

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 Stephenson senatorial election investigating sub-committees probably will report to the full committee just before Christmas holiday recess. A bill prohibiting corporations from making contributions in political campaigns was introduced by Senator Culberson of Texas. The bill also limits the contributions of individuals to \$5,000.

A plea for the free use by all nations of the completed Panama canal is made by John Barrett, director general of the pan-American union, in a statement in the official bulletin of the pan-American union.

An appeal from the Persian people to congress of the United States for aid and sympathy in their controversy with Russia, threatening their independence, was read in the house of representatives. It asked aid consistent with Persia's dignity and independence.

The national anti-trust league local branch adopted resolutions asking for the expulsion from the Stanley committee, also from the house of representatives, "those unfaithful representatives whose proven collusion and conspiracy with the steel corporation has been established."

Senator Brown of Nebraska accepted an invitation from the Maryland peace society to make an address at a banquet to be held in Baltimore, February 6, next. The subject of the address will be "The Constructive Side of the Peace Movement."

The first redemption of postal saving bank bonds at par was made when Postmaster General Hitchcock paid \$200 in cash for two \$100 bonds sent from New York. The transaction was made under the postal savings bank which authorizes the withdrawal of 10 per cent of the savings on deposit for investment in bonds or other securities of the United States.

General.

Repeal of Canadian reciprocity is proposed in a bill by Heyburn of Idaho.

The president's message on trusts was well received by both houses of congress.

Senator Smith turned back to the treasury \$2,000 pay for senatorial service while governor of Georgia.

Secretary of Agriculture Wilson says there is too much waste between the producer and the consumer. The president and his cabinet wrestled with the Russian passport question, but reached no conclusion.

Union Pacific now holds 65 per cent of stock of St. Joe & Grand Island after making big increases during year.

Mrs. John L. Griffiths, wife of the American consul general in London, gave a reception to the society of American women in London.

There were 1,343 naval court-martials last year, according to the annual report of Captain Robert L. Russell, judge advocate general.

A report from Washington stating that the Fort Assiniboine military reservation would be opened for entry has started a rush for that section.

The Persian students resident in Switzerland have cabled an appeal to President Taft, asking him, in the name of humanity and liberty, to protect Persia against foreign aggression.

Because he owed \$30 he could not at once pay to a friend he had borrowed the money from, Adolph Edelbauer, a Bohemian, aged 22 years and single, shot himself at Yankton, S. D.

German military authorities are planning to build an aerial cruiser, with a carrying power of 300 persons and a speed of fifty miles an hour. Its gas capacity will be 10,000 cubic meters.

George Davidson, for thirty years head of the United States coast and geological survey on the Pacific coast and member of the principal geological societies of the world, is dead, aged 86 years.

Colonel E. A. Hawkins, aged 63, who, as a private in the signal service of the union army was the first to telegraph to Washington the news of the completion of Sherman's march to the sea, is dead at Upper Sandusky, O.

Governor Thomas R. Marshall of Indiana received the confessions of the McNamara brothers as a vindication of the charges that he had aided in the kidnaping of John J. McNamara at the time of his arrest in Indianapolis.

The president, in a resolution, was asked what countries had applied for free admission of their print paper and pulp wood.

Congress will not do much work until after the holidays.

The prosecution will be held to narrower limits in the second Hyde trial. Clifford Pinchot says good republicans and good democrats look much alike to him.

Two pension bills are fighting for right of way in the house. When congress opened nearly every member was in his seat.

Persia has made an appeal for help from the aggression of Russia. Detective Burns says J. B. McNamara in his confession told only part of the truth.

Chairman Gary, of the steel corporation, said his company was anxious to obey the law. Mayor Alexander was re-elected in Los Angeles, largely defeating the socialist candidate.

Samuel Gompers said he considered the penalty for the McNamaras appropriate to the crime.

Assistant Indian Commissioner Abbott exhibits with pride corn raised by members of the Winnebago tribe. A bond issue for waterway improvement was favored by the rivers and harbors congress at Washington.

Frank B. Morrison said Clarence Darrow drew a fee of fifty thousand dollars for defending the McNamaras. A gigantic conspiracy which will be probed to the bottom, is what Prosecutor Ford says of the McNamara case.

The battleship Maine was destroyed by an explosion from the outside, according to the report of a naval board.

At Los Angeles sentence was pronounced on the McNamaras, James B. to life imprisonment, John J. for fifteen years.

