## THE SEMI-WEEKLY TRIBUNE IRA L. BARE, Publisher. TERMS, \$1.25 IN ADVANCE. NOTH PLATTE. - . NEBRASKA **EPITOME OF EVENTS**

GENERAL NEWS AND NOTES FRESH FROM THE WIRE.

## THE STORY IN A NUTSHELL

Embracing a Condensation of Events In Which Readers Generally Are More or Less Concerned,

#### Washington.

The appropriation of \$80,000 for irrigation investigation was increased in the house to \$100,000 by the amendment offered by Representative Craig of Alabama.

The senate passed the bill appropriating \$2,000,000 a year for the purchase of land for forest reserves in eastern states and especially in the White mountains and southern Appalachians.

Unless relieved, 2,000,000 people in China will die of starvation. This is a calamity predicted by American Consul General Wilder at Shanghai in a cablegram received from him by the American National Red Cross society.

Statehood for Arizona is impossible at this session of congress, for the reason that returns of the election held February 9 cannot be canvassed and certified under the law in time to reach Washington for action by congress.

The president sent to the senate the nomination of Cadet Taylor for collector of customs at Omaha upon recommendation of the secretary of the treasury after careful examination into the charges against him by Victor Rosewater of Omaha. The senate may not confirm.

Personal recollections of Abraham Lincoln were related by Speaker Cannon at a gathering in memory of the martyred president. He refuted the charge that Lincoln was not a Christian or a God-fearing man. "The religion of Lincoln," said Mr. Cannon, was not amliated with any church, but nevertheless he was a religious man, doing all that he did for his country in preserving the union in the trust and fear of God."

### General.

The initiative and referendum was defeated in the Kansas senate, 18 to

Senator Terrell of Georgia is reported as showing continued improvement.

Gienn Curtiss, in an areoplane, descended and ascended from the ocean

at San Diego, Cal. The house passed the bill to buy homes for its diplomatic representa | much interested in the plan for retives in foreign lands. By a vote of 107 to 10 the Kansas house passed the Don Carlos initiative and referendum bill. Henry Richardson Chamberlain, London correspondent of the New York Sun since 1892, died.

There is small hope for ship subsidy at this session of congress. There was a sensational drop in pig pig tin at London on free offerings. General Navarro, at the head of ELECTIONS COMMITTEE HEAR ARa thousand federals, marched into

Juarez Periodical publishers made a reply to the statement of Postmaster Gen-

eral Hitchcock. The contract of a loan of \$10,000,-000 to Honduras by American bank-

ers was signed in New York. The New Haven chamber of com merce passed resolutions unanimous-

ly approving reciprocity with Canada. Proceedings in the lower house of congress were held up an entire day by a fillbuster by Representative

Mann. The directors of the Philadelphia and elections heard arguments on the & Reading railroad company decided open and closed primary system and to increase the capital stock by \$25, 000.000

President Taft and Champ Clark declared themselves' in accord in speeches at the Pan-American conference.

Nicaragua has been placed under martial law by President Estrada as a result of the magazine explosion at Managua.

Mr. and Mrs. Hyman Befkowitz and their five children were killed by illuminating gas in their home in Philadelphia.

Fifty republicans from over Ne braska organized a progressive republican league in Lincoln and declared their principles.

Joseph D. Rockefeller, cousin of J. D. Rockefeller died at his home in South Bend, Ind. Mr. Rockefeller was born in Pennsylvania.

Federal Judge Hough at New York denied the motion to appoint a guardian for Joseph G. Robin, the alleged bankrupt and fallen banker. One less contestant appeared before the book committee of the Methodist the weakest man. They could not be general conference in the race for accused of anything wrong from their next year's meeting, as Chicago withdrew.

The daylight closing saloon bill, providing that saloons must not open before 6 o'clock a. m., and that they must close by 7 p. m., was passed by the Texas senate.

President Taft's plan for Canadian reciprocity is extremely likely to receive indorsement by the Illinois legislature, despite Speaker Cannon's avowed opposition.

