

NEWS OF THE WEEK

CONDENSATIONS OF GREATER OR LESSER IMPORTANCE.

A BOILING DOWN OF EVENTS

National, Political, Personal and Other Matters in Brief Form for All Classes of Readers.

Foreign

Premier Asquith announced in the house of commons that the resolutions concerning the house of lords which are to be submitted by the government on March 29 would include a proposal for shortening the duration of parliament.

Dr. Doyden, the French scientist, and Captain Van Langendonck of the Belgian army fought a duel at the Hippodrome in Nice, France. At the second attack Dr. Doyden pricked the captain's right forearm, whereupon the seconds stopped the combat. The duellists were reconciled.

Vesuvius has suddenly become active again. There have been eruptions for the past twenty-four hours of stones and ashes, this being accompanied by internal detonations. Several fissures have opened, from which gases and lava are emerging in great quantities.

A company of distinguished Britons, with many American residents, gave a banquet in London to former Vice President Charles W. Fairbanks, under the auspices of the Pilgrim society. The Earl of Salisbury presided despite his eighty-four years and talked eloquently of Bunker Hill and Anglo-American friendship of late days. The speech of the evening was made by Mr. Fairbanks.

General

Trade of the country has its drawbacks, but the spring outlook is good.

The house committee made a drastic change in the administration's railroad bill.

W. L. Parks of the Union Pacific has been elected vice president of the Illinois Central.

President Taft's congressional program is by no means certain of being carried out.

Champ Clark, the leader of the minority in the house of representatives, received congratulations on his sixtieth birthday.

Motive power on many railroad systems has been put in bad shape by the severe winter.

The postal savings bank bill is destined to slumber for a time in a house committee.

The home of John P. Cudaby at Kansas City, was the scene of a sensational affray and arrests.

Lands embraced in the Belle Fourche irrigation project of South Dakota are soon to be thrown open.

During the funeral of Senator Platt in New York from 10 to 12 o'clock the United States Express office was closed.

Huddled down in their abandoned sleigh, two women and a little child were found frozen to death in South Dakota.

Meat prices have advanced in all the principal consuming and producing sections of the world, according to statistics.

Representative Smith of Iowa introduced a bill authorizing the expenditure of \$75,000 for the construction of a federal building at Red Oak, Ia. The government already owns a site in that town.

The German geographical society has decided to send out a South polar discovery expedition and so contest with the United States and Great Britain in the race through the Antarctic.

Enrico Caruso, the tenor, is quaking with something worse than stage fright. The black hand has demanded \$15,000 or his life in two successive letters.

The governor of Nebraska will pardon no more persons who sell "near beer" now that a new interpretation of the law has been made by the supreme court.

Montgomery Ward of Chicago was seriously injured in an automobile accident at Los Angeles. His left shoulder was broken when he fell from the tonneau of the machine.

Victims of the Wellington, Wash., avalanche are now thought to number a hundred.

Senator Beveridge introduced a bill providing for the permanent retention by the government of the Alaskan coal lands.

President Taft disclaims responsibility for the selection of Wade Ellis as republican chairman in Ohio.

The Nebraska plan of distributing seed to farmers from the experiment station prevents monopoly prices.

The revolutionary cause in Nicaragua has about petered out.

The burning of a cotton warehouse caused a loss of \$385,000 at New Bedford, Mass.

A Dallas, Tex., mob invaded a court room and lynched a negro.

It is now estimated that 225 men were killed in the Tisna and Patapa (Nicaragua) battles.

Portland, Ore., has been made the gateway of all the Harriman lines.

The house passed the postoffice bill, carrying an appropriation of \$241,000,000.

President Taft and Attorney General Wickersham have decided to push the anti-trust war.

Representative Henry introduced a bill to compel the extradition of the beef barons to stand trial.

The department of justice has accepted Prosecutor Garven's offer to send evidence on the beef trust.

Senator Burkett says he is confident of re-election and will depend upon the rank file of the party.

Nicholas Tschalkovsky was acquitted and Madame Breshkovskaya sentenced to exile, in St. Petersburg.