Less enthusiasm marked the opening of the first regular session of the second congress than characterized any of its predecessors in the last five years.

The state of the late Otto Ringling of Baraboo, Wis., one of the five circus kings, who died March 31, 1911, has been appraised at \$497,232.32.

Thirteen insurrectionists, captured at Halaheco, Yucatan, after their companions had been routed by Mexican troops, were shot without formality of trial.

In spite of the efforts of five United States senators, President Taft declined to reconsider the cases of seven cadets recently dismissed from West Point for drinking.

Local labor leaders at Salt Lake are bitterly aroused over the implication that the McNamara confessions were arranged with a partial purpose of shielding men "higher up."

The American Society of Equity, a farmers' organization, closed its session in Chicago by adopting resolutions asking President Taft to remove Secretary of Agriculture Wilson.

Dispatches from Teheran say Persia is ready to enter into friendly negotiations with Russia with regard to the matters contained in Russia's recent ultimatum.

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A number of witnesses were examined at Huntsville, Ala., in the case of John W. Knight, on trial on five counts charging fraudulent use of the United States mails and involving \$6,000.

Members of the socialist party of Lima, O., have demanded the resignation of Mayor-elect Corbin D. Shock, who headed the socialist ticket this fall. Shock will not resign.

Physical valuation of all railroad property in the United States is proposed in a bill presented in the house. Abrogation of the treaty with Russia was advocated at a mass meeting held at New York.

George M. Ward, general manager of the Commercial Cable company, announced that the Commercial company would adopt a rate of 5 cents a word for deferred trans-Atlantic newspaper dispatches.

Mrs. Anna Gaffney Langley, the girl wife who shot and killed her husband in San Francisco several months ago, alleging that he had squandered her earnings as a stenographer for liquor, was discharged from custody.

Already twenty-nine states have accepted invitations and indicated their intention of participating in the fifteenth international congress of hygiene and demography to be held in Washington September 23-28, 1912.

The famous intermountain rate cases in which the commerce court recently enjoined temporarily the interstate commerce commission from enforcing its long and short haul orders, was docketed in the supreme court of the United States.

Personal.

Ortie McManigal went before the federal grand jury at Los Angeles. Brigadier General Edwards made his report on insular possessions.

Harry Orchard says the case of Ortie McManigal is similar to his own. Samuel Gompers says he is done talking about the McNamaras for a time.

King Alfonso has received a letter from the Infanta Eulalia asking him to pardon her.

Andrew Ronar Law says home rule in Ireland will be fought to the bitter end.

Congressman Dan Stephens has turned back to the treasury \$1,200 unearned salary.

Frank A. Morrison has accounted for the expenditure of the bulk of the McNamara defense fund.

DISREGARD THE LAW

LITTLE ATTENTION PAID TO AUTO ENACTMENT.

WHAT THE LAW SETS FORTH

Section Requiring Stops Near Loading Street Cars Appears to Be a Dead Letter.

The passage and enactment of the McArdle automobile law at the last session of the legislature made several distinct changes relating to the road operation of motor vehicles, but from stories coming from various parts of the state some of the most striking points of the new act are being little observed.

In the new law it is set out that "when crossing an intersection of streets within any city or village motor vehicles shall not be driven at a speed exceeding six miles an hour. Upon approaching any place where passengers are getting on or off street cars every person operating a motor vehicle shall bring it to a full stop and shall not again start until said street cars have started."

The latter phase of the McArdle law is the most universally broken in this city and in fact is so generally passed up by motorists that the compliance with this provision by a careful Lincoln driver one night caused a sturdy guardian of the law to declare with some surprise that it was the first time that he had ever seen that "sort of a stunt pulled off."

When informed that the automobilist was merely complying with the new state law he declared that it was "a new one on him."

The closing section of the new law, which is the most exhaustive act formulated in the legislature since automobiles have come into the present wide use, states that "nothing in this act shall be construed as limiting the power of local authorities to make, enforce and maintain any ordinance, rule or regulation in addition to the provisions of this act affecting motor vehicles."

Owners of cars pin their faith to this section, declaring that because of the lack of local regulation in harmony with that passed by the state there is little reason for complying with this particular phase of the new law. They aver that affirmation of the law by the various cities might be construed as being necessary before they would be liable under that statute. The contention is made by state officials, however, that the law is upon the books for enforcement and that any other local laws which might be made in the various towns or cities of the state would in no wise affect the McArdle law, which was put upon the statutes in exactly the same manner as any other enactment.

