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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.
Reciprocity with Canada, and a farmers' free list, it was decided at the democratic caucus will be the legislation taken up in the order named by the present house of representatives. The woolen and cotton schedules, according to present indications will follow.

To prevent foreign countries buying second hand armor and arms which have been discarded by the United States, Representative Moore of Pennsylvania introduced a bill and also a joint resolution requiring that such condemned arms or armor be mutilated so as to render them harmless as instruments of warfare or violence.

President Taft granted clemency to three men convicted of federal offenses. Thaddeus I. Potter, of Portland, Ore., convicted of complicity in a conspiracy to defraud the government of public lands and who had his sentence of six months and a fine of \$500 commuted a few weeks ago, to a fine of \$50 and costs, was relieved by the president from payment of the costs which amounted to \$2,000.

Francis W. Taylor of Chicago, a real estate operator, who recently was a member of the board of aldermen from the famous Twenty-first ward, has been appointed private secretary to Secretary of the Treasury MacVeagh, and will begin his duties April 20. Secretary MacVeagh, Secretary of the Interior Fisher, Secretary of War Dickinson and the late Solicitor General Bowers lived in the Twenty-first ward.

Two bills were introduced in the house by Representative Kinkaid of Nebraska. One designates that the authorization of \$25,000 for additional office work in the office of the surveyor general in the sundry civil bill, passed during the third session of the sixty-first congress, be made immediately available for the necessary preparation of field notes and plats of surveys. The other is the bill for relief of soldiers of the civil war, the war with Spain and the Philippine insurrection.

General.

Senator Lafe Young has returned to his Des Moines home. Colonel Roosevelt says Illinois needs a disinfectant since electing Lorimer.

The government crop report caused the price of wheat in the Chicago market to go up.

The value of Nebraska farm lands has more than doubled in the last ten years, according to the census bureau.

Government troops after stubborn fighting defeated the Arab rebels near Sanaa, in Yemen, killing more than a hundred.

The American Implement company, Chicago, raised its capital stock from \$10,000,000 to \$50,000,000 and filed the necessary certification with the secretary of state at Springfield.

Women are to be given an equal chance in the police department of Seattle in positions now held by detectives, desk men and patrolmen.

A bill changing the date of presidential inauguration to the last Thursday in April has been introduced in the house by Representative Henry.

John Hays Hammond has filed a formal plea of not guilty in the suit brought against him by J. Sully for \$1,500,000 damages for conspiracy to defame.

The budget committee of the Russian Duma has approved the grant of \$75,000,000 for the construction of warships and naval works for the Black sea.

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Judge Walter H. Sanborn, senior United States circuit court judge, Eighth judicial district, in an exhaustive opinion handed down decided the Minnesota rate cases against the members of the Minnesota state railroad commission.

Dr. B. Clark Hyde, convicted of murdering the Swopes at Kansas City, was granted a new trial.

Major Charles H. Devereaux, U. S. A., was found dead in bed in his home on the Fort Thomas military reservation.

Persons from all sections of the country and of all creeds are contributing to the Cardinal Gibbons memorial hall fund.

A bill was introduced in the house by Representative Hardwick of Georgia, providing for the repeal of the fourteenth amendment to the constitution.

Pennsylvania eight-hour law has been declared unconstitutional. Congressman Norris was placed to his satisfaction on house committees. The confederam surrounding the wreck of the Maine has been completed.

Judge William S. Kenyon was elected United States senator by the Iowa legislature.

Mexican rebels are accused of holding Americans captive in a town of Lower California.

W. S. Kenyon will not qualify as a senator until the anti-trust prosecutions are finished.

H. U. Mudge, president of the Rock Island, is not adverse to public control of corporations.

House democrats have decided to revise the agricultural schedule of the present tariff law.

A tornado which devastated Oklahoma and Kansas killed twenty-three and injured a hundred.

Dr. Gomez, of the revolutionary junta at Washington, is moving actively for peace in Mexico.

According to the court of commerce Canadian reciprocity is not affected by the favored nation clause.

