

FROM MANY POINTS

EVENTS OF THE DAY HELD TO A FEW LINES.

DAY'S EVENTS BOILED DOWN

Personal, Political, Foreign and Other Intelligence Interesting to the General Reader.

Washington. Although the corporation tax for this year is not due until June 1, payments are beginning to turn into the treasury. About \$325,000 was paid in March. The estimated total receipts for the year are \$25,000,000.

The extent to which the telephone has encroached upon the telegraph as a means of dispatching trains in 1910 is shown in a bulletin issued by the interstate commerce commission. An increase of 15,373 miles of railroad on which the telephone is used was shown.

The nomination of Former Senator Scott of West Virginia to take the place of the late Captain Palmer on the board of the home for invalid soldiers, made by the senate, is not likely to pass in the house. The democratic wing of the Nebraska representatives is of the opinion that the committee on military affairs will insist on a democrat from Nebraska to fill the place.

Every American woman who loves the bargain counter and with joyful anticipation reads "reduced from seventy-five cents to thirty-three and one-half cents a yard," will be interested in a bill introduced in the house by Representative Sheppard of Texas, providing for the coinage of a two and one-half cent piece.

Former Speaker Cannon, Representatives Hanna of North Dakota, Nelson of Wisconsin and Sloan of Nebraska attacked the Canadian reciprocity agreement in the debate on the reciprocity bill in the house.

Clark McCercher, formerly of Seattle, and connected with the attorney general's office in the prosecution of anti-trust and interstate commerce cases, and investigations for the enforcement of the Sherman law, has been appointed special assistant to the attorney general with "trust busting" duties.

General.

The Canadian reciprocity bill was passed in the house by a large majority.

The new Mexican ambassador assured President Taft that peace in the republic was assured.

Ex-Speaker Cannon attacked what he said was a plan to put a free paper bill through the house.

Nebraska sold \$625,000 of bonds of California and Alabama out of a total of \$4,000,000 offered for sale.

Congressman Kinkaid introduced 27 bills providing for increases of pensions for Nebraskans.

The allegation of Minister de la Barra that shots were fired by Americans at the Agua Prieta battle was denied.

Investigation of alleged extravagance in the government departments was endorsed by the house committee on rules.

The James bill, providing for woman suffrage in Wisconsin, has been "bottled" by the assembly elections committee.

Wool will not go on the free list in the democratic revision of the wool schedule of the tariff, at this session of congress.

President Taft has signed a proclamation setting aside 301,360 acres of land in Humboldt county, Nevada, as the Santa Rosa national forest.

Unpleasant conditions in many of the bakeries of New York City are reported by investigators employed by the city commissioner of accounts.

Paris retains its position as third largest city in the world, the census taken last month showing a population of 2,846,986.

Edward A. Moseley, secretary of the interstate commerce commission and the originator of much labor legislation, died in Washington after a continued illness, aged 65 years.

The diplomatic shakeup, which was first evidenced by the resignation of David Jayne Hill as ambassador to Germany, continued when it was announced that Herbert H. B. Peirce had resigned as minister to Norway.

Predictions are common that the deadlock on the Colorado U. S. senatorship, which has lasted more than three months, will continue unbroken and that the legislature will adjourn without selecting a successor to the late Senator Hughes.

At Washington John Hays Hammond filed a formal plea of not guilty in the suit brought against him by Daniel J. Sully for \$1,500,000 damages for conspiracy to defame the latter's character and destroy his good standing.

Miss Evelyn S. Hall, for 27 years principal of the Northfield seminary at Northfield, Mass., died at Westley, R. I. Miss Hall was widely known in the religious education field.

W. H. Martin, judge of the Fourteenth judicial district of Missouri, died suddenly of heart disease in the court room while holding court.

Cholera situation is again causing some uneasiness in Honolulu.

In a battle near Chihuahua forty or more insurgents were killed and many wounded.

The insurgents who defended Agua Prieta all day Monday, quietly stole away during the night.

A Nebraska man was among those killed with the Mexican insurgents in a battle near Chihuahua.

State geologists from almost every state met in Washington with the officials of the geological survey.

The house, by a vote of 296 to 16, adopted the resolution for direct election of United States senators.

George Gould was able to dictate the selection of Benjamin F. Bush as president of the Missouri Pacific.

With the Mexican situation on his hands the president has reason to be thankful that congress is in session.

Searching inquiry into the situation in Mexico is demanded in a resolution offered by Senator Stone of Missouri.

President Taft has gone as far as he cares to on his own initiative, and if there is to be intervention congress must declare it.

