwin dirigible airship, made a successful flight at Fort Omaha.

Washington.

President Taft sent to the senate the nominations of the following postmasters: Nebraska—William H. Reed, North Loup; Empire, Sioux county, C. M. Cunningham, vice H. B. Cunningham, resigned.

The attorney general says that the charges against Judge Edward R. Meek of the United States court at Dallas, Tex., and United States Attorney William H. Atwell of the northern district of Texas "are wholly without foundation, cruelly unjust and for the purpose of securing a delay in the prosecution of a man whose offense against innocent victims, in the fraudulent use of the mails, deserved the severest punishment."

Senators Gamble and Crawford of South Dakota continue to do business together, notwithstanding that a number of newspapers in the state are persistent in their declaration that quarrels between the senators are of almost daily occurrence.

The senate expects to get through with tariff work this month.

Thomas C. Dawson of Council Bluffs, for some years United States envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary at Bogota, and recently promoted to be United States envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary at Santiago, was here, receiving final instructions previous to departure.

At the annual conference of state and territorial health officers with the United States public health and marine hospital service it was declared that rabies frequently is contracted from the bites of "skunks, wolves and other wild animals."

President Taft approved a change in the navy regulations, recommended by Secretary Meyer, by which midshipmen are prohibited from marrying until the completion of the prescribed six years' course of training.

The twenty-sixth annual readjustment of postmasters' salaries was announced to become effective July 1.

Personal.

Vice Admiral Baron Uru of Japan placed a wreath of red and white roses, colors of the land of the Mikado, on the tomb of Washington at Mt. Vernon, Friday.

Former Gov. Folk of Missouri gave a lecture in Crete, Neb.

Ambitious congressmen' out for good committee places next fall are hanging close to the speaker.

Senators Burkett and Brown took opposite sides on some tariff schedules.

James J. Hill appeared before the grand jury at Spokane to answer questions as to the correspondence between the Great Northern officials and former Judge M. J. Jordan, who is under indictment on the charge of embezzling large sums while counsel for the railroad.

SHELTON IN OMAHA

SUPPOSED FOURTH MAN IN THE RAILROAD ROBBERY.

ACCOMPANIED BY A WOMAN

Her Name is Lillian Stephenson, Who Says She is Willing to Tell What She Knows.

Omaha.—Heavily ironed and in the custody of Deputy United States Marshals Tom Clarke and W. H. Robinson, the fourth hold-up suspect, arrested at Denver, and Lillian Stephenson, who was arrested with him, arrived in Omaha from that city Sunday afternoon.

The man was taken at once to the federal building in the police auto, where he was delivered over by the Denver authorities to Marshall Warner. From thence he was taken before Commissioner Anderson, who asked him his name.

"Jack Shelton," he replied. The warrant read for "Jack Gordon."

Anderson asked him if he could furnish \$25,000 bonds and the prisoner shook his head, whereupon the commissioner gave him over to the custody of Marshall Warner and ordered that he be placed in the county jail. He said that no examination would be heard at that time, it being the Sabbath, but that the hearing would be at 10 o'clock. It will probably be postponed, however, as Shelton says he is not ready.

The woman, who was not in irons, but traveled rather more in the guise of an honored guest, was also brought before Anderson and held as a witness for the examination. She was placed in the mantrons' department of the county jail and the matron instructed to give her the best of everything.

Shelton was placed in a cell opening off the jail office and far away from the other three suspects. He is a quiet young man, apparently between 23 to 27 years of age. He was not particularly well dressed, but is unquestionably the man in the famous photo. Judging from his appearance the police and other officials are again inclined to doubt that he is Gordon's brother.

The woman appears to be about 30 years of age and is fairly attractive and well dressed. She said that Lillian Stephenson is her real name.

"I used to know him out in Spokane," she said, speaking of Shelton, "and I met him again just a little while ago at Denver. He said he had been east, but didn't say what for and so I don't know anything about it."

Shelton and the woman were both under heavy guards who were instructed that absolutely no one should speak to them.

Those who were on the Union Pacific train, which brought the suspect to Omaha, say that as they whirled past the very spot, where the famous hold-up occurred, Shelton peered out the window with great interest and smiled.

The train was met at the station by Special Agent Canada of the Union Pacific, Marshall Warner, Captain Mostyn of the local police, several postal inspectors and a Pinkerton man. No one aside from these and the press had heard that the suspects were coming and they were hustled away before the gathering crowd had time to realize what was transpiring.

STORK GETS BUSY IN FRANCE.

Vital Statistics for 1908 Show Increase in Birth Rate.

Paris.—The vital statistics of France, which in 1907 showed an excess of 19,892 deaths over births for that year, a fact that led to the most pessimistic predictions for the future of the French race, have now been published for 1908. Their study brings to light more reassuring official figures and shows an excess of 46,441 births over deaths for that year.

