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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.
Several tentative drafts of the proposed arbitration treaty between the United States and Great Britain were discussed between President Taft and his cabinet.

Representative Warburton of Washington, newly elected republican member, in a speech in the house announced his intention of supporting the democratic free list bill.

While many reports from Mexico are far from encouraging, President Taft and his cabinet are hoping for peace. The cabinet discussed the Mexican situation and it was determined this government shall "stand pat."

Investigation of charges of graft in connection with the contracts for shoes for the army and navy was begun by a sub-committee of the house. The inquiry is to determine whether bids and specifications are published so arranged as to throw the contracts into the hands of one firm.

Representative Bartholdt of Missouri has been selected by President Taft to represent the United States at the presentation to the German empire of a replica in miniature of the statue of Baron von Steuben, recently unveiled here. The date has not been set.

Representative Baker of California and Chief Forester Graves submitted to President Taft a proposition to preserve the big trees in California. Mr. Baker will ask congress for an appropriation to purchase the trees as a forest reserve.

A three-cornered fight over the election of a president pro tempore of the senate to succeed Senator Frye is in prospect. Senator Gallinger is the general choice of the regular republicans, but is unsatisfactory to many progressives, who are considering one of their own men.

General.

Jos H. Preston, democrat, was elected mayor of Baltimore.

The senate will soon take up the Canadian reciprocity bill.

Lincoln went wet and entire republican ticket was elected.

Rapid progress is being made in the digging of the Panama canal.

Lieutenant Governor Hopewell of Nebraska died at his home in Tekamah.

A diplomatic breach may be occasioned by operations of excavators at Jerusalem.

The government suit against the Anaconda Copper Mining company has been compromised.

Robbers wrecked the private bank of Alexander Pate at Wellington, Ill., and escaped with \$4,300.

Ohio legislators caught in the grand jury net are scrambling about in search of immunity baths.

The steamer Clearmonte, which went ashore in Willapa harbor, Washington, managed to free herself without assistance.

Lieutenant Roser, of the German army, who recently obtained an aviation pilot's license, fell with his aeroplane from a height of 150 feet and was so seriously injured that there is no hope of his recovery.

Democrats of national prominence will be in St. Louis June 1 when a conference of leaders of the party in the northwest will be held there.

President Diaz has sent his commissioner to El Paso to treat with Madero for peace.

The Missouri Pacific depot at Hiawatha, Kan., was robbed of four pouches of mail, awaiting transfer. The empty bags were found in a coal bin.

At Portland, Ore., A. M. Cox, chief of police, was indicted, charged with neglect of duty in that he had failed to close the immoral resorts of the city.

Eight thousand persons have been invited to the dinner which the board of international hospitality of the New York Peace society expects to give May 17, to Baron D'Atournelles de Constant.

Comptroller of the Treasury Murray made formal announcement that his office would never again issue a charter to a national bank when there was evidence that bank promoters were active in the project.

The Indianapolis & Southern railway was sold at auction for \$2,500,000 to the Illinois Central railroad. The sale was a mortgage foreclosure proceeding brought by Charles A. Peabody and Alex G. Hackstaff of New York.

The second highest price for a book in the Hoe library sale was reached, when a book sold for \$21,600.

The department of agriculture has issued a bulletin on the alfalfa weevil. This insect, which is causing great injury to the alfalfa crops, is at present found only in Utah.

The fire-devastated town of Bangor, Me., will rise from the ruins.

Government finances for April made a better showing than expected.

The Muscatine (Iowa) strike is over and button makers have returned to work.

Jim Jeffries was a passenger from New York for Europe.

President Taft says we have all the territory we need and will not seek an extension of domain.

A house committee has begun investigation of charges of graft in awarding of shoe contracts.

Early resignation of Diaz is expected to be the first rock on which the peace parley in Mexico will split.

Plans were filed for the construction in New York of the highest building in the world, 750 feet.

