

NEWS OF THE WEEK

CONDENSATIONS OF GREATER OR LESSER IMPORTANCE.

A BOILING DOWN OF EVENTS

National, Political, Personal and Other Matters in Brief Form for All Classes of Readers.

Washington.

The senate by a unanimous vote formally ratified President Taft's notification to Russia of the termination of the treaty of 1832. Senator Penrose presented a bill to provide for a six day week and eight hour day and extra pay for overtime for mail carriers in city delivery service and clerks in first and second class postoffices. Confusion over the location of the boundary lines in the public lands in Congressman Kinkaid's Nebraska district led that member to introduce a bill in the house to appropriate \$100,000 for a resurvey of such lands. Discovery by the congressional joint committee on printing that "adulterated" paper had been used for years in the government printing office led to the announcement of a complete new set of government paper standards. The Cummins bill to give right of appeal from the decree in the American Tobacco company reorganization case to the supreme court of the United States was discussed in the senate committee on the judiciary and referred to a committee. The supreme court of the United States adjourned on Friday until Monday, January 8. Much of the time of the justices during the recess will be devoted to preparing opinions in cases. Subsequent to a call at the White house by Vice President Sherman wide credence was given to a report that Mr Sherman does not desire to be the republican candidate for governor of New York. It further was reported apparently on the highest authority that unless his party desired him to run again for the vice-presidency, he would retire from politics March 4, 1913. J. C. Mabry told the story of his life at Council Bluffs. The urgent deficiency appropriation bill, as passed by the senate, was held up in the house. The senate by a unanimous vote decided for the abrogation of the treaty with Russia. Veterans of Cuba feel themselves able to dictate to the president, and seemingly have succeeded. Ten were killed and nearly a score injured in a collision on the Milwaukee road in Minnesota. Trade relations between the United States and Russia are not affected by the abrogation of the treaty. Three were killed and eight injured in a trolley collision on the Kansas City-Leavenworth Electric line. Twenty-three sticks of dynamite were found in the home of a department store owner at Los Angeles. The foreign relations committee reported a resolution abrogating the Russian treaty of 1832 on January 1, 1913. James K. Heckett, the actor, and Miss Beatrice Mary Beckley of London, England, were married in Milwaukee. President Taft has accepted an invitation to open the twelfth International Association of Navigation congress at Philadelphia, May 23. A Johannesburg dispatch to the London Express reports a diamond rush at Bloemhof, a farming district on the banks of the Vaal river. State department advices continue to indicate feeling of unrest in Cuba as a result of the retention in office of officials who signally opposed Cuban independence. Control of the Elgin Board of Trade passed into the hands of Chicago and Wisconsin creamery men, elected on a producers' ticket. Charles Potter was elected president. Bert H. Franklin, formerly an investigator employed by the defense in the McNamara dynamite cases, was brought before court for preliminary hearing on the second bribery charge against him. The senate made record time in adopting a house resolution. The measure provided for the payment of the salaries of the members of the house at once instead of January 1. The entire proceeding covered sixty seconds. Six carloads or 37,500 gallons of a tomato paste used in the manufacture of catsup were seized in Chicago by order of United States district attorney James H. Wilkerson on a charge that the substance contained decayed vegetable matter and was "filthy." Officials of the Turkish war office are circulating complaint that the Italian troops in Tripoli are using dum bullets. Governor Marion E. Hay of Washington has declined to call a special session of the legislature for the enactment of a presidential preference primary bill.

Twelve persons, nearly all of them revolutionists, escaped from jails at Mexico. A Christmas present of \$50,000 was voted to the employes of the Central Trust company by directors of the concern. Both houses of congress have adjourned for the holidays. The house concurred in the action of the senate abrogating the treaty with Russia. A re-survey of public lands in the Sixth Nebraska district is urged by Congressman Kinkaid. Col. W. F. Cody (Buffalo Bill) is going to put in another season at the show business. The urgent deficiency bill, carrying appropriation of \$2,370,000, was passed in the House. The government, alleging an illegal combine, has brought suit against the Keystone Watch Case company. Rev. Charles V. T. Richeson, accused of murder, injured himself badly in his cell of a Boston prison. In a message to congress the president said wool duties were too high, and revision should begin immediately. Congressman C. O. Lobeck of Nebraska will file as a candidate for renomination as congressman from the Second Nebraska district. Twenty-five damage suits, aggregating \$82,400, were filed against the Bayless Pulp and Paper company of Austin, Pa., and against President George C. Bayless. From an authoritative source it was learned that the likelihood of any further advance in prices by the United States steel corporation is rather remote. Suits in bankruptcy of the Western Steel corporation, showing liabilities of \$1,493,400 and assets of \$7,329,965, were filed in the United States district court at Seattle. Amendments to the articles of incorporation of the Minneapolis & St. Louis Railroad company have been filed, increasing the capital stock from \$20,000,000 to \$30,000,000. The will of John R. Walsh, the former Chicago banker who died early in November following his release from the Leavenworth penitentiary, was admitted to probate. The Jewish Chronicle says that the leading Jewish institutions in London have decided to urge the abrogation of the Anglo-Russian treaty, which differentiates against the English Jews. Edward H. Shuster, cousin of Morgan Shuster, treasurer general of Persia, is in New York, en route to Teheran from the Panama canal zone. He is going to help the treasurer general in his trouble with Russia. Twenty-three sticks of high-power dynamite were found by a gardener buried in shrubbery at the residence of Arthur Letts, owner of two of the largest department stores in Los Angeles. On or before July 1, 1912 is the time fixed for the payment to China of the 3,100,000 pesos, as indemnity for subjects of that country massacred in Torreon by Mexicans during the recent revolution. Rose Eyttings, at one time one of the most popular leading women on the American stage, died on the 21st at Amityville, L. I., from a paralytic stroke. The body will be taken to Washington for interment. Captain Samuel H. Harper, 68 years old, mayor of Ottumwa, former state commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, and twice state senator, died of heart trouble. He was captain of the Forty-sixth regiment United States colored infantry during the Civil war. Twenty-five damage suits, aggregating \$82,400, were filed against the Bayless Pulp and Paper company of Austin, Pa., and against President George C. Bayless, individually, to recover for losses caused by the going out of the mill company's dam at Austin on September 30 last. At New Rochelle, N. Y., characterizing the age as one of the greatest unrest and discontent which the country ever knew, Jacob Gould Schurman, president of Cornell university, discussed conditions and proposed remedies in an address before the People's Forum. At Portland, Ore., "Mysterious Billy" (Amos) Smith, at one time a well known welterweight prize fighter, was shot and probably fatally wounded by A. B. Loomis, captain of a river steamer. The shooting was said to be the outcome of a series of quarrels in which the two men had engaged.