Several hundred clergymen in Chicago started a movement, furthered by the Chicago Christian Endeavor union, to relieve mail clerks and carriers of Sunday work.

The will of Richard L. Ashhurst, the aged postmaster of Philadelphia. who mysteriously disappeared at Atlantic City on January 30, was filed in the office of register of wills.

Under the terms of the treaty providing for the arbitration of the Chamizal zone case, the United States and Mexico exchanged presentations of their respective cases. Declaring the proposed reciprocity

agreement with Canada a measure of the utmost value to both countries, the Boston Boot and Shoe club at its annual banquet passed resolutions favoring the measure.

The French government is not

PASSED IN THE SEATE. Initiative and Referendum Gets Unan. A CALL TO FOLLOW THE PRIMARY LAWS imous Vote. Without a dissenting vote the initi-

ative and referendum bill, S. F. No. 1, introduced by Skiles of Butler, was passed by the senate and has now gone to the house for the approval of that branch of the legislature. Every one of the twenty-six senators present voted for the measure. Six members of the senate, Albert of Platte, Hoagland of Lincoln, Kemp of Dawes and Tibbets of Adams were absent on committee work in Omaha. Placek of Saunders county was the seventh senator absent.

The bill as amended in the senate provides for a 10 per cent petition to initiate and a 5 per cent petition to refer. The same provisions in the bill as to the initiative and referendum applies to the constitution and to laws. Straight party votes are not to be counted for or against propositions submitted under the terms of the bill. A majority of the votes cast at an election is all that is necessary to carry a proposition submitted under the bill, provided a proposition receives 35 per cent of the total vote cast at the election.

While no senator voted against the bill, Jansen of Gage and Varner of Johnson, said the measure did not meet their approval. Mr. Jansen said: While this measure does not meet with my full approval, opening in my opinion, the floodgates for obnoxious and unnecessary law-making, still obeying the demand of my constituents and the platform of the grand old republican party, I vote aye.

Mr. Varner said that, while the bill has been much improved by the last amendment by its author, he was still opposed to some of the provisions of the bill and believed that its enactment as a part of the constitution, in its present form, will prove of greater burden than benefit to the great masses of the people of the state.

#### More Time for Homesteaders.

Hoagland of Lincoln secured the adoption of a resolution asking congress to pass the Kinkaid bill which seeks to extend the time in which homesteaders will have to pay for the lands they hold under the government reclamation act. The resolution recites that settlers on the land under the government irrigation project in western Nebraska have had poor crops, the government first failing to supply water for their needs and that the land will not be productive until alfalfa has been grown upon it for three years.

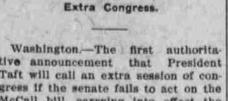
#### Senate Must Hurry.

Lleutenant Hopewell took occasion to remind the senate that longer and more frequent sessions would have to be held if the senate expected to get very much work done before the usual time for adjournment. Over forty bills are now on general file in the senate waiting consideration.

Relief for Insurance Agents. Senator Reynolds has attracted attention by introducing a bill repealEXTRA SESSION OF CONGRESS UNLESS SENATE ACTS.

THE PRESIDENT SO INTIMATES

His Duty is to Push Reciprocity Eith er in This or the Following Extra Congress.



gress if the senate fails to act on the McCall bill, carrying into effect the Canadian reciprocity agreement, came Sunday from Mr. McCall himself following a visit at the white house. According to Mr. McCall, the presi-

dent feels he is under an international obligation to summon an extra session, if necessary, to secure action on the reciprocity agreement. That session would be called immediately following the adjournment of congress at noon on March 4.

While it is the evident purpose of the president to avoid an extra session by inducing senators to act upon the agreement, it is the opinion of many that the statement has come too late. Few senators predict that action will be taken on the agreement in the senate at this session, while some insist there will be a vote.