Charles H. Hyde, city chamberlain of New York city, resigned following his indictment by the grand jury.

Moslems at Jerusalem have been aroused to fury by the violation of sacred relics charged to Englishmen.

State Treasurer George reports \$1,095,000 in the Nebraska treasury and \$421,000 of trust funds awaiting investment.

Sir Edward Grey was further catechised in the house of commons regarding American warships on the great lakes.

In the future London policemen in the outlying and suburban districts of the city are to be accompanied by dogs, if they so desire.

The steamer Deutschland, with the German Antarctic expedition, sailed for Buenos Ayres, where complete supplies will be taken on.

Lieutenant Governor Hopewell of Nebraska died at Tekamah, his home, after a week's illness, at the age of 65. He was sick but one week.

John A. Hinsey, for many years head of the Milwaukee railway, died in Los Angeles from injuries received by being hit by a street car.

Recent law passed by Illinois legislature prohibits drinking of intoxicants on trains and interurbans, but allows drinking on dining and buffet cars.

Robert R. Moore, who ran for comptroller on the same ticket with Mayor Gaynor, was appointed city chamberlain to succeed Charles H. Hyde.

Representative Gilbert of Chicago saw his life's work thrown on the scrap heap when the Illinois house defeated his revision of the court procedure and practice act.

Congressman Longworth says that at birth a man has his choice between a bald head and brains. His own choice, he says, is apparent.

Captain J. H. Shuabhan, formerly of the Illinois in the mercantile business of western Iowa and eastern Nebraska, was killed in a runaway in Idaho.

Members of the Illinois legislature defeated the initiative and referendum amendment to the state constitution. The vote stood 93 ayes and 19 nays.

Lloyd C. Griscom, formerly ambassador to Italy and a close friend of former President Roosevelt, has resigned as president of the New York county republican committee.

The draft of the arbitration treaty between America and Great Britain has advanced so far toward completion that it will be ready for submission to the British government within two weeks.

Governor Aldrich, of Nebraska, has announced that he will not commute the death sentence imposed upon Thomas Johnson, the Omaha negro who murdered Farmer Frankland. The order of the court specifies the execution on May 19.

At White Plains, N. Y., Sydney C. Love, the millionaire banker of Chicago and Seattle, Wash., was served with a summons and complaint by publication in the suit for absolute divorce which his wife, Marjorie Burns Love, of New York city, has brought against him.

In New York only automobiles—12 limousine cars—followed the automobile hearse in which the body of Mrs. H. Carroll Brown, daughter of the late Marcus Daly, the Montana copper king, was borne to the grave.

Ohio legislators who hoped, by testifying before the grand jury, now investigating bribery in the assembly, to escape conviction by means of an immunity bath, were disappointed when prosecuting Attorney Turner and Attorney General Hogan refused to accept their testimony. Other immunity baths were headed off next day when an investigation by a legislative committee was deferred until after the grand jury finished its work.

Personal.

Bangor, Maine, had a six million dollar fire.

Senator Kittredge, of South Dakota, died at Hot Springs, Ark.

House democrats have an ambitious program of tariff revision.

President Taft pleaded the cause of Canadian reciprocity in an address at a New York dinner.

Republican house employees are packing up to leave Washington.

Premier Laurier will abandon his trip to London for the coronation rather than see Canadian reciprocity fail.

Mexican insurgents are growing more insistent in their demands the longer peace is delayed.

With the object of finding the intrepid Danish explorer, Captain Einar Mikkelsen, a rescue party has just left Denmark for the Arctic regions.

President Taft will not attend the prison congress to be held in Omaha in September.

There was a disorderly May day demonstration by workmen of Paris.

The senate committee on judiciary ordered a favorable report on direct election of senators.

CRONIN BRIDGE BILL

THERE SEEMS TO BE DEFECT IN THE MEASURE.

NO APPROPRIATION WAS MADE

The Attorney General Will Have to Decide in Regard to Legality of Drawing Warrants.

