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FOR THE BUSY MAN

NEWS EPITOME THAT CAN SOON BE COMPASSED.

MANY EVENTS ARE MENTIONED

Home and Foreign Intelligence Condensed into Two and Four Line Paragraphs.

Washington.
Washington Lee Capps, Captain in the regular naval establishment has tendered his resignation to take effect October 1st.

The officials of both the state and navy departments are closely watching the developments in the fight of Estrada and Madriz forces in Nicaragua.

The secretary of the interior has restored to the public domain several tracts of land which had been withdrawn in connection with the irrigation projects but which are not now needed by the reclamation service. The text of the long-heralded Manchurian convention between Japan and Russia, signed July 4 at St. Petersburg, was made public. It is one of the shortest important treaties of modern times, being just 237 words in length.

Major John M. Carson, chief of the bureau of manufactures of the department of commerce and labor, has been selected to go abroad to look into the general trade conditions and opportunities for American manufacturers.

Bids were opened at the treasury for the construction of the public building at Columbus, Neb. The bidders were as follows: J. H. Well of South Omaha, \$68,850; Northwestern Construction company of Kearney, Neb., \$68,500; General Construction company of Milwaukee, \$67,715. Bartlett W. King of Cedar Rapids, \$64,150.

Foreign.
Australian diplomats are said to be displeased over the conclusion of the Russo-Japanese convention.

The elaborate funeral given King Edward cost the nation \$262,500, as is shown in the supplementary financial estimate.

At Monivar, Spain, a bomb exploded under the table of Senor Gallardo, a banker, during a dinner he was giving to some political friends. Two of the guests were killed, thirteen were injured, and the house partly destroyed.

Dr. Leslie Dodd Ward of Newark, N. J., vice president of the Prudential Insurance company, died in London. Dr. Ward was not in good health when he sailed from New York and his condition gradually grew worse after his arrival in London.

There is a bible in the royal library of Stockholm that is 35 inches long and 19 inches wide. It takes three men to lift the book, in which there are 302 pages, seven having been lost. The book is written on parchment made from the skins of 160 asses.

At Cracow, Galicia, a great three-day national Polish festival in celebration of the 500th anniversary of the battle of Tannenberg, in which the Polish and Lithuanian army defeated and broke the power of the Teutonic order began with the unveiling of a monument to King Ladislaw Jagello.

General.
President Taft has taken the conservation policy in his own hands.

An international railroad commission may be formed by Canada and the United States.

Governor Shallenberger is said to be somewhat annoyed over failure of Omaha officers to enforce daylight saloon law.

The directors of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway company declared the regular quarterly dividend of 1 1/2 per cent.

Officials of the census bureau declare they are paying as fast as possible the enumerators who collected the statistics for the thirteenth census.

President Taft talked politics with Senator Crant of Massachusetts, Attorney General Wickensham and Secretary Nagel of the department of commerce and labor.

Eugene Ely, an aviator, in his third attempt to fly between Winnipeg and Portage La Prairie, fell a distance of several hundred feet and was picked up in a dazing condition on the prairie.

A card torn from a freight car was filed in probate court at Pittsburg as the will of Robert J. McElroy after being fatally injured by a freight train, scribbled on the card, "Mary, I if that is mine is thine."

Export of wheat from the United States for the twelve months ending with June, 1910, showed a reduction of about 21,000,000 bushels.

Within the next few days the old sloop of war Portsmouth, one of the relics of the old navy, will be towed from Hoboken to the navy yard in Brooklyn and be put out of commission.

Important developments in the mediation of the United States, Argentine Republic and Brazil in the boundary dispute between Peru and Ecuador are expected within the next two or three days.

Roosevelt will aid Senator Beveridge in his fight for re-election.

The wheat yield in states of the northwest will be far below the normal.

A new union station is planned for Chicago which may cost \$25,000,000. The first death for three years from the bubonic plague occurred at Honolulu.

The Pan-American Congress is now in session and will hold for several weeks.