Food Commissioner's Report. The semi-annual report of State Food Commissioner Jackson shows that during the past six months his department has expended a total of \$9,231.44 in the payment of salaries of inspectors, transportation, telegraph and telephone charges, leaving a balance of \$19,939.41 in that fund.

Enters gubernatorial race. John H. Morehead of Falls City, president pro tem of the senate at the last session of the legislature and a well known Southeastern Nebraska business man, has filed for the democratic nomination for governor. Mr. Morehead, since the death of Lieutenant Governor Hopewell of Tekamah, has filed that place, and during the absence of Governor Aldrich from the state in September served as governor for two days.

Guard inspection. Adjutant General Phelps of the Nebraska national guard has completed the itinerary for Major Pultus A. Penn., United States infantry, who will make the annual inspection of the Nebraska national guard for the war department. The inspection will begin January 12.

Expenses of institutions. Semi-annual reports from heads of state institutions now coming into the governor's office show that it cost \$149.36 per capita to support members of the soldiers' home at Grand Island for the six months period ending November 30, while it cost only \$137.41 for each member of the state school for blind at Nebraska City. Formerly the cost of maintaining students at the school for blind was larger than the cost at any other state institution. The state reclaimed \$100 a year from the general government for each old soldier in state homes.

Pool files for governor. Charles W. Pool of Tecumseh, speaker of the house in the 1909 legislature, has filed as a democratic candidate for governor, subject to the April primaries.

Haggerty born in Lincoln. John J. Haggerty, who was killed in the Los Angeles Times explosion and for whose murder James B. McNamara was sentenced to life imprisonment, was born in this city in 1886. His father was track foreman for the Burlington.

CHANGES JUDICIALLY.

State Bar Association Will Make Recommendations.

The judiciary committee of the State Bar association, which will meet here the latter part of the month, has prepared a tentative set of changes which they will refer to the gathering in the hope that they may be recommended to the codifying commission as suggestions for changes in the state laws. The changes, which are largely of procedure, are under the charge of E. C. Clements and T. J. Doyle of Lincoln. The recommendations in brief as they have already been decided upon and as they will be discussed by the State Bar association are:

1. A revival of the office of district attorney.

2. Reducing the number of peremptory challenges allowed the defense in all criminal prosecutions.

3. A verdict in a criminal case shall not be reversed or affected for errors in the proceedings which do not affect the interest of defendant.

4. A jury commission for Douglas county.

5. An amendment to the civil code to allow commencement of an action by personal notice to adverse party.

6. To provide by amendment that in civil jury cases a verdict from ten members in district court and five in justice court shall be binding.

On all of these recommendations except the one concerning the partial jury verdict the three members of the committee are agreed. On this latter Judge Kennedy has not coincided. He is at the present time considering whether he will join with the other two members in recommending this change of the law.

Judge Kennedy favors much the creation of a jury commission for Douglas county, but the other members of the committee, Lincoln men, do not consider that Lancaster county could improve on its present system. That is why the recommendation refers only to counties having more than 150,000 population. It is known that the statute revision commission has it in mind to recommend a much wider scope for the jury commission system.

Refuses to Register Bonds. State Auditor Barton refused to register \$50,000 worth of University Place school bonds and the officers of the district have arranged to call another election to submit the question to the voters.

State Bar Meeting. A. G. Ellick, secretary of the State Bar association, has given out the program of the state meeting, which is to be held here December 28 and 29, and asserts that besides the discussions of the proposed changes in the civil and criminal codes a number of important papers will be read and discussed.

Convict Labor on Public Roads. Convict labor on public roads in Nebraska as one of the solutions of better highways was recommended by Governor C. H. Aldrich in the course of an address delivered before 150 delegates to the Nebraska State Automobile association in Omaha.

"There wouldn't be the slightest objection that I know of to utilizing 300 or 400 men in state prison on state road work," declared the governor, who said that by this method convicts would not come in competition with other industries. He asserted that conversations with governors of Colorado and Florida, where the convict road-making system is in vogue, have convinced him that Nebraska can profit by their example.

Norris in the Race. According to word which reached this city, Congressman George W. Norris will not withdraw from the senatorial race but will stay in the fray and will oppose Senator Norris Brown for the republican nomination for that place.

Bids on Curtis School. Bids for the construction of the first building of the new agricultural school which is to be built at Curtis, were formally opened in the presence of the state board of public lands and buildings. Out of eight bids submitted on the main building, the lowest was that of Gould & Son of Omaha, and the contract was awarded to this firm at \$57,150.