In the Cronin bridge bill which was passed at the recent session of the legislature and in which provision was made for assisting in the building and maintaining of bridges over streams more than 175 feet in length it has been discovered that, although there was a state levy of one-fifth of a mill provided for, there was no provision as to the appropriation from the sum accruing from the levy. This it is said will prevent Boone, Boyd and Holt counties, which have applied for aid under the provisions of the bill from obtaining the assistance which they have been after for some time.

Attorney General Martin has been asked for an opinion on the measure and whether Auditor Barton draws warrants for aid to any of the counties depends entirely upon what that official decides.

The one-fifth mill levy would raise approximately \$80,000 and besides the counties which have already applied there are several others which are desirous of receiving help in the construction of their long bridges. According to the provisions of the bill counties shall pay half the cost of building the structure and the state the remaining half. Following the clause relating to this matter in the measure an amendment was inserted which read: "Provided that the state shall not be liable for any money in excess of this appropriation hereby made."

But nowhere in the bill can there be found the appropriation which in that clause is designated as "hereby made." Nor are the moneys accruing under the levy called for in the bill appropriated in express terms. In the latter part of the bill it is stated that the proceeds of the levy shall be used only for the purposes set out in the measure, but neither in the title of the bill nor its body is there an express appropriation made.

State Engineer Price has received applications for state aid for three proposed bridges, two to be built in Boone county, and one across the Holbrook river between Boyd and Holt counties. The Boone county commissioners' application was the first one on file in the state engineer's office. It asks for bridges over the Cedar river in Boone county, one to be built where there is a bridge known as the Reid bridge, six miles northwest of Cedar Rapids, to be 270 feet long and sixteen feet wide, three spans, at an estimated cost of \$8,500; the other to be built north of Cedar Rapids, 280 feet long, four spans, at a cost of \$8,500.

The Charges Against Baxter.

Charges filed before the Board of Public Lands and Buildings by C. W. Pipkin of Omaha as to the alleged conduct of M. W. Baxter, head of that institution under former Governor Shallenberger, have been turned over to the county attorney of Adams county.

Looking for School Site.

The state board of public lands and buildings has started out for the purpose of finding a site for the proposed state school of agriculture which the legislature appropriated \$100,000 for, with the promise of more for the support and maintenance of the institution during future years.

Destruction by Canker Worm.

Reports from the state of Kansas tell of the operation of the canker worm in the orchards of that state this year. Horticulturists of the agricultural school of the University of Nebraska say so far as they know there are no canker worms operating in Nebraska this year.

Mexicans Too Slow.

Life with the Mexican insurgents under General Madero wasn't lively enough for Rex McDill, a student at the state university last semester according to letters received by his friends in Lincoln. McDill joined the Madero forces several weeks ago, but he writes that he has left the band because of their inactivity.

To Muster Out Company.

The first machine gun company of Beatrice, which is a part of the Nebraska National guard, is to be mustered out of the service. This is due to the fact that the company is unable to obtain the modern equipment necessary to carry on its drills.

Investigating the Law.

County Assessor Shriver of Douglas county called at the capitol to inquire into the Smith bill relating to the taxation of mortgages, a measure which was passed and approved during the recent session of the legislature. Mr. Shriver declared that a wrong impression had gone out in Douglas county in regard to the bill and he desired to have an opportunity to examine the enrolled copy of the act. He found out that the bill carried no emergency clause and that it will go into effect on July 7.

ROAD VALUES STAY.

No Higher Taxation by Raising Levy.

At the meeting of the State Board of Assessment it was decided to put the same valuation upon the railroads of the state as last year, the value on the personal property having shown in the estimation, no increase since that time. Whether or not the levy will be raised on the amount of the entire state are submitted and placed in the hands of the board.

