

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

**Foreign.**  
By a majority of 215, after a brief but exciting sitting, the house of commons recorded its claim to exclusive control of the nation's purse—a claim never before challenged in modern times.

The protocol with the United States for the reference of the Alsop claim to King Edward for mediation was signed by the government of Chile. The cabinet of Premier Ollivette of Italy resigned.

The ministerial commission which has been discussing with business men various matters of trade, has approved the suggestion of placing a tax of seven-tenths of one cent on each pound of cotton grown in European Russia, Bokhara and Khiva.

Admiral Togo, chief of the general staff of the Japanese navy, retires from the naval command and becomes a member of the military council. He is succeeded in his earlier office by Vice Admiral Sir Gero Ijuin.

An individual believed to be insane and having an imaginary grievance against the war department, shot and seriously wounded General Verand in Paris on the steps of the Hotel Continental. It was later discovered that he had made a mistake in his man.

It is nineteen days since the Herrera line steamer Maria Herrera left Santiago, Cuba, with a cargo of cattle, bound for Ponce, Porto Rico, where she was expected to arrive November 11. The steamer, however, has not been heard from and it is believed that she was foundered.

**General.**  
Five more men were added last week to the bankers' colony at Ft. Leavenworth penitentiary.

J. P. Morgan has secured control of the Equitable Life society. The British house of commons adopted a resolution of censure of lords.

Mexico will maintain a neutral attitude in the Nicaraguan rumpus. The Richard-Gleason bid for the Jeffries-Johnson fight, to be in California, was accepted.

President Taft has taken steps to put the Red Cross society on a permanent business footing. Congressman Hinshaw says Cannon cannot be elected speaker at the session of the next congress.

Following a charge of murder at St. Louis against Mrs. Doxey of Columbus, Neb., a requisition was issued. The president will exert all his influence looking to changes in the interstate commerce act.

Duke Karl Theodore of Bavaria died from kidney trouble. D. L. Winchell, president of the Rock Island, has been elected president of the St. Louis & San Francisco road.

The Kansas state treasury will receive \$25,000 cash, as an inheritance tax, from the estate of James Clarke, a farmer in Marshall county. This is the largest tax yet assessed against a Kansas estate under the new law.

The Kansas State Agricultural College 3-year-old Angus steer, King Ellsworth, won the grand championship as the best steer in America at the International Stock show in Chicago.

"More men are killed as the result of playing football in one year than are killed in labor troubles," says John Mitchell.

President Taft soon is to receive a call from the legislative committee of the Grand Army of the Republic, for a conference upon matters pertaining to pension legislation this winter.

John Harvard, a negro preacher, who had committed murder, was burned at the stake near Cochran, Georgia. According to an official dispatch from Bitlis, Asiatic Turkey, several small villages in that vicinity have been destroyed by an earthquake.

Secretary of War Dickinson advocates changes in army affairs in annual report. A strike of switchmen involving over two thousand men was inaugurated at St. Paul, Minn.

Senator Brown says the insurgents will be in evidence at the coming session of congress. A Greenville (Ohio) man killed his mother and a deputy sheriff, wounded two others and committed suicide.

Senator Aldrich says the panic of 1907 cost the country \$2,000,000,000. Sec. Meyer has proposed sweeping changes in the navy.

Attorney General Wickersham, Senators Elkins and Cummins conferred on changes in the interstate commerce act. The United States and Chile at last have reached final agreement as to the terms of a protocol referring to King Edward for a definite settlement of the celebrated Alsop claim.

Twenty Japanese were killed and fifteen injured, several of them fatally, in the wreck of a work train on the Great Northern railway between Vancouver and New Westminster. In a fire at Kansas City 140 horses were burned to death.

President Delano of the Wabash railroad, is said to have professed the Chinese mission. The Iowa stock food law is declared by Judge McPherson in the federal court to be all right and sufficient to hold water.