Railroads and the government have a different inception of the twenty-eight hour live stock shipment law.

Three of the defendants with Mabray in Council Bluffs pleaded guilty and low may turn state's evidence.

The taking of testimony was concluded in the trial of Tschalkovsky and Madame Breshkovskaya in St. Petersburg.

All railroads in Nebraska received a total revenue of over \$50,000,000 for freight and passenger service during the year 1909.

General Estrada, the head of the Nicaraguan revolutionary faction, is now ready to accept any reasonable terms as a basis for peace.

Two hundred Kansas editors and their wives were banqueted at Wichita as the closing event of the Kansas state editorial association.

Sons and daughters of Iowa and friends to the number of 300 gathered at the annual banquet of the Iowa society of New York at the Hotel Astor.

All employees of the breweries in Buffalo, numbering about 700 men, will receive an average increase in wages of \$1 weekly by contracts just signed.

Without excitement or ceremony President Mendoza was formally inaugurated president of Panama, succeeding President Obaldia, who died several days ago.

The English army estimates for 1910-11 show a total for maintenance of \$138,800,000. This is an increase over the estimates of the preceding year of \$1,626,000.

More than 6,000 steerage passengers have left Southampton for the United States within a fortnight, breaking all records. Every steamer has taken her full capacity.

Robbers dynamited the safe of the Bank of Edna, Kansas, securing an amount estimated at \$5,000, and escaped on a handcar after exchanging shots with a number of citizens. One of the citizens was shot, but it is believed not seriously wounded.

Colonel William M. Bixby, chairman of the Mississippi river commission, was examined by the senate committee on commerce relative to the improvements proposed for the Missouri river from Sioux City to St. Louis or Kansas City to St. Louis.

Internal commerce movements for the month of January, 1910, according to statistics of the department of commerce and labor showed heavy movements of coal and coke in the east.

The bill creating a court of patents was passed by the senate. It authorizes a bench of five members. The chief justice would be nominated by the president and to serve for life and the other four justices to be selected by the chief justice of the United States supreme court from among the circuit and district court judges of the country and to serve for six years.

FOREIGN—The department of justice will accept the offer made by Pierre Garven, prosecutor of Hudson county, New Jersey, to furnish the government evidence, he has on hand in the beef trust case and has asked him to forward to Washington copies of the indictments recently found there.

A new bill providing for the erection of American embassies abroad was reported by Representative Lowden from the foreign affairs committee. The bill, which takes the place of the one defeated on the floor of the house last Wednesday, provides a limit of \$150,000 for any one building, including grounds and furnishings.

Two Chippewa Indian chiefs who came to Washington the other day from Orr, Minn., to ask congress for additional land for the Bois Fortie Indian reservation, were asphyxiated by illuminating gas in their lodging house.

The postoffice appropriation bill, carrying appropriations aggregating \$241,000,000 passed in the house, while the senate disposed of the agricultural bill with total appropriations of \$3,500,000. The senate was in session three hours, the house about five.

PERSONAL—Ex-Senator Platt of New York died from diabetes.

Philadelphia strikers and the police department are far apart in their estimates of the number of men on strike.

Louis Klopsch, editor of the Christian Herald, is dead.

Representative Hinshaw of Nebraska declines to commit himself as to his candidacy for re-election to congress.

In a brief filed in the supreme court former Senator Foraker attacks the constitutionality of the corporation tax law.

The president may use his influence with the house to enact into the senate postal savings bank bill a feature he asked for.

NEBRASKA IN BRIEF.

News Notes of Interest From Various Sections.

Geneva expects to do a good deal of building this year.

Mr. and Mrs. Orville B. Messenger of Chadron celebrated their golden wedding.

Kearney is shipping many carloads of alfalfa hay to St. Louis, Kansas City and other points east and south.

Three weeks religious meetings in Albion brought but little interest outside of church members.

The ministerial union of Fremont is planning to have "Billy" Sunday hold forth in a series of meetings in that city.