The Michigan senate killed the bills for a popular vote on a constitutional amendment providing for the initiative and referendum.

George S. Terry, assistant United States treasurer at New York, died at Alken, S. C. He had been suffering for a week from an attack of diabetes.

John R. Montgomery, 27 years old, and for fifty years a New York tea merchant, stepped into a summer house at his home and ended his life by shooting.

But 28 years of age and married for the fourth time is the record of Georgiana Pierce of South Omaha, who was last week united in marriage to Alfred E. Lowe, aged 24 years.

Henry Brown, aged 92, a roommate of Abraham Lincoln when the latter was practicing law, died on his farm near Bloomington, Ill. He had many letters written to him by Lincoln.

Delivery of parcels post matter from many European countries will be expedited in the middle western states by an arrangement made by the postoffice and treasury departments.

James Speyer of the banking firm of Speyer and company, and H. I. Miller, receiver of the Buffalo & Susquehanna railway, have been elected directors of the Missouri Pacific railway.

Telegraphic orders from Washington, received at the Mare Island navy yard, started 100 marines for San Diego and the Mexican border under the command of Captain Fred A. Ramsey.

The Episcopal cathedral of St. John the Divine, the largest ecclesiastical structure in the country and the fourth largest in Christendom, was solemnly consecrated in New York city.

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The demand of the twelve "insurgent" republican senators for recognition as a body in the re-organization of the senate committees is causing trouble to the regular republicans and delaying the formation of the committees.

The New Hampshire senate, by a vote of 16 to 6, adopted a resolution informing Senators Gallinger and Burnham that the "sentiment of the people of New Hampshire appears to be that Senator Lorimer should not be allowed to retain his seat in the United States senate."

A bill reappointing the membership of the house of representatives and almost identical with the Crumpacker bill which passed the house last session, but died in the senate, was reported by the committee on the census. It provides for a membership of the house of 433.

Denman Thompson, of West Swansey, N. H., the venerable actor, creator and portrayer of that homely New England character, "Uncle Joshua Whitcomb," which he endeared to theatre goers all over the country, was buried Sunday with simple ceremonies in the little cemetery across the road from his home.

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Scullers' row on the Hudson river was swept by fire. Four boats were burned, with their contents, including nearly 200 racing shells, and two other club structures were damaged. The loss is \$100,000.

Personal.

The president may appoint Congressman Longworth ambassador to Germany.

President Taft has appointed Sumner S. Smith of Alameda, Cal., mine inspector for Alaska.

William A. Day was selected as Paul Morton's successor as president of Equitable Assurance society.

In an address at Madison, Roosevelt paid many compliments to La Follette.

The German governor, with others, was killed by natives of the Carolines. Senator Hitchcock had an attack of vertigo, but has fully recovered.

The temper of the national senate is to keep hands off Mexico. Senator Poindexter of Washington took the oath of office Monday.

Friends of Gov. Hadley of Missouri want to boom him for president. Senate has confirmed the nomination of Walter L. Fisher as secretary of the interior.

THE NEW AUTO LAW

IT HAS UNDERGONE SOME IMPORTANT CHANGES.

PROVISIONS OF ENACTMENT

Becomes Effective Early in July and Should Be Carefully Read and Understood.

Several changes in the present statutes regulating motor vehicles and automobiles were made during the recent session of the legislature by the McArdle bill, which passed both houses and was approved by Governor Aldrich. The new law, which will become effective early in July, contains the following provisions, digested section by section:

Section 1.—Defines motor vehicles as those propelled by any power other than muscular, and excepting road rollers, traction engines and those run on rails or tracks. Defines public highways as all ways where the passage of vehicles is allowed.

Section 2.—Every owner of such motor vehicles shall file with the secretary of state a description of his vehicle or vehicles and shall pay an annual tax of \$1 for motorcycles and \$2 for other motor vehicles. All police patrols and fire automobiles or other motor vehicles owned or operated by cities, villages or the state are exempted from this fee. Each machine is to be assigned a number. Owners of ownership shall be filed with \$1 fee for accompanying.

Section 3.—Fees to go to county treasurers in counties where applicant for the license resides. Fees to be credited to the county road fund. County treasurers to give receipts, which are to be sent to the secretary of state with all applications for license.

Section 4.—Manufacturers to register one vehicle of each class, which they produce and display, in numbers in compliance with the law. Three general classes, those propelled by gasoline, steam and electricity.

Section 5.—Number to be displayed on car in separate Arabic numerals at least four inches high with the letters N-E-B, not less than three inches high, same to be white letters and figures on black background. To be so lighted before sunrise that will be plainly visible 100 feet distant.