The valuation placed on the four leading roads of the state is as follows: Chicago, Burlington & Quincy on 2,842.21 miles, \$23,858,011; Union Pacific on 1,083.02 miles, \$15,153,455.08; Chicago & Northwestern on 1,065.37 miles, \$7,457,590; and the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific on 245.58 miles, \$2,089,186.

Tax commissioners from several of the roads were present, but on account of no changes being made in the valuation did not have the opportunity to uplift their voices in protest.

It is understood that the state board will increase the state levy, compelling the railroads as well as every other taxpayer to pay greater taxes even though in many cases, as with the railroads, the assessed valuation had not been raised. This, as stated above, will not be done, however, until the board has had a chance to review the assessment figures of the entire state.

Last year the total levy for state purposes was five mills, but one mill of that amount was levied to the use of the state university. The four-mill levy thus left can be increased under the present law to five mills, but not more than that amount. A bill introduced at the last session of the legislature to raise the maximum levy of the state to seven mills was defeated in the committee of the whole.

The instructions of the board to the secretary, Henry Seymour, to make a computation upon the same basis as that of last year, of course, provides further that any mileage added during the year by reason of new track shall be included in the 1911 valuation.

The total assessed valuation of the different railroads last year were as follows:

Burlington	\$23,858,011
Union Pacific	15,153,455.08
Rock Island	7,457,590
Northwestern	2,089,186
M. & O.	2,528,284
Missouri Pacific	2,429,413
St. Joe	781,779
Chicago, Great-Western	100,000
Omaha Bridge and Terminal	129,000
Omaha, Lincoln & Beatrice	15,000
Omaha and Southern Inter.	15,000
Illinois Central	10,000
Wabash Railway & St. Paul	10,000
Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul	10,000
Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe	5,000
Total	\$54,814,350

Deputy Mickey Resigns.

Deputy State Treasurer E. S. Mickey tendered his resignation to take effect as soon as possible. Ill health is given as the cause. Mr. Mickey will return to Osceola, where he will look after banking and farming interests in Polk county.

Appeals to the Supreme Court.

Wilhelm Flege, convicted of murder in the second degree in Dixon county, has appealed to the supreme court. Flege was convicted of killing his sister, Louise Flege, shooting her twice with a revolver.

Board Buys Bonds.

State funds were put into \$10,000 worth of bonds of Elmwood school district No. 98. The next purchase on the list was supposedly that of \$30,000 of Holdrege bonds. These securities bear only 4 per cent interest, however, and have failed to tempt the board.

Lincoln Votes for License.

Reversing its policy of one year ago, when it went dry by 935 majority, Lincoln on Tuesday voted for a wet policy, the coming year, by a majority estimated at 820. A. H. Armstrong, republican, defeated Robert Malone, democrat, for mayor by the decisive majority of 1,275 votes. Practically all of the other republican candidates went in with the head of the ticket and republicans will control the city council. Under the present law the new excise board may organize immediately upon the canvassing of the vote at the next session of the council and following the insertion of advertisements for a period of three weeks the successful petitioners for licenses may be given a chance to open saloons.

Ready for Final Proof.

The federal land office has received word from several Kinkaiders in western Nebraska that they are ready to make final proof on their homestead entries.

The Agricultural School.

A delegation of half a dozen farmers, from the vicinity of Mascot, called on Secretary of State Watt, asking that their town be considered in fixing on a location for the southwestern agricultural school. They make a liberal offer.

"Across the State" Road.

Commercial clubs of the state have been invited to send delegates to a convention to be held at Holdrege, May 16, for the purpose of discussing ways and means for an "across-the-state" road. As at present planned representatives of several of the counties which have already manifested an interest in the matter say the road will start from Nebraska City, run west and north to this city, thence to Exeter, Hastings, Minden and Holdrege and McCook. Survey of the first lap of the road has been undertaken.

WORK OF CONGRESS

A VARIETY OF SUBJECTS TO BE TACKLED THIS WEEK.

INTEREST IN TARIFF MATTERS

After the Farmers Free List Bill is Passed House Debaters Will Take a Respite.