The house, by a vote of 295 to 16, adopted the resolution for direct election of United States senators.

If congress adjourns during the spring months President Taft will go to Texas to watch the maneuvers.

A bill has been introduced in congress providing a "children's bureau" for the department of commerce and labor.

Canadian reciprocity and farmers' free list bills were introduced in the house on behalf of the democratic majority.

The Nebraska railway commission has announced the physical valuation of the Rock Island system in Nebraska to be \$10,000,000.

National negro democratic executive committee has called a convention for Indianapolis, May 17, to formulate plans for the 1912 campaign.

New Mexico lands, aggregating 576,064 acres, have been withdrawn from all forms of disposition by President Taft on recommendation of Secretary Fisher.

The story that General Hector MacDonald, British general, reported to have committed suicide years ago, is drilling troops in China is authoritatively denied.

After a search of two years secret service men arrested Harry B. Porter in Denver and charged him with making the best counterfeit silver dollars ever circulated in this country.

Mrs. Soreno E. Payne, wife of Representative Payne, father of the present tariff bill, is in a serious condition at her home in Washington, suffering from nervous prostration.

M. Cruppi, in his maiden speech as minister of foreign affairs in the French senate, refuted the pessimistic criticisms by Senator Alden Gunn de Villaine, who asserted that France's foreign policy was decadent.

A Mexicali (Mex.) dispatch says: General Stanley Williams hurled his little battalion of rebels against Colonel Miguel Mayet's 500 men regulars on the mesa five miles south of Mexicali. Eighty insurgents went into the fight; 20 returned from the battlefield.

Seeing his wife riding in a buggy with William E. Hagan, a wealthy flour dealer of Kansas City, in Independence, Mo., John Branham, an attorney and claim agent for the Metropolitan Street Railway company, fired twice at Hagan with a shotgun. His victim is dead.

The warden of the Wyoming penitentiary has tendered his annual report to Governor Carey. It shows there are 251 convicts at the state pen. This means that approximately one person out of every 615 persons in the state is a convict, there being about 155,000 inhabitants in Wyoming.

What secret service men believe was an extended plan to hood the middle west with counterfeit gold coin has been discovered in Kansas City. M. R. Little and Charles De Vaul have been arrested charged with passing counterfeit eagles and double eagles.

At New York in the presence of many women and children whom they had rescued, twenty-four women were presented with medals for brave work in 1910-11. Mayor Gaynor in presenting the medals said the New York fire and police departments were the best in the world.

Braving the chilly winds and drizzling rain and immense throng, variously estimated from 150,000 to 200,000 stood in the streets of Cleveland and paid silent tribute to the memory of Tom L. Johnson as his body was conveyed from the family apartments to the union depot, en route east for burial.

Personal.

Congress, it is said, faces a stormy session.

Mrs. Carrie Nation, for a time seriously sick, is rapidly recovering.

Tom L. Johnson, ex-mayor of Cleveland, died after a protracted illness.

Stephen Crawford, candidate for mayor of Alton, Ill., has deposited \$2,400 as forfeit if he fails to close saloons on Sunday if elected.

Mr. Roosevelt has about completed his long trip to the west and north-west.

Members of the Nebraska legislature got through with their labors on the 10th.

The president may place the responsibility of admitting Arizona on congress.

Four leaders of a black hand gang in Newark, N. J., have been sentenced to seven years in prison.

Martin C. Breen, of the wholesale liquor firm of Breen & Kennedy, was found dead in the hallway of a Chicago apartment building.

TO RUN THE STATE

APPROPRIATIONS FOR BIENNIUM
\$5,577,646.

WHAT THE LEGISLATURE DONE

Two Special Levies in Addition to the General for Conducting State Affairs.