Custer county now has no safe place for its records since burning of the court house. The proposition to build has been defeated.

Henry D. Weller, one of Richardson county's most prominent citizens, died last week. He formerly served in the legislature.

Break-up of the ice in the Platte river destroyed the bridge near Fremont. It is likely that a steel structure will take its place.

W. L. Park, general superintendent of the Union Pacific, has been elected to the vice presidency of the Illinois Central, to succeed R. G. Rawl.

Mrs. John Mederna, living on a Kinkaid claim, attempted suicide by cutting her throat. She was despondent over failure of eyesight.

William Konzack, a boy hunter, of Clay county, accidentally shot himself while after game, the hammer of his gun catching in the wire fence. He cannot live.

The people of Omaha have summoned a water expert to look into conditions. Much typhoid fever prevails in the city and the water is thought to be responsible.

A horse belonging to Fred Lake of Merdock was found in the possession of a stranger at Auburn by Sheriff W. H. Jones. The thief confessed and was delivered to Plattsmouth officers.

The late grand jury made a report on the county jail of Seward county, to the effect that it was an unsanitary structure and not a fit place for the sheriff and prisoners to live in.

Two horses belonging to Dr. F. A. Claussen of Beatrice were run into by a Rock Island train. The animals were so badly injured that it was found necessary to kill them. One was valued at \$250.

William H. Gilmore, the Burlington engineer who was so badly injured in a wreck east of Nebraska City, died from his injuries. He was born in West Lebanon, N. H., October 31, 1862, and went to work for the railroads when he was 14 years of age, and at 18 was in charge of an engine as engineer.

A Johnson county farmer says chinch bugs are to be found in great numbers in the bunch grass and weeds and unless destroyed will be on hand early in the spring and will work much destruction to crops. He says the farmers should burn all grass, brush and weed patches about their premises at an early date as possible.

The \$200 per acre mark for Merrick county land has been reached, a cash sale involving that consideration having been closed. The land sold is the Bascombe tract near the old fair grounds, comprising fifty acres.

Through the generosity of T. B. Ford, Nebraska Central college, the Central City Quaker institution of learning, is to be provided with a school of agriculture if the terms of Mr. Ford's gift are met by the friends of the college. Mr. Ford has donated \$5,000 toward a school of agriculture in case \$5,000 more is raised by the college.

The county recorder's office of Jefferson county did the largest day's business in its history March 2. Fifty instruments were filed and farm mortgages amounting to over \$90,000 were placed on record.

Warden Smith's latest report shows that a number of convicts at the Nebraska penitentiary lost thirty days' good time for the offense of stealing shirts. The garments were missed, and upon investigation were found in the cells of the men who received the penalty.

Everything indicates that this year's Chautauqua at York will be among the best ever held. Secretary R. E. Cutler announces that the program is about completed and that the talent will be exceptionally fine for this season.

It is now a settled fact that Red Cloud will be a member of the Nebraska State league, there having been something over \$2,000 pledged for the support of the same, also the \$500 forfeit has been forwarded to the president of the league.

"If they started to send me to the penitentiary I'd"—and William Barkdoll of Lincoln placed the muzzle of a 22-caliber rifle beneath his chin and pulled the trigger. The bullet entered just behind the lower jaw bone and maintained an upward and backward direction, but did not reach the brain. He will probably recover.

Six houses in Ravenna were entered at some time in the night. At none of the places was anything valuable secured with the exception of the residence of James Metsiek, where a pocketbook containing \$75 was taken from his trousers.

Denver (Colo.) dispatch: Charging that one of her children was born without ears because of ill treatment by her husband, Mrs. Mary Newlands, formerly of Omaha, has been granted a divorce in the county court in Denver from Peter R. Newlands, believed to now be living in Omaha.

PAID TO RAILROADS

STATISTICS SHOWING REVENUES THEY HAVE RECEIVED.

HOW SMALLER PLACES LINE UP

No Raise in Rates on Alfalfa by the Railroads.—Miscellaneous Matters at the State Capital.