In the United States court of appeals at St. Paul the sentence imposed by the United States district court of Nebraska upon members of the Nebraska Land & Feeding company was affirmed. The defendants had been given both fines and jail sentences and the original infliction will now be carried out.

"There is absolutely no foundation for the report that the Oregon Short Line is to relinquish control of the Salt Lake division of the Southern Pacific," said President Lovett of the Harriman system. "I cannot imagine where or how the rumors originated." Congress is to be assailed by reform organizations within a day or so after it convenes.

Governor Deneen of Illinois, it was made known recently, will postpone convening the general assembly in special session pending the outcome of the investigation of the Cherry mine disaster.

The government faces important problems relating to channels and terminals in proposed waterways improvement. The National liberal federation has issued a manifesto declaring action of the house of lords should be repudiated by the people.

The government shows that there were great chances for deceit in the inquiry of the alleged sugar frauds in New York. The Nicaragua official at Washington was given his passports and a scathing letter by Secretary of State Knox and diplomatic relations were therefore severed.

The British house of lords, by voting to reject the budget, have precipitated a crisis in England. An Ohio lumber merchant says he overheard a plot to kill John D. Rockefeller.

Secretary Wilson, in his annual report, said the past year had been one of great prosperity for farmers. Representative Norris of Nebraska says it will be useless to ask Speaker Cannon to resign.

Judge Charles Amidon, of the United States district court of North Dakota, advocated the execution of professional criminals and the hopelessly insane in an address at Fargo. The court of appeals has granted Gompers and his associates a stay pending appeal to the supreme tribunal.

The prohibition amendment was defeated by a large majority in Alabama. Emperor William opened the Reichstag by personally reading the speech from the throne.

James Freeman Curtis of Boston, now United States district attorney and once intercollegiate golf champion of the United States, has been chosen assistant secretary of the U. S. treasury.

Speaker Cannon, in a speech at Kansas City, defended the rules of the house. Congressman Carter of Oklahoma is critically ill.

**Washington.**  
Representative Hitchcock of Omaha expresses the opinion that the forthcoming session is going to be the liveliest exhibition that congress has given the country in a long time. He expects there will be something going on every minute and that the fighting will be forced from the very opening.

Mr. Hitchcock is disposed to take especial interest in pressing for postal savings banks, on which he has long had a bill pending. President Taft said he enjoyed his Thanksgiving dinner because no speechmaking had to follow.

Despite the state guaranty law for state banks in Oklahoma, many applications are pending at the treasury department for organization as national banks in the new state and one for the Germania national bank of Ponca City was approved. It is capitalized at \$25,000.

A gag order affecting the furnishing of information to any committee of the house or senate or any member of congress except as authorized by the head of the department in which such official serves, has been promulgated by the president.

Secretary of State Knox returned the passports of Felipe Rodriguez, charge d'affaires of the Nicaraguan legation with a letter scathingly denouncing the Zelayan government. The letter is definitely declared to represent the views of President Taft.

Congress will turn the light on the water power problem. The consular service is to receive more attention with a view to its increased efficiency. The secretary has appointed Wilbur J. Carr, chief clerk of the department of state, director of the consular service, a newly created office.

**Personal.**  
Control of the Equitable has been secured by J. Pierpont Morgan. King Edward, through the foreign office, formally accepted the invitation to act as arbitrator of the Alsop claim dispute between the United States and Chile.

George Foster Peabody, William Dean Howells, William M. Ivins and Herbert Parsons are all advocates of woman suffrage. The cabinet session blue penciled the president's message before it went to the printer.

Walter Wellman calls Dr. Cook a fraud, and says his claim to the pole discovery is bogus. Cubans are becoming dissatisfied with the administration of President Gomez, and want him displaced.

Dr. Cook, of Arctic fame, is said to be on the point of a nervous breakdown.

CONGRESS IS READY

SESSION TO OPEN PROMPTLY AT NOON MONDAY.

MESSAGE COMES AT ONCE

No Well Defined Program Arranged, Members Desiring First to Hear President's News.