The postal savings bank law is expected to prove an aid to the treasury.

Forty millions in gold is expected to be imported from Europe by Christmas.

Seven Cubans were arrested charged with conspiracy against the government.

A female aviator in France suffered a fall of fifty meters and received terrible injuries.

A man was arrested at Chicago who was thought to be gunning for Jack Johnson.

A mob at Newark, O., lynched a young joint-raider who had killed a restaurant proprietor.

Solicitor McCabe says enforcement of the pure food law is one cause for increased cost of living.

Senator Burrows, as the man who must act, is bothered over the bribery case of Senator Lorimer.

Representative Poindexter of Washington received comfort and encouragement at Oyster Bay.

Fourth Assistant Postmaster General P. V. DeGraw talked to Nebraska postmasters in session at Lincoln.

Hon. Charles S. Rolls, an English aviator, was killed by the falling of his machine while making a flight.

Loeb says he would rather remain at his post in the customs service than to be a candidate for governor.

At Clinton, Ill., Chief of Police John Struble was shot about midnight by an unknown man and died in a short time.

Daniel Kinet, the Belgian aviator who fell when the rudder of his aeroplane broke, died from his injuries.

Drouth in the northwest is seriously affecting the cattle men, threatening them with great losses and possibly with financial ruin.

Congressman George W. Norris of the Fifth (Nebraska) district had his name filed as a candidate for renomination on the republican ticket.

George Otis Smith, director of the geographical survey will be the first head in the new bureau of mines, just created by act of congress.

At Hamburg Thirty-five thousand ship yard workers united in a demand for an increase of 10 per cent. in wages and a fifty-three-hour week.

Attorney General Thompson advised Governor Shallenberger that the statutes of Nebraska do not prohibit the exhibition of prize fight pictures.

Only two members of President Taft's cabinet are in the capital "sitting on the lid," as former President Roosevelt designated this summer assignment.

The Hrbek monument was unveiled at Cedar Rapids, Ia., and appropriate memorial exercises were held for the late professor of the University of Nebraska.

At Enid, Okla., guests of the City Hotel fled in their night clothes when the hotel and an adjoining structure was destroyed by fire. Several of the guests were slightly injured.

Robert Prewitt Williams, state treasurer of Missouri during the administration of Alexander Dockery as governor and a well known banker, died at his home at Fayette.

One cannot be quite certain, but it is most probable that Secretary Ballinger's policy of blocking the wheels of conservation with legal quibbles would have succeeded but for Pinchot and Glavis.

The sudden death of Chief Justice Fuller makes a change in a majority of the supreme court of the United States during the first term of President Taft, a possibility, if not a certainty.

For the first time since he returned to Kansas, United States Senator Joseph L. Bristow, in a speech at Olathe, Kans., referred to the fact that he has been denied patronage by President Taft.

Harvard City, Clay county, Nebraska, has the distinction of being the first Nebraska town whose population is announced by the Census bureau. Harvard City has a population of 1,102, as against 840 ten years ago.

Telegraphic advices from Portland have been received announcing the outside of Major W. J. Tucker in a Portland hotel. He was formerly treasurer of the Battle Mountain sanitarium and government home at Hot Springs, S. D.

At Muskogee, Okl., while rehearsing for a literary entertainment in a play requiring a gun play, Jacob Winkler, was shot and instantly killed at Stone Bluff by his chum, Everett Olden. Olden used a shotgun, which he asserted he had previously examined and found not loaded.

Personal.
Pinchot will help the insurgents in the California campaign.

Charles S. Rolls, the noted English aviator, was killed in England.

James R. Garfield is in accord with progressive republicans in Ohio.

Wm. Loeb may make the race for governor of New York on the republican ticket.

Roosevelt and Hughes held a conference over the political situation in New York.

President will not be in a hurry about filling the vacancy in the supreme judgeship.

Roosevelt declares he has as yet taken no stand regarding the "regular" and "insurgent" factions.

WE MUST ADVERTISE

OTHERWISE NEBRASKA IS GOING TO LOSE OUT.