Section 6.—No intoxicated person or person under 16 years of age shall be permitted to operate motor vehicles. Owner who permits same shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and punished as herein provided.

Section 7.—In the country, that is outside of cities or villages, motor vehicles shall not be operated at a greater speed than twenty-five miles per hour or than is reasonable and safe under the conditions of the traffic and the life and limb of the people. At intersections or bridges or when meeting other vehicles or teams or when approaching a narrow or rough road, the motor vehicle shall stop until street cars start. Police patrols, ambulances, fire automobiles and physicians' automobiles exempted from the provisions of this section.

Section 8.—Drivers of automobiles are to stop when meeting teams, which appear restless or when persons indicate that such is the case. To stop as long as necessary and give such help as is needed. When passing are to give way to teams and motor vehicles are to share the road, especially where it is narrow or rough, and the motor vehicle not to pass the center of the road until at least thirty feet ahead of the team.

Section 9.—All motor vehicles to be provided with suitable brakes, bells or horns or signals and shall between one hour after sunset and one hour before sunrise have two lights on the front of the machine and a red light at the rear end.

Section 10.—The penalties: For the first violation of any of the provisions of the law, a fine of not less than \$50; for subsequent violations, not less than \$50 nor more than \$100 and not more than sixty days in the county jail, or both at the discretion of the court. If violations result in death or severe injury to any person, the offenders shall, upon conviction, be fined not less than \$100 nor more than \$500 and sentenced to the penitentiary for not less than one year, nor more than ten years.

Section 11.—Nothing in the act shall be construed as interfering with the local regulation of motor vehicles by cities or villages.

Section 12.—Nothing in the act shall apply to motor vehicles operated in the state by residents of other states for a period not to exceed thirty days, providing said vehicles have been duly registered in the state where said owners reside.

Marking Oregon Trail.

Robert Harvey, Mrs. Oreal Ward and C. S. Paine, who were named as commissioners of the Oregon trail fund appropriated by the recent session of the last legislature, have held their first meeting and will push the work along as fast as possible. Counties through whose boundaries the old trail ran will be asked to set aside funds for the furtherance of the cause.

Girl in Great Danger.

But for the assistance of a family who saw her body aflame and rushed to her aid, Ellean Wilson, whose clothes caught fire when she was riding on a motorcycle, might have suffered death. The Hyatts, who went to the aid of the girl, grabbed rugs and portieres from their house and managed to extinguish the flames which enveloped her.

Revision of the Statutes.

Governor Aldrich said he would not appoint three commissioners to revise the statutes for several days yet. As the proposed commissioners are to get \$2,000 a year for their work there is much concern about the jobs. The governor desires to confer with the supreme court and others before final action.

Gumpert Has Express Protest.

An unusual complaint objecting to rates charged by express companies has been received by the state railway commission. The man filing it is H. Gumpert of Fremont, who contends that express companies doing business in the state base their charges on pound rates instead of fractions of a pound. He calls attention of the commission to the fact that the state fixes a net weight for foodstuffs and for other weights and measures and asserts that express companies are allowed to charge for full pounds.

Hunter Succeeds Davison.

At a meeting of the regents of the State university, Fred M. Hunter, at present superintendent of the Norfolk schools, was elected to succeed the late A. E. Davison, as principal of the university school of agriculture. Hunter is a graduate of the university in the class of 1905 and while in college was known as a crack foot ball player, a scholarly debater and one of the most popular men in school. Since his graduation he has been superintendent of schools at Fairmont, Ashland and Norfolk.

French Baron on Tour.

Baron Estournelle de Constant, the noted French peace advocate, who is touring the United States in the interests of international peace, visited Lincoln and made an address at the university convocation. In the evening he was banqueted.

Physical Valuation of Roads.

From the report of the physical valuation commission on the Rock Island property in this state hopes are entertained that the work will not only furnish a partial basis for rates, but that it will also furnish a proper basis for taxation. The railroad claims a value of \$13,131,000, while the state admits the reproduction value would be \$10,723,000, but that the present value is only \$5,998,000. The road is assessed at \$10,445,000, including franchise value. The difference, \$447,000, might be made up by franchise value.

Guardmen to Come Home.

Captains Johnson of Stanton and McCormick of Nebraska City, officers of the Nebraska National Guard, who have been participating in the army maneuvers on the Texas border in accordance with orders issued from the war department, have left San Antonio and their places will be taken by Major J. H. Paul of St. Paul and Captain H. A. Jess of the Fremont signal corps. Stays of two weeks will be granted to each pair of National Guard officers who attend the maneuvers.

