NEWS NOTES

A Boiling Down of the More Important Events Here and There

Foreign.

Mail advices from Colombia report a very critical condition of affairs in that republic. As the result of the departure of President Reyes for Europe the various political parties which a few months ago seemed to be united are now completely disorganized, and there are indications that Colombia is on the verge of a great revolution.

The German potash syndicate has renewed its agreement. Hermann Schmittman and his son, Waldemar Schmittman, representing the Asherleben and Solstedt mines, having affixed their signatures to the contract.

A portion of the army stationed at Baranquilla took up arms against the Colombian government, made prisoners of the municipal authorities and proclaimed Gonzales Valencia as the president.

A special dispatch from Belgrade says that 250 Austrian soldiers and 50 Austrian gendarmes have been captured on a Servian island in the River Drina, on the frontier. The Servian government has protested to the administration at Vienna against the intrusion.

The British, German and French bankers concerned in the Hankow-Sze-Chuen railroad loan of \$27,500,000 began consideration of the terms under which Americans are to be ad-

mitted to participation. Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, was the guest at a dinner given by the labor party at the English house of commons.

A young woman, who for ten days was caught in a cave-in of a railroad tunnel at St. Gall, Switzerland, was dug out alive. She suffered agonies of cold and hunger during this period, but managed to sustain life by sucking moisture from her clothing.

on which water occasionally trickled. During the recent fighting in front of Fez, between the forces of the pretender and the troops of the sultan, fourteen of the imperial soldiers were captured and decapitated and their heads exposed in the pretender's camp.

An investigation of the charges made by James R. Wheeler, a graduthe students were cruely treated in that institution was begun at Carlisle by Inspector E. P. Holcomb of the bureau of Indian affairs.

James Yadkin Joyner of North Carolina was chosen president of the National Educational association.

Senator Aldrich had whip hand in the senate and sent all attempted amendments to the table, drawing towards the final vote.

Customs officials will have a heavy task in adjusting to the new tariff schedules if it is effective when

The Governor of Nebraska may call an extra session of the legislature to enact a new guaranty law.

The crop report of the department of agriculture shows grains in more flourishing condition than the aver-

age in July. The Nebraska Liquor Dealers' association has decided to go into court and fight the early closing law. The

suit will be brought in Omaha. It is said the temporary in junction granted by Judges Van Deventer and T. C. Munger wil tie up the enforcement of the Nebraska bank guaranty law for a year, even though it is declared valid.

Ernest W. S. Pickhart of New York died in a London hotel on July 4 of an overdose of a drug taken to induce sleep. Mr. Pickhart was the divorced husband of the stepdaughter of the nied the motion recently made before iate Robert Roosevelt, uncle of Theodore Roosevelt.

Commander John Hood has been designated as the head of the board appointed to make a second inquiry into the cause of the death of Second | tag, according to the report in well in-Lieutenant James M. Sutton of the formed political circles. Marine Corps at Annapolis, in Octo-

ers who taught in Porto Rico last

year, under contract.

Point were increased 10 per cent. The senate worked on Independence day, it being the twelfth time in

high legislative body so met. Oscar Straus, who was recently ap-

stantinople. President Taft, if the tariff bill is

Pacific exposition. for the rest of the country in a safe | Christian church, died at Fellow and sane celebration.

In New York 4 were killed and 332 injured as the price of Fourth of July patriotism.

Carrying four great boxes of E. H. Harriman's favorite cigars, three of his children, Mary, Caroline and Roland salled on the Kron Prinz Wilhelm to join him in Europe.

Moro Outlaw Chief and the whole of his band have been wiped out in be Philippines.

The German and Austrian railroad authorities have informed Russia that they are about to take steps to instia quarantine on the frontier against cholera.

President Tait paid high tribute to the federal constitution in his speech at Lake Champlain.

The American Woman Suffrage association decided to establish national headquarters in New York City. Harvard was victorius in the three boat races against Yale on the New London, Conn., course.

Employes of the bureau of engraving and printing have been placed on a per diem instead of monthly payroll. Charged with using the United States mail for lottery purposes three Chinese shops in Washington were raided and their proprietors arrested.