Appropriations by the legislature this year is some in advance of appropriations of previous years. Including the levies and special appropriations the total for the biennium is about \$5,600,000 or \$2,800,000 a year. This is a total of 7 mills taxation on \$400,000,000 of assessed property. Eliminating the levies, the state levy will be 5-4-5 mills. As compiled the list of special appropriation, general bills and levies is as follows:

- Southwestern agricultural school, Eastman.....\$ 100,000.00
- Completing room in state house, Bushne..... 1,500.00
- Legislative salaries, Gerdes..... 80,000.00
- Legislative expenses, Gerdes..... 20,000.00
- Chadron normal opening, Clarke and Kent..... 5,000.00
- Purchase of statues, McKisick..... 5,000.00
- Orthopedic hospital deficiency, Hatfield..... 8,000.00
- Wayne normal buildings, Bartels..... 55,000.00
- Chadron normal heating plant, Clarke..... 12,000.00
- Perry normal library, Quackenhush..... 12,000.00
- Pure food deficiency, Swan..... 2,000.00
- Reorganizing statutes commission, Hardin and Quackenhush..... 20,000.00
- Marving Oregon trail, Bonham..... 3,000.00
- Relief W. A. Philpott, steady State aid to weak schools, Wayne normal sewer, Bartels and Kirk..... 15,000.00
- Relief Louise Rollins, Maunira..... 600.00
- Bushlee..... 75,000.00
- Orthopedic hospital paving, McKelvie..... 334.00
- School for deaf, water main, Grossmann..... 5,000.00
- Kearney normal new wing, Mearns..... 55,000.00
- Deaf school deficiency, Shoemaker..... 5,000.00
- Relief S. Hathaway, Nutman Hospital asylum laundry, Evans..... 20,000.00
- Blind school heating plant, Ledleigh..... 12,000.00
- Omaha medical college, Grossmann..... 100,000.00
- District Judge's expenses, deWitt..... 4,000.00
- School for deaf, new land, Holmes..... 12,500.00
- Lincoln insane asylum, Nordgren..... 40,000.00
- School for blind, land, Ledleigh..... 2,000.00
- Lincoln insane asylum, new buildings, Hospodsky..... 100,000.00
- Hotel commission, Bulla..... 3,500.00
- Andrieu vault, Nordgren..... 3,000.00
- Indemnity for killing glander-infected horses, Dolezal..... 25,000.00
- General claims..... 36,758.97
- General deficiencies..... 139,383.60
- General maintenance..... 2,422,040.00
- General salaries..... 1,204,400.00

Grand total.....\$4,617,646.57

Besides the above amount, which will be raised by the general levy, there were passed two special levies, one of one-fifth of 1 mill by Cronin for state aid in building bridges longer than 175 feet, and one of 1 mill by Koutouc for the university. These will raise approximately \$960,000, which will bring the total to \$5,577,646.57.

Arndt Files Damage Suit.

Claiming that he was humiliated and damaged in the amount of \$25,000 George Arndt, a North Lincoln merchant, filed suit in the district court against the Burlington railroad and its three detectives, James Malone, John Schmidt and J. Williams. Arndt alleges that he was arrested by the detectives on April 3 last on the charge of having in his possession cigars stolen from a Burlington freight car.

Woodrow Wilson to Speak.

Governor Woodrow Wilson of New Jersey is to be the principal speaker at the annual Commercial club banquet to be held in this city May 26, according to a telegram received from him.

State Loses on Land Deal.

A telegram to the board of public lands and buildings from G. M. Reynolds, of Chicago, the owner of the land adjoining the school for the deaf at Omaha says that the parcel of ground for which the legislature appropriated purchase money to the amount of \$12,500 has been sold and that the state cannot now get in on the deal.

The Trading Stamp.

That the House anti-trading stamp law which was passed and approved during the session of the legislature just passed cannot regulate the many concerns now doing business in the state, is the opinion of numerous retail merchants in this and other of the larger cities of the state.

Lawyers Seek Positions.

The Hardin bill enactment provides for appointment of three barristers by Governor Aldrich for the purpose of recodifying the Nebraska statutes. Several applications have already come in requesting places on the commission. Members receive a salary of \$3,000 a year.

Jackson Ready for Work.