With appropriation bills in a congested condition, with the Lorimer case pending, the permanent tariff board bill pressing for consideration, the general service pension bill being urged by many senators, and the resolution for the popular election of senators coming up daily as the unfinished business, it seems the chances for action on the reciprocity

agreement are slight. There is some prospect that the Lorimer case may be disposed of Wednesday, following a speech which in court. Senator Lorimer will make in his own behalf, but there is no apparent likelihood of early votes on any of the important measures.

Opponents of the reciprocity agreement in the senate are viewing with complacency, not to say satisfaction, the congested conditions. The demands of the public business are such that a vote on reciprocity can be avoided easily without the appearance of a filibuster.

The bill probably will not be reported out of the finance committee before Thursday at the earliest. At that time there will remain only seven and a half legislative days of the present session

Mr. McCall also made the announcenearly democratic senate if that should be necessary to maintain the

#### NEBRASKA IN BRIEF.

News Notes of Interest from Various Sections.

Broken Bow's new high school was dedicated with appropriate ceremonies.

The Young Men's Christian assoclation of Fremont is making an effort to clear up an old indebtedness. Charles E. Van Court, a former Omaha boy, met death at West Baden, Ind., by falling from a fourth story window.

An Omaha mail carrier has brought. charges against Postmaster Thomas in that city. An investigation will be had by the powers that be.

The winter wheat crop in Nebraska will be up to the average, according to reports gathered from members of fae Nebraska brotherhood of thresher-men

Louis Slahn, a bachelor about 50 years of age, was found dead in the livery barn in Bloomfield. A coroner's jury concluded that the deceased came to his death from alcoholism.

The Union Stock Yards company of South Omaha is negotiating for a bond issue of \$2,000,000 and contemplates the establishment of many permanent improvements to the big plant.

On account of the resignation of a rural mail carrier on route No. 1, running out of Plattsmouth, a civil servlee examination was held at the postoffice to fill the vacancy. There were six to take the examination.

A state organization of the different motor and automobile clubs is to be formed in Omaha while the Omaha Automobile show is in session. The Omaha Motor club has been working on the matter for some time.

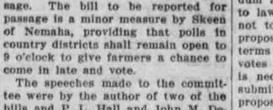
A committee from Arnold has requested the Commercial club to meet it in conference at Broken Bow in order to arrive at some definite conclusion in regard to the proposed railroad between that place and Arnold. Notice was served by Truant Offcer L. E. Hacker on Fremont tobacco-

dealers that unless they discontinued selling material from which cigar-/ ettes can be made to Fremont high school boys, he will file a complaint

The Farmers' Elevator company of Cortland held its annual meeting, which was attended by nearly 1,000 people. Reports and routine business were disposed of. At noon a big dinner was served in the town hall free to all in attendance.

The United States civil service commission announces the following examinations to be held at Lincoln, Grand Island, North Platte, Norfolk and Omaha. March 4, animal husbandman (male), bureau of animal industry, department of agriculture; March 15, assistant plant pathologist (male), department of agriculture.

It is possible that the charge of murder in the first degree may be filed against Mrs. Henry Stehr, of ment that the president would veto Norfolk, in connection with the death any tariff legislation passed by the of her little three-year-old son, Kurt, democratic house and approved by a whose feet froze off a few weeks ago, causing his death. Stehr has been bound over to district court without republican party's protective prin- bail on this charge, and Mrs. Stehr is now in custody, John C. Owen has begun habaes corpus proceedings in Lancaster county to determine whether the governor has a right to revoke a parole without notice or stated cause. Owen was sent to the penitentiary from Hamilton county in 1909. Governor Shallenberger paroled him last September. Within a month the parole was recalled. He is now in prison and seeks his liberty on parole. Theodore M. Stanisics, convicted of complicity in the burning of the home of Roy Wilscam, at Lincoln, was sentenced to seven years in the penitentiary today. When asked if he had anything to say before sentence was pronounced he launched into a vitriolic denunciation of Wilscam and his wife, who were the principal witnesses against him, and made a piteous plea for clemency. Stanisics is a wealthy man. In response to a telegram received by Governor Aldrich Dr. W. H. Wilson, state health inspector left for Cozad to investigate the smallpox scare at that place. Prof. Charles William Wallace of the Nebraska university may be honored by the English parliament, according to word brought from London by Miss Mary L. Sullivan, an Omaha school teacher, who has just returned from a sojourn in England. Miss Sullivan says that a bill has been introduced in parliament, recommendstate's total population of 2,184,789, ing that Prof. Wallace's Shakespearian discoveries be investigated and given official recognition if shown to be deserving. A delegation of six business men from the Kearney Commercial club offered to establish a hero fund of met with the county commissioners \$100,000 in Denmark. The foreign and discussed the building of a transcounty road, the survey and staking to be done by the county surveyor and to follow the most feasible and direct route from the eastern to the western boundary of Buffalo county. In the carly spring a day will be decided upon and this road will be built,