Metcalfe for Governor. A letter urging Richard L. Metcalfe of this city to make the race for the democratic nomination for governor in next spring's primaries, has been forwarded from Omaha to Mr. Metcalfe. The communication bears the names of fifty-four Douglas county democrats.

Industry at Industrial School. The industrial school for boys at Kearney raised forty acres of sugar beets last summer and sold the crop for \$2,661.55, after deducting the cost of the seed. This is considered a good paying crop by Land Commissioner Cowles.

Penitentiary Population. The monthly report of Warden Delahanty of the state penitentiary shows 468 convicts were in that institution the first of November. At the close of the month the total was 468.

Date for State Fair. The Nebraska State fair for 1912 will be held September 2 to 6, inclusive, according to plans made by members of the state fair board, who attended a meeting of state fair and exposition managers at Chicago last week.

SAFELY IN QUENTIN

McNAMARA DYNAMITERS REACH CALIFORNIA PRISON.

TRIP IS WITHOUT INCIDENT

The Brothers, Pale and Cheerless, Are Whisked Out of Los Angeles in an Automobile.

San Quentin, Cal.—The McNamara brothers on Sunday entered San Quentin penitentiary, where James B. is condemned to spend the remainder of his life for his confessed crime of murder and where John J., secretary of the International Association of Bridge and Structural Iron Workers, is sentenced to fifteen years' imprisonment for dynamiting.

It was James B. who blew up the Los Angeles Times building October 1, 1910, with the loss of twenty-one lives, and John J. who abetted in wrecking part of the Llewellyn Iron Works in Los Angeles the following Christmas day.

The men entered the prison, it is fairly authenticated, believing that they had achieved much for the cause of union labor and had been cruelly misunderstood in their effort and the results they obtained. John J. McNamara, those who have talked with him many hours say, donned his convict garb a devoted admirer of life's little simple kindly deeds and a firm believer in the psychological efficiency of dynamite. James B. habitually believes a good deal as his brother believes. For themselves, the men would say nothing at all.

Whirled from Los Angeles on a fast night train, the men were taken from it at Port Costa at sunrise Sunday, put on a little river steamer and landed two hours and a half later at San Quentin prison wharf on the shores of San Pablo bay. The shackles which bound them together on the boat trip were slipped off and they totted up the prison hill beside Sheriff William A. Hammill of Los Angeles county.

As the prison clock struck 10, John J. McNamara, preceded by Warden John Hoyle, stepped over the threshold of the jail door, with his brother directly behind him.

In five minutes James B. McNamara had become convict 25,314 and John J. McNamara was number 25,315. They were measured for jail clothing, photographed in two positions, given a carbolic tinctured bath, put into stripes, shaved and cropped and rephotographed within an hour and turned over to John Murray, lieutenant of the yard, who took them to cell No. 18 in a stone tier looking out over the prisoners "upper yard," a great flower garden.

Cell No. 18 adjoins the tier of cells where condemned murderers are kept and the balcony outside is cut off by a little gate. Further down the row, toward the other end, is the cell of Abraham Ruef, who is serving a fourteen-year sentence for bribery in connection with the so-called San Francisco graft cases. Ruef is in cell No. 3. Cell No. 11 of the tier is Henry Dalton, for seventeen years assessor of Alameda county and recently convicted of accepting a bribe offered, according to the evidence, by a public service corporation at Dalton's solicitation.

Republicans Will Protest. Washington.—A conference of about twenty-five members of the republican national committee will be held here Monday to protest against the old threat to reduce southern representation in republican national conventions.

Wipe Out Government Forces. Merida, Yucatan, Mex.—Of a force of about 150 state guards, mostly Yaqus Indians, which engaged a band of Rayistas, estimated at between 400 and Sunday less than a dozen escaped, according to meager information.

Irrigation Congress. Chicago.—Salt Lake City was named as next year's place of meeting of the National Irrigation congress, and United States Senator Newlands of Nevada was elected president.

Throws Self From Skyscraper. New York.—The man who somersaulted from the dome of the World building to death on the sidewalk Wednesday was identified Sunday as Price Lewis, said to be the first federal spy of the civil war.

Alton Train is Derailed. Higginsburg, Mo.—Chicago & Alton railway passenger No. 21, known as the "red flyer," was derailed near Alma, ten miles from here. Several passengers were injured.