Rear Admiral William F. Potter who commanded the fourth division of the Atlantic battleship fleet on its voyage around the world, last week became chief of the bureau of navigation, relieving Rear Admiral John E. Pillsbury, retired.

The United States and Nicarague are hopeful of reaching an amicable understanding on the Emery claim.

Prof. Louis T. Moore of Cincinnati, who, it is understood, will spend the summer with his sister-in-law, Mrs. Taft, has arrived at the summer capital in Beverly.

The man and woman who committed suicide by rowing a boat over the dam in the St. Joseph river at South Bend, Ind., were H. Lindeman and wife of Chicago. They were on their bridal trip.

An order was issued at Pittsburg by the local board of the United Mine Workers of America Instructing the striking miners in the Kansas district, 8,000 in number, to return to work

President Taft hopes to make a western trip this summer, providing the tariff bill can be cleared up by August 1. The Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition at Seattle will be the president's destination. He will visit Omaha either going or returning. A tentative itinerary and program is being made out.

Washington.

The senate will be represented in the conference on the tariff bill by eight men, five republicans and three democrats, all of whom will be selected according to seniority of membership on the committee on finance. Senators Aldrich, Burrows, Penrose, Hale and Cullom will be the republicans, and Senators Daniel, Money and Bailey the democratic members of the conference committee on the part of the senate.

Cynically disposed statesmen are opining that the effort to save from \$30,000,000 to \$50,000,000 a year in the expense of the federal government will not only fail, but that within the next three years there will be a large upward turn in the national budget.

In connection with the bureau of plant industry of the department of agriculture, the forest service has been carrying on a series of experiments relative to the re-seeding of overgrazed areas upon the national forests in the west.

United States Senator A. B. Cummins of Iowa and members of the Fifty-third regiment band, stationed at Fort Dodge, will be guests of honor at the midsummer picnic arranged by the Hawkeye club of Spokane, Wash., at Natatorium park there on August 7.

A letter received in Kansas City from Secretary of Agriculture Wilson announced the government would participate in the experiments being conducted there by Dr. C. J. Shiler, who is attempting to find a cure for hog cholera. It is stated an expert on hogs will be sent there from Wash-

John W. Roberts of Lincoln has been appointed scientific assistant in connection with agricultural department. C. E. Campbell of Omaha was appointed messenger in army headquarters in Omaha.

Personal.

Supreme Court Justice Gaynor dehim for the removal of the Thaw insanity hearing from Westchester county to New York county.

Chancellor von Buelow will resign before the adjournment of the Reichs-

Mrs. Mary Larned Dorrance Aldrich, wife of Edward Burgess Aldrich, eld The steamer Carolina sailed from est son of United States Senator Nel-San Juan for New York, having on son W. Aldrich, was granted a divorce board all the American school teach- from her husband on the ground of non-support.

United States immigration officials Wages of the 3,000 men and boys at Seattle arrested Mrs. Vera De Noie, employed in the plant of the Mary- who arrived recently from Hongkong, land Steel company at Eparrows charging that she is not entitled to enter the United States.

Charged with using the United States mails for lottery purposes, three the history of the country that this Chinese shops were raided in Washington and their proprietors arrested.

Dr. George W. Martin, prominent as pointed American ambassador to Tur- a prison reform worker and as chapkey, sailed for his new post at Con- lain at state penal institutions, died at his home in Lincoln, Neb.

Ambassador Bryce responded to a out of the way by August 1, will visit toast at the banquet given in honor a number of western states, including of President Taft at Champlain ter-Washington and the Alaska-Yukon- centenary celebration.

T. L. McWhitney, a well known Washington, D. C., set an example writer, speaker and minister of the Springs, Ohio.

PRESIDENT'S JAUNT

UNDERSTOOD HE WILL MAKE MANY STOPS ON THE WAY.

TO TRAVEL BY SPECIAL TRAIN

Is Being Bombarded With Requests for Visits and Speeches from All Kinds of Places.

Washington. - Indications multiply that President Taft's announced itinerary for his western and southern trip this fall will be materially extended. The president himself did not include in the tentative list which was published all of the places where he expects to stop long enough to make an address and hold a brief car-end reception. The itinerary was made of those cities where the president will spend from one to three days.