STATE'S LIGHT SHOULD SHINE

W. A. Campbell Tells What Rival States are Doing to Attract Settlers.

How backward Nebraska is in advertising its wealth and resources was told members of the Lincoln Ad Club recently by W. A. Campbell of Omaha, manager of the bureau of publicity of the Omaha Commercial Club.

Mr. Campbell issued a warning with respect on emigration from this country to Canada saying:

An individual who does not make the great energy of advertising increase his business knows himself what he is doing, but others don't. In the case of Nebraska we do not even know ourselves what we are doing except in small spots.

In the meantime Canada and "the last best west" are taking our citizens and it is costing them but \$4.80 per capita to secure them, while every migrating American farmer takes on the average of \$1,000 per capita to Canada with him when he moves. In two days recently 150 farmers from our own state and the states about us, passed through St. Paul and they had assets of nearly \$200,000. The Canadian banks showed an increase during the month of March of nearly \$8,000,000.

At the rate of \$1,000 per capita, which is low, more than \$90,000,000 of new wealth was taken from the states to Canada last year.

While it formerly cost Canada \$5 per capita to secure these settlers, it has decreased to less than \$4.80 and is going lower each year.

But this is not all. Practically every state about Nebraska is making a systematic effort to get settlers by advertising and intelligent work.

We have a letter from Governor Hadley of Missouri who says: "The last session of the legislature appropriated \$25,000 for immigration work, but as the appropriation was not available, the banks of the larger cities have contributed the amount and the work has gone on. We also have a bureau of labor statistics for which \$20,000 is appropriated annually."

Then to rub it in on us Nebraskans the governor adds: "The state also appropriates something like \$100,000 to \$120,000 for the support of the State Board of Agriculture."

I had the pleasure of promoting the first state conservation congress, then called by Governor Eberhart in Minnesota. It was a great success as an advertisement for the state of Minnesota and we have Governor Eberhart's word for it that Minnesota secured 19,000 new settlers from March 1 to May 1. The governor writes, "We have \$20,000 per annum for 1910 and 1911 and there is considerable talk of making this \$100,000 annually."

If Minnesota ever appropriates \$100,000 for advertising the north star state, I want to go on record as saying that over 7,000 Nebraska Irishmen will become Minnesota Swedes.

The Police Record.
The police report for the month of June shows 133 arrests. Of these 119 were men and fourteen women. The meals served to prisoners were 305 and amounted to \$30.50. All of those arrested were able to read and write. The married men numbered 49 and the women 5; unmarried men 70, women 9.

Plague of Crickets.
According to a number of business men in the city, Lincoln has been suffering from a plague of crickets. About a week ago crickets began to appear in the various clothing stores and residences of the city in unusual numbers. Since that time the number has been increasing rapidly. Proprietors of some of the clothing stores state that their cellars are full of crickets of unusual size and that, when their places of business are opened in the morning, the crickets are swept out in handfuls from before the door. One proprietor of a clothing store said that he feared considerable damage to his stock.

Druggists Baking Drunkards.
The excise board met to discuss the abuse of the alcohol permit business by certain druggists who hold them. Chief Malone complained that many of the drunks received at the police station get their jags on alcohol which they buy at drug stores, and that in some places men can readily purchase at exorbitant prices alcohol when they give every appearance of being inebriated.

Central Granaries Company.
In pursuance of the request of the county board of equalization the Central Granaries company has furnished to County Assessor Miller the corporation statement required under the revenue law. This shows that the company has \$350,000 paid up capital and \$80,000 surplus. It has \$15,000 worth of real estate in Lancaster county and \$2,500 worth outside this county. It has personal property to the value of \$342,000, of which \$279,000 is permanently invested in elevators.

Complaint Against Dr. Johnson.
A complaint has been prepared by County Attorney Frank Tyrrell against Dr. W. E. Johnson, convicted of having performed a criminal operation which resulted in the death of Amanda Mueller, a 16-year-old girl, for filing with the board of secretaries of the state board of health in which it is asked that Dr. Johnson's license to practice medicine be revoked. Dr. Johnson was sentenced to two years in the penitentiary. His case is now in the supreme court for further consideration.