Conscience Contribution. Washington.—For the first time in months the treasury department received a "conscience" contribution when a one-dollar note, enclosed in an envelope postmarked Springfield, Mo., was returned to the national fund without explanation.

Semi-Annual Tobacco Census. Washington.—The Cantrell bill, authorizing the taking of a semi-annual tobacco census under the direction of the census bureau passed the house on the 8th.

NEBRASKA IN BRIEF.

News Notes of Interest from Various Sections.

Republicans of Nance county have organized a Taft club. Ex-Governor Nance of Nebraska died in Chicago last week.

Ashtand's city council has passed a resolution ordering out all slot machines.

The Nebraska rural life commission has decided upon visits to Fremont, Norfolk and Broken Bow in January. Michael Donnelly, one of the oldest locomotive engineers in the employ of the Burlington railroad, died at his home in Lincoln.

William V. Allen, ex-United States senator, says that better results can be obtained by a change in the present method of selecting jurors.

William Sailer was found guilty of assault on a young girl who lives north of Campbell at the session of the district court in Bloomington.

Victor Rosewater, republican national committeeman for Nebraska, is in favor of the committee giving permission to those states which desire to do so to hold presidential primary.

A man named Brice who said he lived in Scotts Bluff called at the office of the secretary of state and announced his intention to file as candidate for congress in the sixth district.

James H. Foley, a long time resident in Grand Island and well known throughout that portion of the state, is in a serious condition as the result of swallowing a teaspoonful of formaldehyde by mistake.

Four miles north of Stanton, Mr. Ackles got into an altercation with his two farmhands, Allen Ayres and Laurance Milstead. Ackles was hit on the right elbow with a neckyoke, which shattered the bones of his right arm.

Dr. Wilson, inspector of the state board of health, has received word that C. E. Sowers of Bloomfield has been arrested for practicing medicine without a license. Dr. Carr, one of the secretaries of the board of health, went to Bloomfield to testify as a witness.

The action of the postmaster general's department in ordering postoffice clerks to disband their organization known as the national federation of postoffice clerks will not affect the men employed in the Lincoln office for the reason that none of the Lincoln men belong to the organization.

Clerk Harry C. Lindsey of the supreme court of Nebraska has been requested to furnish additional information for biographical sketches of Nebraskans whose names are in the biographical congressional record, a publication printed in the year 1903. The book covers the period from 1774 to 1903.

D. W. Hoyt, commandant of the soldiers' home at Grand Island, has reported at total of 408 inmates of the home, not counting the families, thirty-three employes, and three persons in the families of the officers. During the six months ending November 30 there was expended at the institution, \$41,438.52. The per capita cost was \$149.36.

Three years ago trainloads of Nebraska hogs were being shipped to the north Pacific coast. The Portland, Ore., Hog Market Report says of last week's situation there: "Further declines in the hog market, as indicated by the close last week were checked by the light receipts since Saturday. For the first time in several weeks a four-car shipment of Nebraska stock was received Wednesday. Packers' needs have been amply supplied by home-grown product for a month or two, but there are not enough hogs left in the country to maintain the same steady liquidation here, and the trade is looking to an improvement in the mid-winter market, a condition that may or may not come about."

State Oil Inspector Husenetter has reported the collection of \$4,659.95 gross fees for the month of October and \$95.90 uncollected.

William O'Brien, building contractor of Aurora received a broken leg and severe cuts about the head and shoulders when the scaffolding on which he was working fell with him.

Secretary Whitten of the Commercial club has received a letter from Thomas H. McDonald, state highway engineer of Iowa, accepting an invitation to be in Lincoln during the meetings of organized agriculture next month and speak on the subject of good roads.

The board of public lands and buildings decided to inoculate 300 of the 400 inmates of the institute for feeble-minded youth at Beatrice in the hope of preventing typhoid fever. The serum used will cost 40 cents for each inmate. Twenty-five employes of the institution have already used the serum. The board awarded a contract for a new water plant to the Dempster Manufacturing company of Beatrice, the total bid being \$5,561.00.

The David City steam laundry and an adjoining tailor shop were burned to the ground last week. The blaze started in the laundry, owned by Mr. Schoonover, who was filling a gasoline iron, when the gasoline, running over the sides of the tank, caught fire.

About 350 corporations lost their charters November 30 by failing to pay the annual state corporation occupation tax, but as most of them are already defunct organizations and as any of them can be reinstated at their own request, the forfeiture means little or nothing.