Washington.—At noon Monday the first regular session of the Sixty-first congress will be convened. Vice President Sherman will preside in the senate and Speaker Cannon will wield the gavel in the house.

The beginning of the session is regarded always with interest, but there have been few sessions in recent years for which there has been so little planning among the members. Ordinarily Speaker Cannon and Senator Aldrich who speaks for the majority of the senate, have a program at the beginning of a session, but this year they have none; or, if they have one, they are not talking about it. They are waiting upon the president. By common consent, apparently, all are holding back until the president recommendations can be received, as they will be on Tuesday, in his first annual message. That his suggestions will be acted upon is too much to say. But there is a disposition to accommodate him as far as can be done, and there is a determination to hear his intimations before entering upon any effort at legislation along the lines upon which he has intimated a desire to be heard.

Even the "insurgents" generally express a willingness to wait upon the White House before attempting to formulate a plan of action. This is true both in the senate and the house. They manifested much interest in the forthcoming message, but that until it is received they will be unable to form any plans. They proclaim no fight against the president, but some at least of them are avowedly irreconcilable in their attitude toward the speaker and Senator Aldrich, whom they hold responsible, the one for the house rules and the other for the tariff law. Unquestionably they will be heard from in some way before the session grows very old, and it is not hoped by the friends of the new tariff that they will escape criticism.

The principal interest in the outlook centers in the possibility of railroad legislation, and all hands are waiting with keen expectancy to see what recommendations, if any, Mr. Taft may make on that subject. Representative Mann has bills prepared on all these points and will present them as soon as the message is received. He is chairman of the committee which will have the measures in hand and will press them with vigor.

Much interest is felt in the Nicaraguan situation, but the general disposition is to permit the executive branch to deal with it without legislative interference at least in the present stage. Congressmen generally express no apprehension as to the outcome.

While the corporation tax provision of the tariff bill was under consideration during the extra session, Senator Aldrich expressed the opinion that it might not be of long life, but he probably will take no steps to abrogate it until the full effect of the tariff as a revenue producer can be ascertained.

**All Land Men Included.**  
Omaha.—There was some doubt as to whether all the big land men—Richards, Comstock, Jameson, Triplet, Huntington, Todd and Hoyt—were included, or just some of them, in the decision of the federal circuit court of appeals affirming the ruling of the federal district court fining and imprisoning these men, but there is no doubt now. They are all included.

**Zelaya Ready to Flee?**  
New Orleans, La.—According to private reports received here from Managua President Zelaya has made all arrangements to leave Nicaragua on the first steamer sailing from Corinto. The report is not confirmed.

**Bishop Goodsell is Dead.**  
New York.—Rev. Dr. Daniel Ayres Goodsell, resident bishop of the Methodist Episcopal church, died Sunday at his residence in this city. He had been ill several weeks and death followed an operation for a carbuncle.

**PLEA FOR STATEHOOD.**  
New Mexico Wants to Come into the Union.

Washington.—Recalling the fact that the leading political parties during their last national conventions pledged themselves to statehood bills, George Curry, who recently resigned the governorship of New Mexico, in his annual report to Secretary Ballinger again urges his aid and influence toward obtaining statehood for the territory at the coming session of congress.

**Bishop Stringer is Missing.**  
Edmonton, Alberta.—According to advices brought down by northern Indians, Bishop Stringer and his wife, two of the best known missionaries of the north, have perished somewhere between here and Dawson City, for which place the couple started overland last June. Bishop and Mrs. Stringer expected to reach Dawson City in October, but nothing has been heard from them by trappers of voyagers for the last two months. Bishop Stringer and his wife have worked among the Indians for years.

NEBRASKA NEWS AND NOTES.

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

Recent snowfalls and rains have put the roads of Nebraska in bade shape. York has a new industry, that of making cement posts.

The bank at Taylor has increased its capital from \$5,000 to \$10,000. John Peatrowsky, a pioneer of Cumming county, having lived therein over forty years, died last week.