Deputy Food Commissioner Jackson, a democrat who assumed that role under the present administration contemplates changing of office methods and ways of conducting pure food campaigns, two things which he believes will facilitate the workings of that department. It is intended as a secondary consideration, also, that this will enable the most work to be done for the least expense. In the hope that the appropriation will suffice to keep inspectors on the job all the time.

TELEPHONE BILL KILLED.

Governor Gives Eight Reasons For Exercising Veto.

Governor Aldrich vetoed the minor telephone bill, house roll 537, going as it came to him, is deemed unconstitutional, is pointed out to have been hastily handled during the last moments and reflects telegraph and telephone monopoly. Eight objections are set forth, as follows:

I am vetoing house roll No. 537, generally known as the telephone merger bill, because it contains the following objections.

First, it seeks to control and monopolize telephones and telephone business in existence under one management.

Second, it would prohibit the organizing and operating of new companies any place in the state where any other company was in existence and doing business.

Third, it abrogates existing franchises, which is contrary to the fundamental law of the land, and such an act is clearly retroactive, because it impairs vested rights acquired under existing laws.

Fourth, it jeopardizes the rights of the minority stockholders of the selling companies and puts them at the mercy of the purchasing corporation.

Fifth, it permits a merger of two or more competing companies, and then requires them after this is done to go before the commission and get its permission without in the first instance getting the right of the commission to merge.

Sixth, it does not delegate to the commission authority to prevent such a merger contract, for what is the difference after the merger has been entered into whether they have the permission of the commission or not, when the commission has no right to prevent the merger?

Seventh, the provisions for physical connection in section four is permissive only, and compulsory in no sense, because it requires the consent of the owners as well as the approval of the railway commission.

Eighth, the first three sections of said act are essentially a copy taken from different places in the railway commission law and makes no new provision whatever. So then this much of said act is surplusage, and in fact it may be said that there is no new provision in this act that squarely protects the rights of the public that has not already been provided for in the railway commission law.

Much could be said to each one of these objections pointed out, but it is unnecessary in a paper of this kind to make a complete and elaborate argument; but it occurs to me that there is one absorbing theme in this measure, to-wit, to take the necessary steps for a general raise in telephone rates. This must be true because the one central thought of this entire act is to merge into one management or under one control all of the telephone business of the state. It is interesting to note that in many states of the union where the legislature is in session a bill like this or similar to this has been introduced. It was turned down in Ohio; it was passed in Indiana; and behind all of this movement is the Pierpont Morgan syndicate which owns and controls the entire Bell system of this country, together with the Western Union Telegraph system. If this effort of a general merger in all of the states succeeds, then we have one syndicate the control of all of the modern and approved methods of communication, together with the substance, that is the wires, over which these communications are transmitted. It is indeed a situation that may well arouse to action the people of this entire state in a matter that so vitally affects them as this.

Bills Signed.

From Saturday to Monday Gov. Aldrich signed forty-four bills, all of them bearing date of the 10th.

More Pay for Legislators.

The senate agreed to the house amendments to Vollp's bill which proposed to create a four-year term for senators. The house cut out its feature and stood pat on its action. However, the bill still provides for a salary of \$600 per session for the members of both houses, double the present pay, and also limits the time in which bills may be introduced to twenty days.

No Money for Library.

The effort of the Nebraska Historical society, in spite of persistent lobbying by agents of both sexes, failed to land the \$225,000 which was to have gone for a library building. The senate library and the records of the society were to be housed in this building.

The Governor to Recuparate.

Governor Aldrich has gone to Cherry county for a fortnight's sojourn in the sand hills of the northwest. He accompanied W. J. O'Brien of the states fisheries and Game Warden Miller to Cherry county, all going in the fish car.

Appropriations.

Appropriations amounting to \$5,000,000 were made by the state legislature during the session. When the conference agreed Sunday on the amount to be carried by the general maintenance bill, and both houses adopted the report, all the appropriation measures were complete. According to the conference report, the general maintenance bill carries a total amount of \$2,684,000, an increase of nearly \$350,000 over the total amount agreed upon by the house.