Statistics showing the revenue received by the railroads from the sale of tickets, freight forwarded and freight received for the last year shows the ambitious smaller cities of the state line up in this position: Grand Island, first, \$924,839.79; Fremont, second, \$638,813.90; Beatrice, third, \$621,670.62; Hastings, fourth, \$608,430.99; Kearney, fifth, \$445,597.22; Nebraska City, sixth, \$424,939.12. In the above group Nebraska City shows a decrease of about \$20,000 compared with the year before, while Fremont shows a decrease of about \$30,000. The other towns mentioned all show an increase.

Compared with last year Omaha and Lincoln show increases, while So. Omaha shows a decrease. For 1908 Omaha paid out to the railroads \$10,108,917.29, compared with \$10,392,994.34 for the last year; Lincoln paid to the railroads in 1908 \$3,030,936.08, compared with \$3,079,093.48. In 1908 South Omaha contributed \$6,016,449.99, compared with \$5,875,971.18.

Of the smaller cities Schuyler made the greatest increase of any town in the state, its increase being \$224,000. In the amount of the increase Schuyler ranks next to Omaha, which increased its expenditures with the railroads some \$284,000.

The total revenue for the entire state received by all the railroads for 1908 was \$48,112,241.66. For 1909 the total revenue amounted to \$50,640,187.75. Omaha and South Omaha contributed almost one-third of the revenue.

Alfalfa Rate Stays Down.

The Burlington railroad has been refused permission to increase the rate on alfalfa hay from Scott's Bluff to Omaha from 20 to 23 cents. The order refusing this permission was issued by the railway commission a few days ago, after having received protests from the Omaha Commercial club and the Omaha Alfalfa Meal company.

It was set out by the company that when the Peters company's plant at Omaha burned some time ago the rate on alfalfa hay was reduced from 23 to 20 cents per 100 for the benefit of that company. Now that the company has got on its feet again the railroad desires to restore the old rate, and with its application was filed a statement from the Peters company waiving objection to the increase.

Those who protested, however, set out that the Peters company had established mills out in the state and was now shipping to Omaha the finished product and no longer was it interested in the rate on alfalfa hay.

Missouri Pacific to Fight.

The Missouri Pacific railroad will fight the Bartos act, which provides that railroads shall maintain at depots a telephone for the convenience of the public. That is if the railway commission insists upon the installation of a telephone at Burr.

Night Races at Fair.

The state fair board is figuring on having races at the state fair this year. The plan is to have the races and a display of fireworks each evening. Heretofore the board has been having the fireworks put on by a company, but it has discovered that it can put on the show itself and this will be done this year.

Conservation Congress.

The state conservation congress, called by Governor Shallenberger to be held in Lincoln the last of March, promises to be a big meeting. The committee chosen to arrange the details have issued notice regarding the number of delegates to be chosen by the different political divisions and elected officers.

Express Rates on Ponies.

It is just as cheap now to ship an undersized pony by express as it is to express an oversized colt. The railway commission issued an order that hereafter the express companies should charge \$5 for shipping a 700-pound pony or a colt not crated, and where crated and the weight is 900 pounds the charge shall be the same. If the express companies handle the shipment each shall receive \$2.50. If the animal weighs more than 700 pounds it is to be expressed as a horse and given the horse rate.

Insurance Rates Differ.

State Auditor Barton is making an effort to prevent discrimination in rates charged for fire insurance by companies in Nebraska. He has received evidence that many companies charge less for a policy in some localities than in others on the same class of risks and even in the same localities he has evidence that there is discrimination. It has been reported that while there is a rate war on at Hastings insurance is being written for 10 cents a hundred, while in Lincoln the rate is \$1.20 a hundred.

A CONSERVATION MEETING.

The Governor Issues Proclamation Relative to Same.

It has been decided to hold a Nebraska Conservation and State Development congress on Tuesday and Wednesday, March 29, in this city.

The subjects to be treated are: "Conservation of Natural Resources," "Good Roads," "Seed Corn," "Problems of North western Nebraska," "Public Health" and other kindred subjects.