bills and P. L. Hall and John M. Devine, interested democrats. Mr. Devine spoke of the wide-open primary, urging it as a fair and wise measure. Evans of Adams, who has the closed primary bill, spoke at length for his own measure.

GUMENT PRO AND CON.

ONE BILL IS RECOMMENDED

A Measure From Reagan of Douglas

for Setting Aside the Daylight

Saloon Law.

The house committee on privileges

one bill was recommended for pas-

"A party cannot maintain its party integrity if outsiders are allowed to come in and choose a candidate for it," said he.

"There have been frequent situations where the members of one party, having no need to vote in their own primaries, because there was no contest, could go into the other party's primary and vote to nominate standpoint because they believed that by ruining the chances of the other party and aiding their own man, they were helping the state. But such things are absolutely against the principle of party government."

#### Setting Aside Daylight Law.

For the purpose of setting aside the daylight saloon law in all cities over 5,000 inhabitants, Reagan, of Douglas county, introduced S. F. 287. The bill provides that in all cities having over 5,000 inhabitants the licensing authorities may extend the closing hour beyond 8 o'clock, not to exceed the hour of midnight, when petitioned by over 50 per cent of the voters of the city. The bill would apply to all the "third" cities in the state and to Lincoln, South Omaha and Omaha, but would not apply to any other towns or villages. In many of the places it would apply to it is not believed a petition of over 50 per cent of the voters could be obtained. The bill does not call for an election nor does it go into details as to how the names of voters shall be obtained or presented to the licensing

Stock Yards Bill. The Ollis stock yards bill was r

boards.

Senators expect the president to keep his word to call an extra session if reciprocity is not passed.

The directors of the Standard Oil company of New Jersey declared a dividend of \$15 for the quarter.

The contract for a loan of \$10,000,-000 to Honduras by American bankers was signed in New York, according to announcement by the state department.

A resolution instructing Kansas representatives and senators in favor of the Canadian reciprocity treaty was passed by the lower house of the state legislature.

President Taft appointed Victor M. Locke of Antiers, Okia., to be principal chief of the Choctaw nation in Oklahoma in the place of the late Green McCurtain.

A resolution introduced by Kansas representatives and senators in favor of the Canadian reciprocity treaty was passed by the lower house of the state legislature.

The Missouri senate's resolution asking President Taft to call an extra session of congress to revise the tariff was passed by the lower branch of the general assembly.

June 13, 14 and 15 have been definitely decided on as the dates for the annual encampment of the fowa department of the G. A. R., to be held in Muscatine this year.

Hearing the indicted Chicago meat packers' plea before Judge Carpenter in the United States district court at Chicago to have the indictments quashed or abated closed. Decision is expected February 25. That a total of \$957,558.84 of spe cial state taxes levied for 1909-10 remains unpaid is the startling situation revealed by an examination of the books of the state auditor and state treasurer of Oklahoma.

Elliott Northcutt, the newly appointed American minister to Nicaragua, assumed his post.

Frank Hotchkiss, known to Yale men for two generations as the official in charge of the grounds and buildings, died, aged 70 years.