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COUNTY ASSESSMENT.

The Precinct Assessor is Shorn of Power.

The county assessors' bill, H. R. 184, which was passed with the emergency clause, is now in effect. The bill does not change the old law in relation to the election of precinct assessors but it gives county assessors and county boards much more power in the matter of supervision of precinct assessors and provides that they shall be controlled by the county boards and county assessors, the same as county assessors are now controlled and may be removed by the state board of assessment.

The bill has for one of its objects the extending of the term of county assessors one year so that they as experienced officers may be able to value real estate during the last year of their term. It never occurred to the county assessors who asked for one more year of salary to change the law so as to assess real estate this year. They preferred to extend their term of office one year rather than change the date of assessing real estate.

Secretary Henry Seymour of the state board of assessment has sent out to county assessors a printed copy of the new law. The bill in question, H. R. 184, provides that the election of county assessors shall take place in the year 1912, instead of during the year 1911. It also provides that precinct assessors shall be elected the same year and that they shall be eligible to two terms.

In cities of over 4,000 inhabitants the new law provides that the county board and the county assessors shall decide the number of precinct assessors in such cities and the county assessor shall assign such precinct assessors in the districts in the cities to be assessed.

Section 35 of the new law provides that the value of leases on state school lands shall be assessed in addition to the improvements thereon.

The new law, now in effect, takes away from elective precinct assessors the right to assess banks, public service corporations, foreign corporations, express, telephone and telegraph companies. The law gives this work to the county assessor instead of to the precinct assessor.

Another change in the present law is one requiring precinct assessors to make return from time to time, as the returns are ready, instead of "on or before the last Monday in May." The county assessor is empowered to revise and make up the assessment books.

The county assessor is authorized by the new law to make an annual revision of the assessment of real estate for errors or for the assessment of parcels of land that have been separated from other lands.

Insurance Bills Few. Out of the multiplicity of insurance bills introduced in both houses only four were passed and signed by the governor, and one of these is a bill relating more to state accounting than to the insurance business. The bills relating to insurance which were passed and signed by the governor number four.

Locating Agricultural School. A movement has been started to petition the board of public lands and buildings not to locate the new \$100,000 agricultural school in any of the southwestern Nebraska towns where saloons are permitted. The Women's Christian Temperance union organizations are behind the movement.

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MOVEMENT OF TROOPS TO CEASE FOR PRESENT.

AN ARMISTICE OF FIVE DAYS

Other Settlements Expected Soon that Will Result in Ending of the Conflict.

El Paso, Tex.—An armistice of five days, beginning at noon Sunday, and affecting the district between Juarez and Chihuahua and west of the latter, was made effective in an exchange of identical letters signed by General Francisco I. Madero, Jr., for the rebels and General Juan Navarro for the government.

The truce provides there shall be no movement of troops of either side during the next five days, and that provisions and medicine may be brought to either camp from the United States without payment of duty.

It is noted that Ojinaga, where a small federal force is besieged, is not covered in the armistice, the insurgents activities in that district being largely independent. It is expected that in the event of the settlement of the rebellion in Chihuahua, the situation at Ojinaga and other scattered places throughout the republic will receive attention.

The moral effect of the cessation of hostilities in Chihuahua is regarded as certain to make settlements in other parts of the country simple.

It was known that a truce was agreeable to Madero, and a telegram from Mexico City informed General Madero that General Navarro had been instructed by President Diaz to enter into the agreement.

The concessions which the government is willing to make have been known for two weeks to General Madero, ever since Frederico Moya, a business man of Chihuahua, visited General Madero at Rancho Bustillos. They were discussed in the meeting by the leaders and members of the peace mission. Those present were:

Francisco Madero, sr., father of the rebel leader; the latter's brothers, Alfonso, Gustavo and Raoul Madero; Pascual Orozco, the original field leader of the revolution; Pancho Villa, former banker and present staunch supporter of Madero; Glusippi Garibaldi and General and Senora Madero.

The last named is accounted a warm supporter of taking Juarez and then talking peace. She feels her husband would be in better position to talk peace from Juarez than from the hills around it. A representative from the Associated Press was present by invitation, having been with the insurgents forces much of the time since the revolt started.

Much of the discussion was of a nature the publication of which is not desired at this time. It may be said, however, that General Madero has the most authentic assurance of a liberal attitude on the part of the government.