Odd Fellows of Humboldt have purchased ground and will erect thereon a building for lodge purposes. Arthur Nichols of Odessa has been taken to the insane asylum for the second time.

The Union Depot company of Omaha is preparing to spend \$500,000 in enlarging the station. Citizens of Geneva turned out in strong numbers and reorganized the Commercial club.

Woodmen day at Broken Bow was quite successful, but would have been better had the weather been propitious. The Union Pacific railroad received permission from the state railway commission to put in effect a one fare rate to Omaha on the occasion of the National Corn exposition.

The governor will appoint thirty delegates to attend the good roads convention at Topeka, Kas., December 15 and 16. The meeting is national in character.

Anton Christiansen of Omaha, a life prisoner in the penitentiary for the murder of his wife in 1902, has been paroled by Governor Shallenberger to his brother, C. Christiansen, of South Omaha.

Amherst schools closed on account of scarlet fever. There is an epidemic of this malady in the north part of Buffalo county and within a radius of ten miles from the north boundary hardly a school is running.

The discovery of fire in the laboratory of the high school at Hastings by a group of high school girls, who promptly turned in the alarm, saved the \$80,000 school building from destruction.

H. C. Young, a prominent farmer homesteader, living near Kimball, was killed by his own wagon running over him. He was on his way home with a load of coal and it is supposed his team ran away, throwing him under the wheels.

Judgment for \$48,000 was confessed in federal court by the North Platte Water Works company in the suit instituted against it by the American Water Works company. The amount was due on work and material furnished by the plaintiff.

Ira Bass, a young man about 24 years old, a former resident of Broken Bow, was brought there from Dunning suffering from a gunshot wound in the breast. He keeps a hardware store and was examining some firearms when the accident occurred.

Secretary Paine of the State Historical society has received word that James Mooney of the staff of the American bureau of ethnology will be present at the annual meeting of the society in Lincoln in January and will deliver one or more addresses. Mr. Mooney is one of the great authorities on the North American Indian.

Luaer M. Overstreet, a former York county boy, has been promoted from lieutenant to lieutenant commander and according to Washington dispatches will have charge or command of one of the new dreadnaughts. The promotion was earned by reason of the best record as an officer and best record at target practice.

Many farmers in Gage county have filed objections with County Attorney F. O. McGill with reference to the assistant state veterinarian charging fees for inspecting dairy cattle or cattle shipped out of the county. Mr. McGill received a letter from Attorney General Thompson stating that the charges were made according to law.

Ed Burke of Kansas was arrested in Wymore for being drunk and disorderly. He was arraigned in Judge Crawford's court on a charge of resisting an officer and placed under \$1,000 bonds to await his preliminary hearing. Before he could be brought to the county jail, however, Burke had picked the lock of his cell and made his escape.

James Brink, who leased what is known as "musk rat slough," lying north of Lyons, now astonishes the people when it comes to raking in the shekels for his leasehold. What to them appeared as a joke at the time he leased it is now bringing him in a good income from the investment. Already, this early in the season, he has taken over 600 musk rats from the slough, for which he was offered 27 cents by an Omaha man, and refused to take less than 30 cents.

There is a disease among horses in Antelope and adjoining counties that is puzzling the veterinary surgeons. The animals that have recently died in Antelope county have been considered valuable and a heavy loss is reported to the owners. Veterinary Surgeon Matthews was called to the farm of J. R. Nichol to give treatment to three horses that had this unknown disease. He administered medicine of various kinds, but in spite of his efforts they died.

Chattel mortgages aggregating \$2,500 were filed against E. R. Cuddeback's garage in Fremont. The building is also heavily mortgaged and there are said to be several thousand dollars in unsecured claims outstanding and the liabilities are considerably in excess of the assets.

Word was received in Nebraska City of the death of Mathew P. Smith at his home at Terre Haute, Ind., after being sick but four days with pneumonia. He was in the distilling business with his brother, Fred B. Smith, at that place, and was born and reared in Nebraska City.