A DECEDENT RULING.

Supreme Court Holds Law of 1895 is Void.

The supreme court handed down four belated opinions which make a material change in the law of decedents in Nebraska. Judge Root wrote the decision, Chief Justice Reese and Judge Sedgwick dissenting from a portion of it.

The court reaffirms its former decision, rendered several years ago, but goes further and declares invalid a curative act of 1895, which had never before been questioned. The Baker act gave the widow of a deceased person the homestead in fee and authorized the county judge to set aside a homestead for a widow.

That act was held unconstitutional several years ago on the ground that it was not properly passed and because it gave a county judge power to determine title to real estate. The curative act of 1895 was intended to legalize the acts of county judges in setting aside homesteads in fee to widows. The supreme court now holds that the curative act is unconstitutional because such an act cannot cure the defects of an act that is void in itself. The result is that the law enforced prior to the Baker act is now the law and that widows may only have a life interest in a homestead. After she gets her share the heirs may take title in fee. It is believed that few cases will arise under the ruling because in most cases of division of estates the statutes of limitations has run and litigation is barred.

Chief Justice, Reese and Judge Sedgwick dissent from that part of the decision holding that part of the court's old decision, holding that a decree of a county judge, setting aside a homestead in fee to a widow, is granting power to a county judge to determine title to real estate, and from that part of the new holding which says that children of a deceased person are not estopped, if they have not ratified such an order of a county judge, from objecting to such an order. They agree with the court that the curative act of 1895 is void and with the balance of the opinion.

Another Senatorial Candidate.
Alfred Sorenson of Omaha, known as the "will-be-senator," filed his receipt with the secretary of state showing that he had paid his \$50 filing fee to the county clerk of Douglas county as a candidate for United States senator. He is running for the republican nomination.

Millers Planning Appeal.
Secretary H. B. Smith of the South Platte Millers' association, announced that he would call a meeting of Nebraska millers to take action on the successful government prosecution in the bleached flour cases at Kansas City, and make plans for carrying the case to the United States supreme court.

Scarlet Fever Closes School.
The junior normal school at McCook has been closed by order of the school board of that city on account of scarlet fever. The school had three weeks to run. About 150 students are in attendance. It is believed that the order of the board will practically break up the school for the rest of the term.

Barton Files for Auditor.
Silas R. Barton, state auditor, has filed his name as a candidate for a second nomination on the republican ticket. Mr. Barton is now serving his first term. He filed from Grand Island.

Can't Stop in Lincoln.
Senator Burkett received a telegram saying that Theodore Roosevelt would make an address in Omaha, September 2. Mr. Roosevelt's engagements will not permit him to make a stop in Lincoln on that trip.

Prison Association Met.
The Nebraska prison association met for its quarterly meeting. Judge M. B. Reese, the president of the association, was in the chair, and Secretary-treasurer A. E. Davison gave a report which showed that the association had incurred a deficit of \$80 in the past quarter. An informal discussion followed in which the financial policy of the association was declared to be inadequate. It was said that the present method of collecting funds, viz., by occasional appeals in the pulpits of the various churches and by some personal interviews was unsatisfactory.

Reports are Filed.
The Lincoln Telephone company and the Nebraska Telephone company have filed reports with the city clerk of business done during the month of June within the city of Lincoln and on lines connected with the local exchange. The Bell company paid an occupation tax of \$214.84 on \$10,702.18 of business done; the independent company paid \$320.23 on \$16,011.63 of business.

THE AVIATORS MEET

GREAT EVENTS IN OMAHA, JULY 23, 24, 25, 26 and 27.

AEROPLANES APPEAR IN RACES

Curtiss, the Noted Aviator, Will Contest With His Pupils, Giving an interesting Exhibition.