TROUBLE IS COMING

BREAKERS AHEAD FOR DEMOCRATIC HOUSE MAJORITY.

LEGISLATION IS TOO HASTY

Is Expected to Meet With Check, Because Minority Intends to Fight Tariff Reform.

Washington.—So far in the extraordinary session of congress it has been plain sailing for the well organized democratic majority in the house of representatives, but in view of a strong minority there are breakers ahead.

Democratic leaders refer with pride to the achievement of passing the bill for the popular election of United States senators and the campaign publicity bill in two legislative days and bringing before the house the Canadian reciprocity agreement with assurance of its ratification by an overwhelming majority by the middle of this week.

But by what is to follow, the free list bill, approved by the democratic caucus and favorably reported by the new committee on ways and means, the rapid pace of legislative progress is expected to receive a check.

Reciprocity discussion, begun Saturday, furnished an opportunity for the minority leaders to intimate their intentions and to make it clear that the bill placing on the free list manufactured articles in demand by the farmers will be fought as stubbornly as any proposed democratic tariff measures ever were opposed in congress.

The majority leaders realize the bill cannot be rushed through, and they are preparing to meet the assault upon it in a prolonged debate.

Chairman Underwood of the ways and means committee intends to submit to the house the committee's report on the free list bill on the concluding day of the reciprocity debate, so that it will be over and be called up the following day.

The tariff debate, it is expected, will begin at once, and it is the hope of the democrats that the bill can be put upon its passage within two weeks. The determination of the minority leaders to assail it from every angle doubtless will result in keeping the measure before the house for a much longer time.

The minority members of the ways and means committee, in considering the proposed free list, voted solidly against it, maintaining it was a hastily framed measure, ill advised and not sufficiently backed up with information relating to the revenues concerned. Furthermore, it was pointed out that the tariff board had not been consulted.

PEACE TALK IN THE AIR.

Madero's Army Reported in Forces Near Juarez.

Washington.—Anxiety over developments in Mexico endangering the lives and property of Americans near the boundary line was plainly evident in official circles here Sunday night, President Taft, until nearly midnight, received bulletins at the White House from the war department regarding the advance of the federal troops on the insurgent forces at Agua Prieta, but retire confident that an attack would not be made before Monday. All peace talk is in the air.

FORTY REBELS KILLED.

Heavy Life Loss in Battle North of Chihuahua.

Chihuahua, Mex.—Forty or more insurgents were killed and more than 100 were wounded in a battle fought between Saux and Santa Clara canyon, about fifty miles north of here, according to federal couriers. They brought orders to have hospital cots ready for federal wounded. The federal report five killed, but later developments may change the figures. Several women and children are believed to be among the killed.

Constitution for Portugal.

Lisbon.—The cabinet has begun the discussion of the project for a constitution to be submitted to a constitutional assembly. The scheme provides for a body which will consist of 235 members.

Says Prelates Are Lukewarm.

London.—W. T. Stead, in a universal peace meeting here Sunday, complained strongly of the apathy of the archbishop of Canterbury and the Anglican church toward the peace movement.

A CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS.

Head of Mexican Republic Wants Men to Serve for Six Months.

Mexico City, Mex.—A general call for volunteer soldiers to serve for six months was posted here Sunday. The call is made to all citizens between 18 and 45 years who desire to lend their services to the country. The pay is one peso (50 cents) a day, besides clothing and equipment. The customary inducement of advancement in rank and pay to those who prove worthy is included.

NEBRASKA IN BRIEF.

News Notes of Interest from Various Sections.

Fremont has a force of four dog catchers, one in each ward. A branch of the Nebraska Retailers' association was organized in Plattsmouth.

Ray, the 6-year-old son of L. B. Sluyter, of Clay Center, died from injuries received by being run over by the automobile of P. B. J. Adams.

Burglars who entered Herman Peterson's clothing store in Fremont and stole \$500 worth of cloth from the tables of men's suiting goods.