Strong efforts will be made by congressmen and state officials to have the president stop, at least for a few minutes, at all the towns of appreciable size through which his train will pass in the daylight hours. Already the president has been bombarded with such requests. He has suggested to all his callers and correspondents that they take the matter up with him

During the trips he has made thus far the president has adhered to the policy of journeying in a single private car attached to regular trains. On his far western trip, however, where trains are run heavier and at longer intervals than here in the east, it is likely the president will have to follow the policy of his predecessors in chartering a special train, especially if he stops at the smaller cities that dot the way between the larger places be will visit.

The president expects to be away for two months on this trip, and will carry a complement of stenographers, clerks and telegraphers, in addition to his secretaries. Thus far the presidential party has been confined to the chief executive, Captain Archibald W. Butt, his military aid; Assistant Secretary Mischler, Major Arthur Brooks, who, in addition to being the president's confidential messenger, is commanding officer of the First separate batalion of colored troops in the district of Columbia; and two secret service men, James Sloan, who was with President Roosevelt for seven years. and "Jack" Wheeler, who has accompanied Mr. Taft since his election to

The porters and cook assigned to the president whenever he travels have been traveling with presidents for a great many years. Will S. Anderson, the porter, was promoted to presidential service in 1901, and was with President Roosevelt on all of his travels. J. C. Broadbus, chef to the president while en route, began his presidential service under Mr. McKinley, and has caused both President Roosevelt and President Taft to marvel at the wonderful meals he turns out of the tiny kitchen-litle bigger than closets-which private cars carry The third member of the crew, E. B. Letcher, has also seen service under three presidents. Letcher usually acts

DOWNWARD OR A VETO.

President Will Talk Plainly to Tariff Conferees.

Washington.-With the tariff bill in the house and conference committees of the two houses appointed the scene of tariff legislation is changed to the renference room.

It is understood that President Taft will take up the tariff bill with the conference committee and will plainly state the position of the administration. Substantial reductions in the more important schedules on one hand and veto on the other confronts the conferees.

Senate Amendments Rejected.

Washington.-The tariff question has been shifted from both houses of congress to a conference committee. After one hour and a half debate the house on Friday, by a vote of 178 to 151, made a rule whereby all of the 847 amendments of the senate were disagreed to and the conference requested by the senate granted. Eighteen republicans voted against the rule and one democrat for it.

Sugar Boodler Kills Himself.

'rox.to.-M. Sakao, president of the Japan Sugar company, convicted during the recent trial of the so-called scandal cases, committed suicide by shooting himself through the head with a revolver. Sakao was one of the twenty-three persons on whom sentence was pronounced.

Weston Begins Last Lap. Sacramento, Cal.-With 108 miles

of the 3,975-mile walk, from New York to San Francisco, still before him. Edward Payson Weston rested Sunday at Roseville, eighteen miles north of here. He will start on his last lap at 5 o'clock Monday morning.

Secures a Gift to Nebraska. Washington.-The navy department has promised Representative Kinkaid, in answer to a request on behalf of the Nebraska authorities, that the figurehead of the battleship Nebraska will be loaned to the state capitol or the state university museum. The state will have to pay transportation charges, but the government will do the rest. While it will be nominally a loan and subject to recall at any time, it will in effect amount to a gift, as there is small chance that it ever will be recalled,

NEBRASKA NEWS AND NOTES.

Items of Interest Taken From Here and There Over the State, 7 en thousand people celebrated at

Creighton on the Fourth. There were many enthusiastic celebrations in Nebraska on the Fourth. Grand Island had no formal celebration, but on the 3d and 5th horse-rac ing was on the program.

Fire, starting from some unknown cause, caused about \$500 worth of damage to one of the new barracks at Fort Robinson.

York county farmers have reason to rejoice over the great prospects of another bumper crop, making the thirteenth big crop in succession.

The Republican City bank, which has been run for the last twenty-three years by J. S. Gifford, was sold last week to the Commercial State bank of that place: The western part of Merrick county

is reviving from a smallpox scare. 1, 1909. Several families were quarantined in the extreme west end, and for several Sundays the churches at Palmer were closed. The disease was the genuine article, but did not appear in the aggravated form.