The Mid-West Aviators' Meet will be held in Omaha, July 23, 24, 25, 26 and 27. The interesting events of the four days will be under the auspices of the Aero club of Nebraska, and the Omaha Commercial club of Omaha, Nebraska.

Glenn H. Curtiss, J. C. Mars, Eugene Ely, and other noted aviators will participate, thus assuring an interesting and entertaining occasion. This is the first western meeting in which Curtiss himself has taken part and is the only western meet in which he will appear this year, a fact, no doubt, that will tend to draw many who might not otherwise favor the meet with their presence. Mr. Curtiss will use the same aeroplane in which he made the flight from Albany to New York a few weeks ago, and which brought out so much favorable comment from the press and public. His presence at the Mid-West Meet will be the signal for drawing thousands from near and far.

The committee having in charge all arrangements are: T. R. Kimball, J. J. Dierlitz, Gould Dietz and Clark G. Powell, the latter being also manager of the meet.

The government has promised assistance by the loan of a number of balloons at Fort Omaha. By this and other aid it is hoped to make this the largest meet in this country, being in keeping with the international exhibition at Los Angeles.

There will be spherical and dirigible balloons as well as heavier than air machines. Aviators will make attempts to lower existing records in rapid flight, altitude flights, quick starting, skillful alighting, etc. Will also have some races.

The committee has arranged for a seating capacity of 6,000, the grounds will accommodate 20,000 and the automobile park will be able to take care of five hundred machines.

Speaking of the coming event, the Omaha Bee says:

"First of all Curtiss will endeavor to lower his own world's record for quick and short starting in an aeroplane during each day of the meet. In addition to this he will seek to reduce his record for a mile on a circular track, which now stands at fifty-eight seconds.

"Curtiss will race Ely and Mars separately around the circular course, giving them a handicap in seconds for the difference in horsepower in the machines.

"The feature of the meet will be the aeroplane races between Ely and Mars, weather permitting. There is a great deal of good natured and friendly rivalry between these two Curtiss aviators and each one tries to outdo the other on all occasions. Both aviators will drive the same horse powered machines during the meet here and are about equally matched in nerve and daring.

"The course on the aviation field will be laid out by white signal flags and the United States army signal corps men will be placed around the infield of the course to see the aviators do not cut corners.

"The army spherical balloon in charge of Lieutenant Haskell of the signal corps will be anchored in the center of the field, where observations can be made on the work of the aeroplanes and dirigibles.

Atlantic City, N. J., July 12.—Glenn Curtiss today tossed oranges as mink bombs within three feet of the decks of the yacht John F. Mehler II, used in place of a battleship during the sham battle arranged to demonstrate the utility of aeroplanes in coast defense. The mock "bombs" were dropped from a height of about 300 feet and Curtiss purposely failed to strike the deck of the yacht for fear of injuring the officials and passengers gathered on her decks.

Visiting experts agreed that the experiments showed that a fleet of aeroplanes armed with bombs of high explosives could wreck any warship before guns could be trained on them.

Curtiss was flying about forty-five miles an hour when he dropped the "bombs" and officials on the deck of the yacht declared that he was within accurate distance for rifle fire less than a half minute.

Colonel William Allen Jones, retired, formerly of the United States engineer corps, who is an advocate of aeroplanes for coast defense, stated after the trials his belief that the air machine has proved its efficiency.

Activity at Fort Omaha.
Omaha.—Fort Omaha is throbbing with activity preparatory to its part in the Mid-West Aviation meet. The Baldwin Army War Dirigible No. 1 is being overhauled by a force of men, who are putting the gas bag in shape for inflation, while other soldiers of the signal corps are working on the great hydrogen generator and tank. The grandstand of the Creighton field is already assuming proportions and is being erected so that the spectators will have a clear sweeping view of the course at all times.

NEBRASKA IN BRIEF.

News Notes of Interest From Various Sections.

A new bank has been organized at Wymore.

The new \$15,000 Methodist church at Wymore is about completed. Lightning killed three head of cattle for a farmer in Pawnee county.