Governor Shallenberger has issued a call for the convention, during which he says:

"The benefits to be derived from improved methods of cultivation, the improvement of our grasses and grains and of the live stock upon the farm are things which must be brought home to every farmer. Our dairy interests are ever growing and should be fostered and encouraged as one of the most important sources of our material wealth. Good roads should be built to enable the producers of our products to reach the railroad markets easily and quickly. Practical and intelligent work upon our country roads can be made easily possible if careful attention is given to this matter by those who make our laws and they who make and use the roads. A great deal is being said about the value to be derived from the improvement of our inland waterways, but still greater benefit will follow a systematic and thorough improvement of the roads over which the farmer must transport his raw material to market.

"There are problems of development and proper conservation of our natural resources which confront the people of western Nebraska that are to be considered along entirely different lines in the eastern portion of our state. The representatives of the different portions of our state should meet in a state conference once a year to consider these questions and come to mutually understand the needs and requirements of each section and discuss those matters that are essential to every portion of the state and necessary to a realization of all the possibilities of the future. It would be of vast benefit to us, if for no other reason than it would open the eyes of our people and the country generally to the matchless opportunities for the development of material prosperity and a representative citizenship in Nebraska.

"With a firm belief that vital benefits would come to the people of the state by calling a convention of representative men from every county in Nebraska, to meet at the capital city of the commonwealth, to consider the vast problems which I have briefly touched upon as essential to our further advancement. I hereby proclaim and call a convention to be held at Lincoln, Neb., March 29 and 30, 1910, to be known as The First Nebraska Conservation and State Development congress, and earnestly request the entire citizenship of the state to co-operate in carrying out a plan for this gathering, so that it may result in making for the further development of all the natural resources of our state and opportunities for manufacture and improved agriculture as well."

Expenses of the University.

The report of State Accountant John W. Tulleys shows that out of a total of \$619,012 paid for wages and salaries for the two years ending April 1, 1909, at the state university, \$368,498 went for classes at the university and \$104,895 for classes at the state farm. A total of \$1,238,822 was expended in two years for all purposes.

Governor Appoints Delegates.

Governor Shallenberger has appointed Judge Lincoln Frost of Lincoln and Judge Lee S. Estelle of Omaha delegates to the American academy of political and social science, which will meet in Philadelphia April 8 and 9. Among other subjects the academy will consider juvenile court methods.

NEWS (OFFICE)—LINCOLN—

For Better Train Service.

C. Hildreth of Franklin, has issued an appeal to Nebraska newspapers to assist in securing better train service from south central and southwestern parts of the state to Lincoln and Omaha. This manifesto follows up the complaint made to the state railway commission, which was heard recently at Hastings.

The Industrial Exposition.

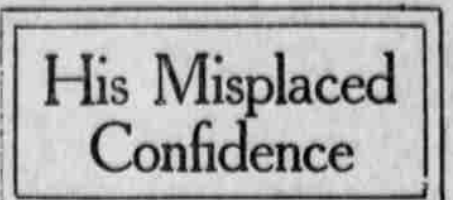
Besides fixing dates for the greater Lincoln industrial exposition, May 24 to 28, the committee arranging for that event has agreed on some of the details to be provided. Not only the auditorium building but also the outside space at Thirteenth and M will be utilized for displays and the entertainment of the crowds. The outdoors department will probably include a number of machinery exhibits. The auditorium will be partitioned off for booths, and these will all be constructed in advance.

Six Calves in Year.

H. Huff of Spalding has reported to Secretary Mellor of the state fair board that he has a cow which has given birth to six calves during the last fifteen months. The cow is a registered red Polled-Angus.

Death of University Athlete.

G. O. Hammond of Pawnee City, a prominent University of Nebraska athlete, died a few days ago from a stroke of paralysis. He was a junior in the engineering college of the university.



Mrs. Braithwaite opened the kitchen door in answer to a timid knock and a small girl handed her a note. She read:

"Monday Chicago, Dear madam Mrs. Wendt Cannot come to wash Monday for I am feeling very bad and I will come to wash next Monday your Truly MRS. WENDT."