Jeremiah Shaffer, aged 60, one of the wealthiest farmers in the vicinity of Somerset, Pa., was mysteriously shot and killed near his home.

Patrick W. Busby, about 50 years old, night watchman at the state house in Lincoln, Neb., was found dead, whether from violence or accident, is not yet determined.

ciprocal trade relations maturing between the two great governments of North America, while French exporters are plainly apprehensive.

The Tennessee house of representatives adopted a resolution urging President Taft to call an extra ses sion of congress March 4, 1911, to make an "immediate downward revision of the tariff on the necessaries of life."

The Interstate Commerce commission will begin a hearing in Chicago on March 29 on 13 applications filed by trans-continental railroads for relief from the operation of the long fees must be allowed the shipper, and short haul clause of the new commerce law.

A remarkable petition was received by Postmaster General Hitchcock from citizens of Fairbanks, Alaska, city of a postal savings bank. The petition is twenty-four feet long and

bears the names of many hundreds of citizens of Fairbanks. The Canadian reciprocity amond-

ment had its first actual advance Sat urday when the committee on ways and means reported favorably to the house the administration bill embodying the compact. President Taft can get the agreement past congress if he can force a vote in the senate this aession.

The New York Rockefeller institute for medical research announced that the effectiveness of the antimeningitis serum had been generally accepted by medical authorities throughout the world and that the new remedy had taken its place with vaccine and diphtheria anti-toxin as "an improved a oncy for the protection of public health."

#### Personal.

British unionists will fight the veto bill in parliament.

The funeral of Archbishop Ryan was held at Philadelphia.

Democrats in the house hope the president will call an extra session. The Bryan plan of electing senators was adopted by the Iowa legislature.

Senator Brown, of Nebraska, argued in favor of election of conators by the people.

President Taft sent in the name of Cadet Taylor to be surveyor of customs in Omaha

Governor Stubbs' private secretary says he has proof of crookedness in

the Kansas legislature. Joaquin Miller, the "poet of the Slerras," is in a critical condition in a hospital at Oakland, Cal. Henry Roujon. the writer, WB!

of Henri Barboux.

ported to the house, the principal amendments made in committee following: The imprisonment penalty the companies are better qualified to for violation of the act is omitted. For the first violation a fine up to \$500 may be imposed and up to \$1,000 for the second violation. Stock must be unloaded within an hour and a half after reaching the yards or the vardage will be forfeited. For every hour that stock is delayed beyond this time the stock yards company shall, within 24 hours pay the shipper a penalty of \$5 per car. If the claim is contested reasonable attorney's

#### Salaries of Superintendents.

After debate the senate recommended the Tibbetts bill, increasing the salaries of county superintendents, requesting the establishment in that for third reading. Two amendments were made.

#### Thanks of Bassett.

Representative S. C. Bassett tendered his thanks publicly to his fellow members for the vote of confidence they gave him last Monday. "For this public expression of your confidence," he said, "I am more grateful than words can express. Always a man has need of the help of his friends, but occasionally there is pressing need and, such a crisis having come in my life, you came to my support with a zeal, a loyalty, a unanimity which I can never repay.

#### For Statewide Prohibition.

Statewide prohibition is contemplated in a bill introduced by Representative Galt of Clay. The bill prohibits all dealing in intoxicating Hquors of all kinds, exempting the home manufacture of wine and cider and the making of wine for sacramental purposes.

#### Clings to Capital Punishment.

Two bills abolishing capital punishment were killed in the house after a spirited debate.

#### For Governor's Signature.

The joint committee on engrossed an. enrolled bills reported that house rolls No. 111, 70, 59, 3 and 26 had been presented to Governor Aldrich for his signature.

#### Attorneys Salary Bill.

In committee of the whole the house killed the county attorneys' salary increase bill and also the assessor per schedule bill. The bill exelected to the seat of the French empting wages of heads of families academy made vacant by the death up to \$500 was recommended for passage.

ing the act that now requires insurance agents to get a license to do business in this state. He says that pick and retain agents than the insurance department.