A petition is being circulated among the citizens of Fairbury for a special election to be held May 9 to vote in the issue of saloons or no saloons. This question should have been disposed of at the annual election April 4, but owing to the radical "dry" it was prevented from being put on the ballots.

The Omaha public library, Nebraska Masonic Home at Plattsmouth and Palmer chapter of Royal Arch Masons, located at Wilbur, are remembered in the will of Captain H. E. Palmer, of Omaha, filed for probate by Francis E. White, Charles T. Kountze and Charles F. McGrew, named executors in the will.

William Tynor, Jr., had a narrow escape from death in the quick sands of the river near Peru. He and a neighbor had gone out hunting and in trying to wade across to a bar, Mr. Tynor got into the quick sands and was unable to get out. He had sunk to his waist when he managed to attract the attention of his companion, who was some distance away.

If the time required by law is imposed upon W. B. Clark, manager of the Millard hotel at Omaha, for each of the 135 game birds found in his possession recently by Game Warden Miller, that gentleman will have to enrich the coffers of the state to the amount of \$875. Usually the state permits the accused in such cases, however, to plead guilty to having a less number of the forbidden birds than is actually found.

Frank Kimball, proprietor of a laundry at Beatrice, was killed and three companions injured in an automobile accident three miles south of Beatrice. Kimball was driving a new car at a high rate of speed and when the machine struck a culvert, he lost control of it. The car ran against a bank and rolled over twice. Two of his companions are hurt internally and may die. Kimball's neck was broken and his head badly crushed.

Two men saved their way to liberty from the county jail at Nebraska City while the sheriff and his deputy were at home having supper, being furnished saws by parties on the outside. The men were Robert Walker, a colored man, who was serving a jail sentence for attempting to assault a young colored girl, and the other was Benjamin Goldsberry, who was given a year's sentence for assaulting Charles Tinsley with a knife. No arrests at this writing.

Word has been received at the adjutant general's office of the arrival in San Antonio, Tex., of the two Nebraska guard officers, Captains Iver Johnson, of Stanton, and C. R. McCormick, of Nebraska City, and their subsequent placing with the Eighteenth infantry of the regular army.

The men were recently detailed by the war department, upon recommendation of Adjutant General Phelps, to report at the maneuvers being conducted on the Texas border.

The board of educational lands and funds will open bids this week for the \$4,000,000 or more of securities which will be sold under the provisions of the Potts reinvestment measure which was passed and approved during the session of the legislature just closed. From the number of inquiries which have come in during the last few weeks it is probable that the bidding on securities will be rather spirited and will bring out a large field of investors.

Two golden weddings were celebrated in and near Fairbury. The first was at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Rich, several miles northeast of Fairbury, and was in the nature of a surprise party. Monday noon, just before dinner, a line of carriages drove into Mr. Rich's place. In these carriages were old friends and neighbors, who were coming with cooked provisions to remind Mr. and Mrs. Rich of the fact that it was the golden anniversary of their wedding. The other golden wedding was that of Mr. and Mrs. John Harris, of Fairbury.

William A. Tawney, a pioneer farmer of Pierce county, took his life by hanging himself to a rafter in his granary, three miles west of Osmond, during a fit of temporary insanity. Coroner F. G. Salter and Sheriff Goff left immediately for the Tawney farm on receipt of the news of the suicide and an inquest was held which showed that Tawney had gone into the granary, fastened a rope with much care to a rafter and then jumped from a partition on which he stood while adjusting the rope, the fall breaking his neck. He was a brother of former Congressman Tawney, of Minnesota.

Glen Eickmeyer, 18-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. John Eickmeyer, of near Kearney, was found lying unconscious in the road a half mile from his home with his head cut and bruised and the bicycle he was riding bent and battered. He is thought to be fatally hurt.

Charles E. Shepherd, formerly a well-known Burlington man, and who occupied the position of trainmaster of the Northern Pacific at Livingston, Mont., died in Lincoln. The deceased was 40 years old. He was born at Ashland and had been a railroader the greater part of his life.