When the small messenger had been sent on her way with a nickel and the last piece of cake in the house Mrs. Braithwaite considered the situation.

"I never have washed before, but what woman has done woman can do," she murmured. "I'll just celebrate my month-old wedding anniversary by making it my first washday." It was nearly 11 o'clock before Mrs. Braithwaite began to put her plan into execution.

Presently she stopped to rest a moment and carefully contemplate her reddened hands robbed of cuticle in more than one place. Then the water boiled over in the wash boiler on the gas stove. She raised the lid, filling the tiny kitchen with steam, and at that moment there came a tap at the door. Lid in hand, Mrs. Braithwaite answered the summons and was confronted by a graceful figure in a gray suit.

"I couldn't ring the front door bell because of the newly painted steps," explained the caller. "Is Mrs. Braithwaite at home?"

"I am Mrs. Braithwaite."

"Phil's wife! How perfectly delightful to meet you! I am Evelyn Du Bois. You will excuse my calling at this unreasonable hour, but I'm passing through the city and took the opportunity between trains to make the acquaintance of Phil's wife. Please, may I come in?"

"I beg your pardon," Mrs. Braithwaite said, painfully conscious of her abbreviated skirt and the boiler lid in her hand. She led the way into the sitting room through the piles of assorted clothes on the kitchen floor.

This, then, was the girl Phil had been engaged to!

Mrs. Braithwaite looked around her in dismay. Never before had the little sitting room shown such disorder. She gathered up an armful of things from a chair and begged her caller to be seated.

"Phil and I have known each other for years," Miss Du Bois observed. "He's much older than I, you know. I imagine you are nearer his age. He always said he never would marry a brunette, but there's no depending upon a man's word, as I suppose you have learned already. What a dear home! And so very, very tiny! Somehow, I can't imagine Phil crowding his six feet of stature in here. Of course he keeps up his singing, Mrs. Braithwaite, and you play his accompaniments?"

Mrs. Braithwaite shook her head and became conscious of the sweeping cap. She removed it, attempted to smooth back her hair and felt the curlers. An embarrassed flush stained her cheeks.

"My hair curls naturally," Miss Du Bois volunteered with a superior smile. "How do you keep your hands in condition to play the piano when you must wash? I never dreamed that Phil would ask his wife to do the washing. He was always so considerate and—"

"My husband hasn't the faintest idea that I'm washing," Mrs. Braithwaite broke in indignantly. "The woman failed to come."

"Of course," Miss Du Bois acquiesced with a politely incredulous air. She consulted her watch, adding as she rose: "Positively, it is nearly luncheon time."

Mrs. Braithwaite rose also, a nervous something tugging at her throat. Phil would never forgive her for letting Miss Du Bois go without some refreshment. But the pantry was empty! Saturday they had dined downtown; Sunday they had dined with friends.

"You must let me give you a bite and sup," Mrs. Braithwaite urged. "While you lay aside your coat in the hall, I will prepare it quickly."

Seated at the table, brave with pretty new napery, cut glass and silver, Miss Du Bois helped herself daintily to bread, butter and jelly, begging to be excused for omitting eggs, which she never ate.

"Did you have a caller to-day?" asked Braithwaite of his wife when they met.

"Yes, Miss Du Bois," she answered. "I met Evelyn on the street and she tried to get me to go to lunch with her," explained Braithwaite. "I told her I wanted her to meet you. She thought maybe you wouldn't be prepared for callers and all that sort of thing, but I emphasized the fact that you are always prepared and have given me leave to bring anybody home at any time for a meal. Evelyn, you know, can't turn her hand to anything in a house—been waited on all her life. It was all right to send her up, wasn't it?"

Mrs. Braithwaite said "Yes," rather faintly. Then she added, as though the thought had just flashed on her. "Perhaps it would be best, though, to call up and see if I'm at home and ready for visitors before you send out anybody again."

"I'll do that," he agreed. "But I'm certain you were prepared to-day," he declared, with the blissful ignorance of an inexperienced husband.