WORK OF EDUCATION

APPROVAL OF SCHOOLS FOR NORMAL TRAINING.

A LARGER NUMBER THIS YEAR

A Ruling Against the Bankers' Life Company—Other Matters From the State Capital.

State Superintendent Bishop has made an announcement concerning the approval of high schools for normal training. The list includes a total of 110 schools, of which 103 are high schools and seven academies.

The normal training law was enacted by the legislature of 1907. During the school year 1907-8 sixty-eight schools were approved for normal training, with an enrollment of 1,200 pupils in the normal training classes. During the year 1908-9 eighty-six high schools and eight academies were approved, representing a combined enrollment of 1,600 pupils taking the course. For this school year the 110 schools approved for the work have enrolled in their normal training classes a total of 1,850 pupils.

In May, 1909, there were graduated from the normal training high schools 775 pupils, who had completed the regular high school course of study and the course in normal training. Reports show that of this number 575 of them are teaching this fall. County superintendents are enthusiastic over the good work these young teachers are doing in the school room.

**Insurance Agents Are Out.**  
The state insurance board handed out a ruling revoking the licenses of the ten agents of the Bankers' Life Insurance company of Lincoln.

The following is the form of the letter sent out to the agents under investigation by Auditor Barton, head of the insurance board:

"By the authority vested in me by the laws of the state of Nebraska, and as I fully believe that your conduct as an insurance agent and the methods used by you in procuring business is in violation of law and contrary to the rulings of the insurance department and against public policy, I hereby revoke your license No. — as agent of the Bankers' Life Insurance company of Lincoln, Neb., dated —, 1909."

While the action taken is sweeping, the twenty-eight affidavits introduced in evidence before the board contained many suggestions of irregularities that the agents excluded under the order for the most part did little to refute.

**Plans Issue of Stock.**  
The application of the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad company for authority to issue \$30,502,800 worth of common stock has been granted by the Nebraska railway commission. The stock will be issued in the form of 305,028 shares of common stock of the par value of \$100 each. The stock is to be issued for the purpose of "constructing, improving and equipping its railway," otherwise the request filed with the commission contains no hint of how, when or in what one or more of the states the work is to be done.

**Historical Society Wants Money.**  
Notwithstanding the State Historical society sets an appropriation of \$15,000 biennially, it has its solicitors out asking for money. One was at the state house asking financial aid with which to print some report the society is to make and for which the solicitor said there was no money available to pay the bill.

**Requisition for Wife Deserter.**  
The governor's office issued requisition on the state of Iowa for the return to Nebraska of Albert Oliver. Oliver is charged with deserting his wife and minor child, now living in Lancaster county. He has been placed under arrest at Indianola, Ia.

**A Raise in Wages.**  
The Lincoln Traction company stockholders elected officers and increased the wages of the motormen and conductors. The one-year men were raised 1 cent an hour, making 19 cents; the two, three, four and six-year men were raised 1½ cents.

**Cupid Gets Normal Teachers.**  
Superintendent Thomas of the Kearney Normal school reported to the normal board that Mr. D. Cupid was playing havoc with his teaching force and he wanted an injunction issued or something done to head him off. A number have been lost and others have the fever.

**Civil Service Examinations.**  
The United States civil service commission announces the following examinations to be held at Lincoln and Omaha: January 25, stenographer and typewriter, all branches of the service; January 25, stenographer, departmental service; January 25, typewriter for men only.

**An Unfounded Report.**  
The story printed by an Omaha paper to the effect that W. J. Bryan and his brother, C. W. Bryan, have been asking Governor Shallenberger to call an extra session of the legislature in order to secure the passage of a resolution for the submission of the initiative and referendum constitutional amendment is not warranted. C. W. Bryan made a denial of the story when questioned in regard to the matter. "Neither W. J. Bryan nor myself has asked the governor to call a special session," he said.

CALLS AN ELECTION.

Governor Proclaims Regarding New Nebraska County.