Washington.—Congress will be busy this week with many subjects. Tariff tinkering will have a change of scene, the senate committee on finance taking up the Canadian reciprocity bill and hearings expected to continue throughout the week.

After the farmers' free list bill is passed Monday tariff debaters in the house will rest from the efforts while members from the ways and means committee, behind closed doors, prepare for the next assault on the Payne Aldrich bill.

Their center of attack is to be the wool schedule.

Among the important matters of the senate program are the election of a president pro tempore to succeed Senator Frye who resigned, the proposed investigation of Senator Lorimer's right to retain his seat, and the resolution providing for popular election of senators.

Some of the progressive senators at a caucus Monday are expected to protest against the selection of Senator Gallinger of New Hampshire as Mr. Frye's successor. Senator Clark of Minnesota is the candidate of the progressives.

The general program in the house contemplates consideration of statehood for Arizona and New Mexico; passage of special resolutions providing for various additional departmental investigations and investigations into the United States Steel corporation, sugar refineries and the American Woolen company.

Contrary to persistent reports, it is known that no bill has been prepared by the ways and means committee looking to a revision of the wool schedule. At the same time it is impossible efforts to persuade the democratic members of the committee to postpone the woolen bill until next winter will be successful.

Representative Underwood, the chairman, summed up the wool situation when he said:

"After the house passes the free list bill, the ways and means committee will begin immediately the consideration of the wool schedule. It is true that there are differences in the party regarding wool, but I feel assured that we will be able to draft a bill acceptable to the party as a whole and that it will be ready within a few weeks."

Postal Savings Banks.

Washington.—Postmaster General Hitchcock has designated thirty-six additional postoffices as postal savings depositories, which including those previously selected will make a total of 129 established since January 1.

DIAZ WILL RESIGN

But it Will Be When Peace Has Been Restored.

Mexico City.—General Porfirio Diaz issued a manifesto to the people of Mexico declaring his intention to resign the presidency as soon as peace is restored, in this manner the president, has virtually acceded to the demands of Francisco I. Madero that he make announcement of such intention. As to when peace is actually restored General Diaz reserves the right to be the judge. In the words of the manifesto it will be "when, according to the dictates of my conscience, I am sure that my resignation will not be followed by anarchy."

BRING IN NEARLY MILLION.

Sale of First Collection of Rare Books of Hoe Library.

New York.—The Hoe library sale, at which single treasures have sold for a fortune, came to the end of its first quarter with nearly a million dollars realized. Three thousand five hundred books and manuscripts were disposed of, and the grand total for the ten days reached \$997,363.50. The record-breaking price of all bookdom—\$50,000—was brought by the Gutenberg Bible, sold to Henry E. Huntington of Los Angeles.

Charges Filed.

Seattle.—Charges were filed with the Seattle Bar association against Superior Judge Wilson R. Gay, asking his disbarment on the ground that frequently he had been intoxicated while on the bench. The complainant was Hiram C. Gill, former mayor of Seattle, who was recalled for misconduct last February.

Reciprocity in Canada.

Ottawa, Ont.—The adjournment of parliament for two months while Sir Wilfrid Laurier and the Canadian parliamentary delegation are in England attending the coronation, will mark the beginning of an educational campaign for reciprocity throughout Canada under the direction of the liberal members of the house. The opponents have planned a similar campaign against ratification. The government is confident the result will be the creation of a strong demand for ratification.

NEBRASKA IN BRIEF.

News Notes of Interest from Various Sections.

Robbers blew the safe of the bank at Rosemont in Webster county and stole \$1,000.

Dr. Neeve, of McCook, who fell under the cars while in motion, died from injuries received.

Wheaton (Ill.) dispatch: Arthur Allen, of Olean, N. Y., and Miss Mildred Burdell, of Eagle, Neb., eloped and were married here.

Rev. Espin, of Arlington, was stricken with paralysis, but it is not thought a fatal termination will result.