For Gibbons Memorial Hall. Washington.—Announcement was made by Bishop Corrigan, treasurer of the fund for the Cardinal Gibbons memorial hall at the Catholic university, that more than \$45,000 has already been subscribed in Washington and in Baltimore and other Maryland towns.

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NEBRASKA IN BRIEF.

News Notes of Interest from Various Sections.

The cornerstone for the new Swedish Lutheran church has been laid at Axtell.

Fairbury will hold a special election May 16 to vote on the question of saloons or no saloons.

John Ferron of Omaha, 26 years old, was killed at Minneapolis while engaged in bridge structure.

At a Good Fellowship banquet in Omaha recently 1,000 men stretched their legs under the tables.

The Great Western Cereal company has closed down its plant in Nebraska City and is moving the machinery away.

Nat C. Goodwin of Omaha has sued the street railway company of that city for \$120,000 for the death of his wife. She was killed by the cars.

The complaint against Roy Houchin of Grand Island, charging him with wife desertion, has been dismissed, following the reconciliation of the husband and wife through the efforts of County Attorney Hartigan.

In a fit of despondency caused by his being out of work, John Burkinshaw, who has been in the employ of the Kimball ranch southeast of Fremont, committed suicide by shooting himself in the head.

Dr. Leah Mills, Omaha, 39 years old, despondent because she was losing her mind, barricaded herself in the kitchen of her home, turned on the gas jets of the range and died from asphyxiation. She was a dentist.

At Kearney Ray Humphrey, 19-year-old son of Mrs. S. F. Humphrey of that city, was struck by an east-bound Union Pacific train, knocked to the ground and the wheels of the engine passed over his left hand, necessitating the amputation of the hand below the thumb.

While it is believed that the treasurer's office of Doane college that Dr. Pearson will give the \$25,000 anyway as his birthday gift, great efforts are being made to complete the canvass for \$75,000 which is expected to close on April 30. President Perry is in the east gathering funds and friends are rallying in the west.

Mr. Gray, a farm hand working for ex-County Commissioner W. S. Ashton, residing near Dunbar, Otoe county, has been missing for ten days. The man worked for him about two years and ten days ago he gave him his month's wages. The man took his earnings home to his wife. She and her eight children are now looking for him.

In compliance with a request from the federal authorities, Sheriff James Chirnside of Jefferson county took Roy Buckles to San Francisco, Cal., to deliver him over to the authorities at Mare Island. Buckles has just completed a three months' sentence on the charge of adultery. He was arrested in January on the charge of adultery, wife desertion and desertion from the United States navy.

The sheriff of Furnas county served notice upon City Clerk A. A. Billings of Alma and Treasurer Robert Porter not to deliver the city records to the women elected to those offices, on the grounds that they were not qualified under the law to hold office. The legal point was raised that their bonds would not be good and therefore the old officers and their bondsmen would be held as the responsible parties to the city.

A petition for the pardon of Harry Spence, signed by citizens of Garden county, has been received at the office of the governor. As the new law for an advisory board of pardons does not go into effect until July 7 the governor will be obliged to deal with this application without the aid of a board of pardons. The petitioners ask for a hearing in the hope that they will be able to show the governor that pardon for Spence would be a wise act. The prisoner is serving a term of two and one-half years for burglary.

Dr. J. H. Tyndale, a tuberculosis expert, has written to Secretary of State Walt suggesting that the \$40,000 appropriated for a hospital for indigent consumptives be used to purchase Tabitha home, a sectarian institution near the city limits of Lincoln. The secretary of state might be inclined to look upon this proposition with favor except for the fact that the appropriation is available only in the event that the institution is located west of the ninety-eighth meridian. This eliminates the Tabitha home proposition.

Chicago dispatch: Kurtz Carlson, who says his real name is Kurtz Mueller and that he is an ordained Lutheran minister, pleaded guilty in municipal court to having three wives living. He was arraigned on complaint of his third wife, whom he described as his "true love," and he said he thought his first marriage "should not be held against him." His first wife was Kate Mazer Mueller of Sutton, Neb. He married her, he says, because deacons of his church said it was not good for a young pastor to remain unmarried; after four years left her because of her simplicity of mind and his own "elevated mentality."

Elihu, the 2-year-old son of Cyrus Hunt of Deshler, died from drinking vapo cresoline. He secured a bottle kept as a croup remedy.

A new excess baggage tariff will be in force on the Burlington on May 1. One report has been published that under this tariff corpses will be transported as excess baggage, but railroad men who have read the tariff closely say this is not so and that no change in transporting corpses is made. It is necessary to purchase two first-class tickets for the transport of a corpse, one for the corpse and one for the person accompanying.