VIROSES TO BE INVESTIGATED.

Government Will Adopt Measures to Prevent Use of Impure Stuff.

Washington.—Radical changes in old regulations regulating the sale of viruses, serums, toxins and analogous products have been made in the new set of regulations just promulgated by a government board of officers. The new regulations are the outgrowth of the recent outbreak of the foot and mouth disease in cattle, it having been discovered that in all probability the disease was caused by the importation from abroad of infected vaccine virus.

Cudahy Company Pays Tax.

Topeka.—That the Cudahy Packing company has paid \$82,000 to the government, this being the amount due under the indictments secured against the company for alleged violation of the internal revenue laws, was announced by United States District Attorney H. J. Bone.

Canada Taking Our Products.

Washington.—Merchandise from the United States forms a steadily increasing share of the imports of Canada, as shown by figures from Canadian official publications, just received by the Bureau of Statistics of the Department of Commerce and Labor. Imports from the United States to Canada increased from 34.03 per cent of the total importations of Canada in 1869 to 60.4 per cent in the fiscal year ending March 31, 1909, while imports from Great Britain have decreased 23.69 per cent.

NEBRASKA NEWS AND NOTES.

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

The Midwest Life wants more general and local agents. Write to N. Z. Snell, president, Lincoln, Nebraska. Fairbury is preparing for a big celebration on the Fourth.

Two modern wood school buildings are to be erected in North Platte. Police made a raid on gambling places in Schuyler, making a number of arrests.

The next Cuming county teachers' institute will meet at Wisner on August 9, and will continue for one week. The new Union Pacific passenger depot at Columbus is about half completed.

Apache Tribe No. 19 of the Order of Red Men has been organized in Kearney with over 100 charter members. J. G. Albright is the organizer.

A small tornado went through the east part of Butler county, destroying the buildings of Henry Topil, Martin Roubal and Frank Heiman.

A short course in agriculture was arranged for at a meeting of business men of Blair and farmers. The course will be held from the third to the eighth of January.

The public schools of the village of Bancroft, Cuming county, have been closed by reason of an epidemic of smallpox, two cases of which broke out in the school.

The Farmers' Co-operative company, a large general merchandise store of Lyons, was taken charge of by a trustee. A receiver, it is said, may be asked for. It is thought that the firm will be able to pay out.

The local lodge of Elks in York is preparing to hold a fair the latter part of June, the proceeds of which will go to buy furnishings for the beautiful new \$30,000 building which is nearing completion.

The Midwest Life of Lincoln now has \$1,600,000 of insurance in force. It is an old line company doing business only in Nebraska. It offers liberal agents' contracts to reliable men with or without experience in the sale of insurance. Write N. Z. Snell for particulars.

Word has been received in Tecumseh from the damage committee of the national board of agriculture and horticulture that in all probability the government will proffer help in the drage movement which is being inaugurated there. The Nemaha river bottoms are to be drained.

Patrick Hagerty, cashier of the Elkhorn Valley bank of O'Neill, is dead. Information of his passing away has reached Secretary Roysse of the state banking board. A clipping from an O'Neill paper conveyed the information. Hagerty fled when the bank failed in 1904. He was never captured. He died in Seattle, April 27.

William Shaw, a paroled patient of the state asylum, had a miraculous escape at Hastings when a Burlington passenger train crashed into a team he was driving at Ingle side. The team was attached to a wagon full of cinders and Shaw was sitting at the read end of the wagon box. Both horses were instantly killed.

A Valentine dispatch reports that work on the new railroad bridge is progressing rapidly as the big fill has been started and steam shovels are heaping it up fast. Several cement culverts are in course of construction and grading on the main line has started on the end where the cut-off will be.

While M. O. Dixon, accompanied by his sister, his niece, Miss McClarey, and two daughters, were on their way to church at Neligh in a double-seated surrey, one side of the tongue came down, which frightened the team and caused it to run away. The occupants were thrown out and all more or less injured.

Miss Carrie Stewart, field worker for the Nebraska Children's Home society, who was quite seriously injured in an accident near Columbus, passed through Norfolk, accompanied by her brother, who has been caring for her and who is taking her to their old home until she is able to resume her duties.

The Star Clothing company of Lincoln has filed suit asking the Postal Telegraph company asking damages to the extent of \$4,000. It is alleged that the word "hats" was omitted from a telegram sent from the company to a buyer in New York city. The omission, it is charged, was the fault of the telegraph company.

While Charles Roderick, one of the students in the business college at Broken Bow, was pursuing his studies, he suddenly became violently insane and had to be removed from the building by force. The first intimation the other students had that anything was wrong with the boy was when he commenced tearing out his hair, becoming rapidly violent after that.