Word has just reached Auburn of the death of Paul Maruet who died at the osteopathic hospital at Des Moines, Ia., where he had been taking treatment.

At the special election held in Arapahoe the \$14,000 of municipal bonds to take up the outstanding city indebtedness was authorized by a vote of 121 to 33.

Sheriff Hauman and Deputy Sheriff Condit, of Dodge county, left for Lincoln with Charles Dwyne, a charge at the county poor farm, who was recently adjudged insane.

The Dodge county board of supervisors may make application to the state for aid in building a bridge across the Platte near North Bend to replace the old wooden structure.

State Fire Inspector Randall, of Lincoln, has been sending condemnation notices to owners of buildings in Fremont which have depreciated two-thirds of their value and ordering their removal.

Mrs. Ora Van Winkle has disappeared from her home, five miles west of Brock. She left while the husband was in the field, and up to this time no trace has been found of her. She left behind two small children.

Near Alda, ten miles west of Grand Island, Frank Goodman was seriously cut and slashed by James Nichols, the result of jealousy, it is supposed, over a girl 13 years of age, and both wanted a claim on the daniel.

Johnson Bros., of Nebraska City, grocers, who were arrested some time since on a charge of failing to comply with the pure food law in the matter of selling milk and cream which was not up to the standard, were taken before Judge Wilson and fined \$10 and costs, making in all \$23.30.

Zadock Goodwin, familiarly known as "Uncle Zed," died at his residence in Alliance. He was a pioneer of northwest Nebraska, having been engaged for many years in business as a stock broker. He had a remarkable constitution, having lived to the age of 90 years and 7 months, and until about three years ago he was actively engaged in business.

The matter of the estate of Ellen Wilson has been closed in the Johnson county probate court and the moneys and lands turned over to the beneficiary of the will, John Wilson, Jr., of Houston, Tex. In addition to the valuable real estate there was cash to the amount of \$7,000. Johnson county came in for an inheritance tax amounting to \$73.47.

Some time ago at a banquet given by the U.S. Men's club of the Y. M. C. A. of York, and after delivering an address, Rev. W. E. Schell president of York college, was asked if there was anything the club could do to help along the college. He replied that he had long wished for a gymnasium, but had not yet been able to secure the funds to build. The club took the matter up and \$5,000 was given toward the project.

The First Machine Gun company of Beatrice, which is a portion of the Nebraska national guard, is to be mustered out of the service. The company is unable to obtain modern equipment and rather than wait another year for equipment, its officers and members have decided to leave the service. The company had hoped to obtain up-to-date equipment or to be allowed to have charge of a field battery.

R. D. Sutherland, of Nelson, called at the governor's office, stating that he was seeking a pardon for Mrs. Nannie Hutchinson and her son, Charles Hutchinson, both of whom are in the penitentiary for the murder of Eli Feasal. The mother and son were convicted in Nuckolls county about eight years ago. The mother was sentenced for ten years and the son for twelve. Allowing good time deductions, Mrs. Hutchinson has about one more year to serve and the son about two years more.

County Assessor W. G. Shriver of Douglas county called at the state house to get accurate information about the provisions of the Smith law for the taxation of mortgages. He said that many wrong impressions about this bill were current in Omaha. Mr. Shriver found that the bill does not carry the emergency clause, that it will go into effect July 7, that it applies only to mortgages filed after July 1, this year, and that it will, therefore, have little effect on the manner of assessment for 1911.

Melvin W. Cozier died as a result of poisoning from the eating of a dish of greens about three weeks ago, at his home, four miles east of University Place, Lancaster county. Mrs. Cozier died April 14 as a result of eating from the same dish.

Many inquiries as to the scope of the "gift enterprise" bill passed by the recent legislature are being received at the office of the attorney general. No attempt to invalidate the law has yet been made, but as soon as the measure becomes effective, July 8, it is expected a fight will begin.