Clarence Cain, who has given the police in Beatrice considerable trouble. is confined in the county jail, having been arrested after he stabbed Edward Johnson, a relative, in the breast with

Miss Nettie Jacques of Springfield, who is attending the college at Fremont, sustained a broken limb while attempting to move a steam radiator: Her right limb was fractured between the knee and ankle. Mary Johnson of Shelton, the 18-

year-old daughter of J. R. Johnson, who was burned by the explosion of a can of kerosene, when her sister Eva was burned to death, died after twelve hours of intense suffering.

The department store of Ryerson Bros. at Broken Bow suffered a severe loss by fire and water. It is not known positively how the fire started, as it is supposed to have been caused

by spontaneous combustion. City Electrician J. B. Cassie of Fremont barely escaped death in that place, sustaining a shock of electricity of 2,300 volts, and but for some waste have undoubtedly been killed.

was broken for the Burlington & Missouri railway in Nebraska. It was at 11 o'clock iff the morning of July 5th, ample, was present in nearly 50 per 1869, that the first shovelful of dirt was thrown at Plattsmouth.

Dodge Dlargy, of Blue Hill, a boy of 12 years, will probably die as the re sult of a Fourth of July accident. He had his right hand torn off as the rerocket. It is said he cannot live. As the result of a long feud, involv-

ing a divorce suit and the marriage of the wife to the other man, Thomas L. Grafius was shot and seriously wounded at Shelton by Andy Treat and but for his own quickness might have been killed When Earl Handly, a negro, slashed S. Crawford of Deadwood, S. D. across

crowd threatened to lynch him. The negro was hurried to the county jail before the gathering had a chance to ing the following points: harm him. James Goff, who was injured by being caught in an elevator at the Morton-Gregson packing plant in Nebraska City some six weeks ago and badly

the face with a razor at Wahoo, a

crushed about the head, has brought suit against the packing company for \$20,000. A fire at Belden in the dry goods store of Westrope & Harper wiped our an entire block of the town. The post office burned, Martin's jewelry store, a pool hall, a saloon, a hardware store

and a milk depot were entirely con sumed. The loss will amount to \$75,000 The community in and about Stroms burg is considerably alarmed over at epidemic of spinal meningitis, over twenty cases having been reported to the physicians within a few days. The patients are altogether among the chil dren and only milder symptoms of the

disease have so far been manifested About six feet more of the mammoth tusk discovered at Indianola a few days ago, was taken out at Indianola a few days ago, was taken out last week by workmen. About twelve feet of the tusk has been unearthed. The larger end is nine inches in diameter Several other small bones were found but no indications of a skeleton has been discovered.

The Nebraska Experiment station has just issued Bulletin No. 110 with a report on the Nebraska Seed Labora tory. The bulletin may be had free of cost by residents of Nebraska or application to the Agricultural Experi ment station, Lincoln, Nebr. This bul letin contains a large amount of infor mation concerning agricultural seeds together with descriptions and illustra tions of the more common weed seeds

George Elliott, who killed a man in Omaha a number of years ago, was released from the state prison on a Fourth of July pardon. Jacob Frahm the second candidate for clemency failed to score. Frahm is the oldest personer in the penitentiary. He was sent there for the murder of his wife It is said that he does not want to leave the prison. He is now over 70 years old and has spent the last fifteer years of his life inside the gray walls

Cuming county's railroad assessment this year amounts to \$267,305, as against \$259,022 for 1908, a gain or \$8,282. The total assessment of all property in Cuming county for 1909 amounts to \$6,337,510, as against \$6, 264,451 in 1908, a gain of \$73,059 for

the year. Quite a sensation followed the an nouncement of the marriage of W. B Ralston of Republican City, a promi nent dealer in real estate and pianos to his adopted sister, Florence, a beau

A TEST OF SAMPLES

INVESTIGATIONS BY THE NE-BRASKA SEED LABORATORY.

RESULTS THAT WERE SECURED

State Board of Assessment Completes the Work of Valuation of Railroads.