Nebraska letter carriers in session at Omaha, elected officers as follows: President, J. S. Myers of Nebraska City; vice president, E. D. Black, Omaha; secretary, L. M. Williams, Lincoln; treasurer, C. W. Mulloy, Fremont; delegate at large to national convention at St. Paul, F. F. Johnson, Fairbury. Fairbury was selected as the next place of holding the state convention.

C. A. Whitford sold his 160-acre farm located three miles northeast of Arlington, Washington county, for \$125 per acre to Chris Dunker. Mr. Whitford settled on this farm in 1857 and resided there until about two years ago.

Charles Perry, a prosperous farmer, residing a few miles southwest of Plattsmouth, had a freak of nature, in the shape of a colt with five feet, the extra foot being on the right leg just above another one. As the colt could not use all five of them to satisfaction, Dr. A. F. Barnes was called and amputated the superfluous member.

VALUE THREE ROADS

COMPARISON MADE WITH FIGURES OF LAST YEAR.

BETWEEN TOWNS OR STATION

Burlington Assessment About Same as Last Year, with Union Pacific Something Less.

The following figures show the valuation of the three big railroad systems of the state, as made by the state board of assessment, compared with the valuation of last year:

	1908.	1909.
Burlington	\$116,170,870	\$119,290,506
Union Pacific	73,933,400	75,747,328
Northwestern	35,649,895	37,237,950
Missouri Pacific	31,345,620	30,732,480

The Burlington was increased \$1,125 a mile; the Northwestern \$1,500 a mile, and the Union Pacific Central City branch was increased \$1,667 a mile. The remainder of the increase on the Union Pacific was due to the valuation of new mileage. The total increase on the Union Pacific was \$1,823,925; on the Burlington, \$3,119,630; on the Northwestern, \$1,598,055; the decrease on the Missouri Pacific, \$613,140. The net increase on all the railroads amounted to \$5,928,470, actual value, or \$1,185,694 assessed value, upon which taxes will have to be paid. All the roads other than those named were valued at the same figures as last year.

The total assessed value of all railroads in 1908, which is one-fifth of the actual value, was \$53,297,972.83, and this year the assessed value is \$54,483,666. The actual value of all railroad property last year was \$226,989,860, and this year the actual value is \$272,918,330.

With regard to the Burlington, the board adopted an entire new method of distribution. Instead of distributing to each subdivision of the system a certain amount of the total valuation, the board paid no attention to the subdivisions, but instead apportioned the valuation between towns or station. This, the board believed, would permit of a more equitable division. This makes a comparison of the apportionment this year with last year difficult.

In 1907 the Union Pacific was valued at \$75,000 a mile; in 1908 it was valued at \$70,970 a mile, and this year the average valuation per mile under operation is \$70,827. In 1907 the mileage returned under operation was 961.42. This year the mileage under operation is 1,065.39, and in 1908 it was 1,041.75.

For the three years the total valuation of this system was as follows: 1907, \$73,483,700; 1908, \$73,933,400; 1909, \$75,747,325.

Under the new plan of distribution of the Burlington the main line as now operated from Oropolis to Omaha and Ashland and from Plattsmouth to the Colorado state line by way of Ashland, is now valued at \$80,000 a mile. Last year this same line from Omaha to Ashland was valued at \$45,000 a mile, from Kenesaw to Oxford at \$35,500, and from Oxford to the Colorado state line at \$50,000.

That part of the old main line from Kenesaw to Kearney which is operated as a branch, was formerly valued at \$85,000 a mile, and is now reduced to \$25,000 a mile.

The Omaha & North Platte, one of the old separate corporations of the Burlington, extended from Omaha to Ashland and then to Schuyler, and was valued at \$50,000 a mile last year from Omaha to Ashland, and at \$42,500 a mile from Ashland to Schuyler. Now that part of the line from Ashland to Schuyler is reduced to \$30,000 a mile.

The line from Nebraska City to York by way of Lincoln was formerly valued at \$40,000 a mile. The new valuation for the same line from Nebraska City to Lincoln is \$35,000 a mile, and from Lincoln to York and to the Wyoming state line is \$51,000 a mile.

Union Pacific Company Fined \$100.

The Union Pacific Railroad company was found guilty in Judge Stewart's division of district court of having violated the state anti-pass law by issuing and giving to Dr. Frank A. Graham a free annual pass over its lines for the year 1908, and was fined \$100 and costs. The facts in the case were stipulated. It was agreed that the annual pass was issued to Dr. Graham, that he does not give the major portion of his time to the service of the company, and that he is not included in any of the exceptions enumerated in the statute.

Burlington Crop Report.

J. J. Cox, division freight agent for the Burlington's Lincoln traffic division, issued his weekly crop report, showing the condition of crops on the lines embraced in his territory. The showing made is a good one, rains have been frequent, and moisture has fallen all over the Nebraska corn belt.

To Seine and Net Fish.