The corner stone of the proposed new Presbyterian church at Beaver City has been laid.

Presbyterians of Beaver City will erect new church to take the place of the one destroyed by fire.

Harvest hands are in such demand that at some places as high as \$4 per day has been offered.

Kenneth Enlow, eight years old, was drowned in the Republican river at Orleans while swimming.

Broken Bow officials rounded up all tramps and gave them ten minutes to vamoose or take the consequences.

The drouth is responsible for many prairie fires around Fremont Much hay land has been swept over.

The ten-year-old son of B. G. Chapman died from blood poisoning superinduced by an accident on the Fourth of July.

The annual Johnson county teachers' institute will be held in connection with the Tecumseh chautauque August 8 to 12 inclusive.

Wm. Swain, a civil war veteran, is in the hospital at Beatrice suffering from bruises inflicted by his daughter. The latter is mentally unbalanced.

After all the frosts and freezes of the spring, there is a fine apple crop in Fillmore county. It is estimated that there are 5,000 bushels in one orchard.

Mrs. Angia Muff of Norfolk, wife of a railroad employe, has sued James Gray, a man 65 years old for \$25,000, alleging that Gray had beaten her with a club.

Frank Etue was bound over to district court of Adams county for trial on the charge of killing Roy Hodges. He shot Hodges three times during a quarrel over a trifling matter on July 3 and Hodges died on July 8.

A new bank was organized at Wymore by F. M. High of North Loup, Neb., and Sherman Taylor of Wymore. The institution is capitalized for \$35,000 and will operate under the name of the Farmers' and Merchants' bank.

The first Presbyterian church of Craig has extended a call to Rev. C. M. Junkin to become pastor of their church. Rev. Mr. Junkin has been dividing his time between Bancroft and Craig, but residing in the former place.

Angia Muff of Norfolk has brought action against James Gray of Norfolk to recover \$2,500 damages. She alleges in her petition that on April 28, 1910, Gray willfully and maliciously assaulted her with a club greatly injuring her.

An order was received at the governor's office from the bureau of animal industry freeing Chase, Dundy, Hitchcock and Hayes counties from the quarantine on cattle with scabies, providing the Nebraska department had no objections.

Word was received at Red Cloud that Elmer Kaley had committed suicide on his ranch in Idaho. No reason for the act can be given as he was in good circumstances and had no serious troubles. He was born and brought up at Red Cloud.

Victor E. Wilson of Stromsburg, Polk county's representative in the last legislature, has decided to become a candidate for the nomination of state railway commissioner on the democratic and peoples' independent ticket at the coming primaries.

The city council and the York Water company have arrived at an agreement regarding the water question to be submitted to the voters for acceptance or rejection. The water company has agreed to accept \$52,500 for the plant if the city prefers to buy it.

Arrangements have been practically completed at Wymore for rebuilding the district on Main street destroyed by fire two weeks ago.

The body of a murdered man was found half buried in some straw back of a shed near the Union Pacific depot at Lincoln. As the inside of the shed was blood bespattered, it is the supposition he was killed in a fight and then the body carried outside and covered.

An ordinance to impose an occupation tax upon all fire insurance companies doing business in the village of Cambridge, Neb., was passed and approved by the trustees on July 11. This ordinance imposes a tax of \$5.00 per year on every company and agent engaged in the insurance business in that place.

Rufus Raynie, an inmate of the Industrial school in Kearney, attempted to escape from the custody of his guardian by taking a horse from the stable and in company with a boy by the name of Wilson make a clean getaway. They got as far as Minden and were surprised to find an officer of the school in uniform there to meet them.

August Anderson and wife of Hildreth found a sad greeting when they returned from a three months' visit in Sweden. At Chicago they were met by relatives and notified of the death of a 17-year-old son. The boy had been buried six weeks.

George Overton, one of the large land owners residing south of Nebraska City, fell from a windmill tower, forty feet above the ground, but he caught a projecting beam, half way down and held on until rescued sometime later by persons who chanced to see him. He was quite seriously injured.