The experiment station bulletin No. 110 presents in a popular form the most important results secured by the Nebraska Seed Laboratory from the time of its establishment to July 1. 1908, together with a statement showing the various tests made up to May

A grand total of 463 samples was received and 636 different tests made during the first year and 617 samples and 950 tests during the second year up to May 1, 1909. Over 50 per cent of these samples were received from the farmers and seedsmen of Nebraska Alfalfa.- The 201 samples of alfalfa

examined varied in purity from 56 per cent to 99 per cent; in germination from 56 per cent to 100 per cent and contained from 0.1 per cent of inert matter and from 0 per cent to 36 per cent of foreign seed. Four species of dodder were found in varying amounts. One sample of alfalfa contained over 9 per cent of dodder and if this seed had been sown at the rate of 16 pounds to the acre there would have been sown 16,365 dodder seeds to the square rod. Buckhorn. wild carrot, wild chicory, lamb'squarters and the seeds of about 75 other weeds were found in the alfalfa samples.

Red Clover-The 61 samples of red clover examined varied in purity from 75 per cent to 99 per cent; in germination from 67 per cent to 100 per cent and contained from 0.3 per cent to 12 per cent inert matter and from 0.1 per cent to 22 per cent foreign seed that he held in his hand, he would Clover dodder seeds were found in eight of these samples and a total of Forty years ago on July 5th ground over 70 other more or less noxious weed seeds were found in the various clover samples. Buckhorn, for excent of the clover samples.

Brome Grass-The 26 samples of awnless brome grass examined varied in purity from 33 per cent to 96 per cent; in germination from 0 per cent to 86 per cent and contained from 2 sult of a premature explosion of a sky per cent to 46 per cent inert matter and from 0.1 per cent to 56 per cent foreign seed. The various species of wheat grass are most frequently found in awnless brome grass, though common cheat and other sorts of brome grass of little or no value are often present.

Pure Seeds and Sure Seeds-Farmers should not buy and plant weed seeds. The Nebraska Seed Laboratory is prepared to undertake, without cost, the study of any samples of seed sent to it for the purpose of determin-

Presence of adulterants or dod-

der. Mechanical purity.

Germination. The bulletin may be obtained free of cost by writing the Nebraska Experiment Station, Lincoln, Neb., and asking for Bulletin No. 110.

Franchises Are Assessed.

The state board of assessment met and completed the work of placing a valuation on the franchise and rolling stock of the various railroads. This valuation will be distributed to the various towns of the state under the terminal tax law according to mileage of the railroads.

The actual value per mile of the franchise and rolling stock of the Union Pacific and its branches is the same as last year, while the Northwestern is increased from \$10,000 a mile to \$11,500 a mile. The Missouri Pacific is decreased on its main line from \$18,000 a mile to \$16,000. Both of its branches are also decreased. The following table shows the value of the franchise and rolling stock per mile of the various railroads of Nebraska fixed by the state board of equalization:

	1908:	1909.
Union Pacific	\$67,500	\$67.500
Omaha & Rep. Vattey Br		26,000
Kearney branch	15,000	13,000
Central City branch	10,000	10,000
North Platte branch	2,000	2,066
Chicago & Northwestern	10,000	11,000
C., St. P., M. & O	18,000	18,000
C., St. P., M. & O. extension	5,000	5,000
Rock Island	25,000	25,004
St. Joe line	18,000	18,00
Nelson line		12,000
Missouri- Pacific	18,000	16,000
Missouri Pacific extension	19,600	17,000
Lincoln branch	19,000	17.00
Crete branch	15,500	13,50
Kas. City & Northwestern	8,000	6,000
Pacific Ry, in Nebraska	5,000	8,50
St. Joseph & Rock Island.	10,000	11,000

The Burlington system was assessed different this year from last. Last year the assessment ranged from \$3,000 to \$55,000 a mile and this year the assessment ranges from \$50,000 to \$3,000.

Extra Session Probable. "Should the federal court make per-

manent the temporary injunction against the banking law going into effect, it is my intention to call a spccial session of the legislature furme diately after the decision is known.

Gov. Shallenberger made this statement. "The decision will set out just what is wrong with the present law and then it will be an easy matter to prepare a bill in accordance with the tiful girl of about 19 summers, which decision. I see no necessity for waittook place two years ago in Omaha ing until the supreme court of the The matter had been kept secret. | United States passes on the question." CHOSING OF JUDGES.