#### No Raise for Employes.

Senator Bartos was defeated in his effort to raise the salaries of senate employes and his bill for the purpose was defeated and shelved. Senator Brown's bill prohibiting marriages between persons incapable of a logal contract was slated for passage.

#### Cobbey Statutes Bill.

The senate passed the house roll 62, for the purchase of 400 sets of Cobbey's statutes at \$9 the set, only amending the bill so that the secretary of state is directed specifically to whom the statutes shall be given.

#### New Reapportionment Bill.

A new reapportionment bill appeared in the senate. It divides the state into twenty-eight senatorial districts. Douglas county gets five senators and fourteen representatives. Lancaster county is left with two senators as now and gets one more representative, making six. All the other districts get one senator each and all one representative, excepting Saunders, Dodge, Gage, Hall, Adams

The joint committee, appointed sometime ago to draft a comprehensive system of good roads legislation, plunged into the problem. A joint meeting was held with members of the Nebraska Good Road association, at which the views of that organization were presented. Senator Volpp is chairman of the joint committee.

through committee his measure calling for a \$50,000 appropriation for

# treaty was passed by the senate.

Favorably Recommended.

After a decided opposition from some of the farmer members of the house Representative McKelvie succeeded in securing favorable recommendation by the house for his bill appropriating \$50,000 for farmers' institutes and the so-called "movable school" of the state schoool for agriculture

## A LULL IN THE FIGHT.

#### Long Filibuster Tempoarrily Aside in the House.

Washington .- A truce entered into shortly before 4 o'clock Sunday afternoon brought the long fillbuster in the house against the omniubs war claims bill temporarily to an end. The agreement was reached following an intermission of three hours devoted to memorial services and eulogies to the late Senator Clay of Georgia and the late Representative Brownlow of Tennessee.

These services, occurring at midday of Sunday, seemed to put the house combatants in a more peaceful frame of mind. A recess was ordered until 10 o'clock tomorrow morning, when the fighting will be resumed.

#### Plot to Recall King Manuel. Lisbon.-The Mundo reports that

the authorities have discovered a secret meeting place where a conspiracy has been hatched to overthrow the republic and recall King Manuel.

#### 472,987 Tennessee Negroes.

Washington.-Tennessee's population is composed of 78.31 per cent white people, 21.65 per cent negroes and .04 per cent other colors. Of the the white people number 1,711,550 and the negroes 472,987.

#### Carnegie Gives \$100,000.

Copenhagen .--- Andrew Carnegio has office already has expressed its gratitude for the proposed gift.

#### Jumped to His Death.

Chicago .- W. T. J. Plummer, a real estate dealer, jumped from the eleventh floor of the Chamber of Commerce building and was instantly killed.

#### How Funds Are Obtained.

Washington .- The Periodical Publishers' association made public a letter explaining the nature of the funds raised by the magazines to oppose the increases on second class mail matter. The letter says a committee of the association on finding "a carefully arranged program to -railroad the masure through congress, requested some of their New York people to solicit contributions from publishers to buy advertising space in daily pa- ters. Mrs. Philips says that no pers to advertise, the facts to the people."

of uniform width, grade and depth of gutter, on that one day.

While in his room preparing to go hunting Harold Berggren, of Aurora, accidentally shot himself with a shotgun and was instantly killed. He was 19 years old, the son of Henry Berggren, who is one of the county commissioners of Hamilton county. Opening of the letters written by Prof. F. J. Phillips, of Lincoln, prior to his suicide, threw no additional light upon the cause of the tragedy. according to statements made by Mrs. Phillips after reading the letcause other than ill health is given for her husband's despondency

## For Farm Institutes. McKelvie of Lancaster pushed

university extension work.

Senate is for Reciprocity. The resolution of Jansen of Gage in favor of the Canadian reciprocity

Good Roads Measure.

and Custer, which have two each.