Chief Game Warden Gellus has issued licenses to a dozen or more persons to seine and net fish in public waters in Nebraska. The licenses are issued under the terms of H. R. No. 224, by Noyse of Cass, a bill which some persons interested in game and fish believe may in a few months result in undoing much of the work done by the state during the past 20 years in stocking the waters with fish. The law permits the use of seine or net having a 2-inch square mesh during daylight from June 1 to Oct. 31.

INCOME OF FARMERS.

is Small, According to Junkin's Investigation.

The action of the railroad tax agents in insisting that farm lands are assessed at only 75 per cent or less of their actual value, while the railroads are assessed at a full value, and are entitled to earn 6 per cent at least on the full value, has led to an investigation by Secretary of State Junkin of the earnings of farm lands.

Mr. Junkin wrote to the county clerks in some 27 counties, and he has received numerous replies. The answers are to the effect that farmers' realize an income of from 2 to 5 per cent on the assessed value of their lands after all expenses have been paid.

Following is the rate of interest earned on the assessed value of lands as shown in the answers received to date: Johnson county, 4 per cent; Washington county, little less than 4 per cent; Clay county, 5 per cent; Madison county, 4 per cent; Furnas county, 2 per cent; Frontier county, 5 per cent; Nance county, 4 1/2 to 5 per cent; Richardson county, 6 per cent; Buffalo county, 4 to 5 per cent; York county, 4 1/2 to 5 per cent; Wayne county, 3 1/2 to 4 per cent; Jefferson county, 5 per cent; Saunders county, 5 per cent; Otoe county, 3 1/2 per cent; Phelps county, 3 1/2 to 4 per cent; Keith county less than 5 per cent.

In several instances the county clerk wrote that the lands in his county were overvalued, insofar as making interest on an investment is concerned, the prices being raised by parties who had bought places for homes, rather than for investments.

Mr. Junkin asked the county clerks to consult with the assessors and others to secure the information. From the income of the farm he asked that there be deducted insurance, taxes, the keeping up of improvements, and a reasonable amount for waste and diminish for the fertility of the soil.

Ex-Convict Supplied Dope.

August Muller, a convict in the state penitentiary, caught by Warden Smith smuggling in morphine, made affidavit that he had received the dope from George Scharton, an ex-convict of Lincoln. County Attorney Tyrrell has sworn to a complaint against the named. Nineteen ounces of morphine were taken from Muller.

Muller was a trusty under the late Warden Beemer, and the latter told Warden Smith that he was reliable in every way. For some time Muller had been in charge of the hog barn, in which he slept, enjoying practical freedom.

Warden Smith became suspicious some days ago and searched Muller for dope, but found none. Then the warden set a trap for his man and discovered where he had hid eleven ounces of the poison in the barn. Muller was then thrown in the dungeon, with the statement that he would remain there until he told at what drug store he got the dope. For several days the man refused to divulge the information, but finally he made his affidavit, implicating Scharton.

According to the information received by the warden, Muller would sneak out of the barn at night and meet the ex-convict on the railroad track and pay him for the poison at the rate of 35 cents an ounce. He would then bring it to the prison and retail it to the other convicts.

Frank L. Dinsmore, who is steward of the hospital, was said to have bought five ounces from him at the rate of \$1 an ounce. In turn, Dinsmore retained the dope at the rate of from \$3 to \$5 an ounce.

Warden Smith has discovered that the convicts have a system for getting money from each other that borders on high finance. The convict who has cash will exchange it with another convict who has money coming to him at the office at the rate of \$1 for \$2. This system made it unnecessary for many of the convicts to draw money at the office, but they simply had the transfer made on the records of the warden.

Money for Soldiers' Homes.

Gov. Shallenberger has received two checks for \$5,575 and \$3,100 from the federal government for the support of the soldiers' homes. The state provides for the maintenance of the homes, the federal government providing for the expenses of the soldiers at the rate of \$100 per year per man.

Pollard Will Speak.

Secretary C. S. Paine, of the State Historical society, has secured the consent of former Congressman Pollard to deliver the principal address at the opening of the Mississippi Valley Historical association, which is to be held in St. Louis on June 17. The meeting of the association will be their second annual session and will last three days. The address of welcome will be delivered by Gov. H. S. Hadley of Missouri, and the meetings will be devoted to the address of Mr. Pollard and to the reading of papers on various phases of American history, particularly that portion of it relating to the Mississippi Valley.

Military Orders Disobeyed.

Adjutant General Hartigan's orders for company F of the Second regiment to participate in the Memorial day exercises in Lincoln were disobeyed by the company and the adjutant general is up against the proposition of figuring on what punishment to mete out to the soldiers. This company was ordered to report to the commander of the post Grand Army of the Republic, and obey orders not in conflict with the laws. The company failed to report and its duties were taken over by the hospital corps.