Secretary of State Junkin Gives Some

Instructions. County clerks have been instructed by Secretary of State Junkin to include state officers in getting out their election notices. This means that unless the supreme court overrules the decision of the Lancaster district court in declaring unconstitutional the nonpartisan judiciary act, candidates for supreme judge and regents of the state university will be nominated at pri-

mary elections. Numerous county clerks have called the secretary over the telephone and have written him for instructions and one of them when instructed to include the state officers replied that the governor had not yet issued a proclamation for a primary election. The secretary of state holds this makes no difference. The secretary has been mandamused to place the name of John M. Regan on a primary ballot as a republican candidate for supreme judge and he will follow the instructions of the lower court unless this decision is set aside by the supreme body.

To Study Fish Diseases.

Dr. H. B. Ward of Nebraska university, accompanied by George La Rue of Spencer, Ia., a university student, and Edward Davis of Lincoln, also a university student, have started on a trip to Alaska for the purpose of studying the diseases of the salmon. They expect to be gone until September 1 and will travel over a great deal of Alaskan fishing territory.

Dr. Ward goes under the direction of the government bureau of fisheries and the expenses of himself and one of the boys is borne by the government. The University of Nebraska bears the expense of the other assistant. As a result the university will receive a large number of valuable specimens. The party will be given assistance not only by the government, but by all the large salmon canners, who are interested in the work. Fleets of boats will be at their command, as well as the aid of a number of expert fishermen.

The salmon, according to Dr. Ward, have been suffering from a large number of diseases which are rapidly decreasing the supply. It is to find some means of checking and preventing the spread of these diseases that Dr. Ward is being sent on this mission. He is a well-known expert along this line, his work in connection with the white fish industries on the great lakes being especially commended.

New Laws Ready.

The first copies of the session laws were received by the secretary of state last week from Timothy Sedgwick. The book is smaller than that of two years ago, cost less and is printed on book paper and is pronounced by the secretary of state to be the best looking yet turned out in that line.

Burlington Wants Rehearing.

The Burlington road has asked the supreme court for a rehearing in the Wilber I. Cram case, wherein the court upheld the constitutionality of the act of 1907 which reuires live stock trains to move at the rate of eighteen miles an hour on main lines and twelve miles an hour on branch roads. Judge Barnes dissented from the opinion of the corut.

Live Stock Pavilion.

The State Fair board will buy the piles and drive them in order to have a solid foundation for its new live stock pavilion. The price asked for the piles by the contractors was more than the board thought it could afford to pay, so it secured them at a cheaper rate by doing its own buying.

Good Wheat in Hitchcock County. The labor bureau has received word from Hitchcock county that L. B. Harrison of near Trenton has 200 acres of wheat which will average thirty bushels to the acre. Mr. Harrison expects to receive \$1 a bushel for his wheat, which the labor commissioner believes, taken altogether, makes an extremely good showing for Hitchcock county.

Want to Raise Rates. Lincoln.-The application of the railroads for permission to raise the rates on milled feed to the same rate that applies on raw feed from Humphrey, Norfolk, Albion and Oakdale to Omaha was heard before the railway commission. With it was incorporated the petition of the roads to make the Missouri Pacific put its flour rate on a par with its wheat rate from Crete to

Call for Health Records.

Gov. Shallenberger and Attorney General Thompson of the state board of health passed a resolution calling upon the board of secretaries of the board to turn over the records to the new board of secretaries appointed by the governor under the new law.

Motor Car Without Smoker. The state railway commission gave permission to the Northwestern to run its motor car between Lincoln and Fremont without a smoking compartment. The new law provides a smoking compartment and toilet room on all cars, but it specifies that the state railway commission may set aside the law if the railroad can show the same is not necessary.

Says Assessment is Too Low. Attached to the history of a bond issue of the village of Cambridge is a certified statement from the village clerk, W. J. Holley, to the effect that for bond issue purposes and for taxation purposes the property of the village has a different valuation. The part of the certified statement bearing on that subject is as follows: The assessed value of real estate and personal and other property, equalized in 1908, is \$169,125. The assessed valuation is the same as returned by the assessor for 1908.