Governor Shallenberger has issued a proclamation calling an election in the new county of Garden to be held January 10. The polls open from 8 a. m. to 6 p. m. Polling places shall be the same as at the last general election. At the election the location of a county seat shall be determined and the following officers chosen: County clerk, clerk of the district court, treasurer, judge, sheriff, assessor, surveyor, superintendent, three commissioners, and all township and precinct officers, except those previously elected and qualified in the county of Deuel from which the new county has been formed and whose terms of office shall not have expired at the time of the election and whose residence in embraced in the limits of the new county, shall continue in office until their terms expire. The notice of election shall be published for two consecutive weeks preceding the election in a newspaper of general circulation in the county, and by posting in a conspicuous place at each polling place at least two weeks before the election.

**Lincoln Has Corn Show.**  
One of the important features of the State Corn Growers' show, to be held in the Lincoln Auditorium January 17-21, will be an exhibition of wheat. Up to date corn has always had precedence in both local and national shows, but the Nebraska Millers' association, realizing the importance of wheat to the state, has decided to assist in a movement toward increasing its quantity and quality. With this end in view the millers have arranged to co-operate with the Corn association and have offered a valuable trophy for the best exhibit of wheat, to be given at the annual show each year. Much of the widespread interest in corn throughout the state is due to the efforts of the state association. It is hoped that the society will be as successful with wheat.

In addition to the Millers' trophy several cash prizes for wheat exhibits have been offered. The Millers' trophy for sweepstakes, will be a large silver piece of a special design mounted on an ebony base. The base will be hollow and a sample of the winning exhibit will be kept in it and shown whenever the cup is on display. The trophy will be formally presented to the association at its annual banquet to be held in connection with the show. After this it will be awarded annually.

**Majors Does Not Want It.**  
A friend of Senator T. J. Majors has reported that Mr. Majors does not care for the appointment on the old normal board to fill a vacancy in the term of Mr. Hays of Alliance which has expired. It was reported that a movement is being started in the Third congressional district in favor of the appointment of Mr. Kohl, a real estate dealer of Wayne. He is a well known democrat and represented his district in a national democratic convention.

**A Fine Picture.**  
Will M. Maupin, head of the state labor bureau, has received a fine picture of the delegates attending the American Federation of Labor convention taken in a group at Toronto. This picture is fifteen inches wide and about sixty-five inches long, and the face of every delegate can be plainly recognized. Gompers, Mitchell and Morrison, the indicted labor leaders, occupy prominent positions. The picture will be placed in Labor temple.

**Union Pacific to Issue Bonds.**  
The state railway commission held a conference with Edson Rich, attorney for the Union Pacific Railroad company, and issued an order granting permission for the company to issue \$141,598,000 of first lien and refunding mortgage bonds for the purpose of buying and constructing new lines, double track, rolling stock, real estate, terminals, yards and shops.

**Dr. Carr Released.**  
Dr. E. Arthur Carr has received a clean bill from the federal grand jury. Complaint had been filed against Dr. Carr because he had opened mail addressed to Dr. Sward, secretary of the state board of health, legislated out of existence. Dr. Carr was secretary of the new board. The grand jury called Dr. Carr before it and after questioning him failed to bring in a true bill.

**Governor Speaks to State.**  
Coupland, a special committeesrdl The state farm, through Regent Coupland, a special committee with power to act, has bought of Governor Shallenberger four shorthorns, paying therefore, \$1,040. The animals will be used for instruction purposes.

**W. R. Patrick Resigns.**  
Ex-Senator W. R. Patrick of Sarpy county has resigned from the board of trustees appointed to control the state school for blind at Nebraska City and the state school for deaf at Omaha.

**Johns Dismisses Complaint.**  
The complaint of John Johns of Constance against the Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha railroad has been dismissed by the State Railway commission. John Johns alleged that the town of Constance needed a station, and it needed certain side-tracks and a few other things which he alleged it was the duty of the railroad company to furnish, so he filed his complaint. A hearing was had and testimony introduced, after which the commission decided John Johns had failed to make his case.