Personal.

President Taft is given credit at St. Petersburg for tactfulness. President Delano hopes to put the Wabash road on its feet soon. Postoffice employes over the country had to work Sunday on account of the holiday rush. Chinese rebels are in high feathers over the virtual recognition of their cause by the powers. Senator Norris Brown of Nebraska addressed the senate in support of the Sherwood pension bill, which recently passed the house. Attorneys for Chicago packers tried to have their cases dismissed. Senator Borah discussed "big business" in an address at New York. Secretary Knox says the United States is in a position to meet discrimination of other countries. Secretary Wilson believes desert basins can be utilized for the fertilizer industry. President Taft says he has reached the conclusion that people of the present age are living too fast. Secretary MacVeagh said there should be no further delay in currency reform.

NORMAL BOARD WORK

ORDER A FIRE PROOF BUILDING FOR PUMPING PLANT.

PERU ATHLETICS PAY OUT

Come Differences in the Matter of Coal Weights.—Miscellaneous State Capital News.

The State Normal board recently in session took up the matter of replacing the water plant of the Peru Normal, destroyed by fire some time ago. It is estimated a fireproof building for the pumping plant will cost between \$2,500 and \$3,000 and the executive committee of the board was empowered to advertise for bids and let the contract. Bids for a pumping engine ranged from \$635 for a twenty-horsepower gasoline engine to \$611 for a thirty-horsepower coal oil engine. The letting of this contract also was left to the executive committee. The athletic board of the Peru Normal reported that it had wound up the season with all bills paid and \$138 in the treasury, against a deficit of \$300 last year, which had been paid out of current receipts and some cash funds which the board had granted permission to use for this purpose. The Peru Normal also reported some differences in weights of coal between the school authorities and the White-breast Coal company, the contractor. On thirteen carloads there was a shortage of twenty-six tons from billed weight, which neither the railroad nor the coal company was willing to stand, one asserting the weights were correct as billed and the other denying any responsibility. The board decided it would make the coal company a proposition to split the difference and pay for thirteen tons, the company to lose thirteen. The offer was based on the fact that there was some question about the accuracy of the scales at Peru, where a portion of the coal was received and weighed. Reports from the Wayne Normal indicated that school is growing at a gratifying rate. At the opening of the school year the registration was less than 100 and today it is 300, while another 100 is anticipated by the opening of the next semester. The new library and science building is now enclosed and will be completed in about four months. The board also turned down the recommendation of the teachers' committee, composed of State Superintendent Delzell, N. P. McDowell and Dr. Shethorn, in the matter of a teacher of expression and physical culture at Chadron normal. The teachers' committee has in the past practically controlled these appointments, but other members of the board concluded it was time they had something to say on such matters.

Not Loup City Mills.

Through an error of the office, State Food Commissioner Jackson gave out that the Loup City Mills had been prosecuted for selling short weight products. The report should have read against C. W. Benson of Litchfield, according to a statement given out at the food commissioner's office.

Barton to Make Speeches.

State Auditor Barton has three speaking dates for the near future, all of them of a nonpolitical nature. January 1 he will go to Sutton and deliver an address at the fraternal rally, January 2 to Hastings for institutional work for the Workmen, and January 30 to Wilcox, where he will speak before the farmers' institute.

Burkett on Roosevelt.

Ex-Senator Burkett says: "Mr. Roosevelt told me that under no possible circumstances would he allow his name to be used, and if necessary to prevent his nomination I feel sure that he would get up in the convention and positively decline. He has told many others the same thing, and the emphatic way in which he puts it makes it certain that that is just the way he feels about it."

Friends of State Institutions.

One-third of the fiscal year for the state institutions expired December 1 and with the exception of the Norfolk Hospital for the Insane all of them had used up more than one-third of the available appropriations. A majority of them, however, are near enough to that figure to convince the Board of Public Lands and Buildings they will have no difficulty in staying within the appropriations for the year. Kearney Industrial school has used the largest percentage of its appropriation, 507%.

Retires From Commission.

Dr. H. J. Winnett, the first long-term member of the state railway commission elected in this state, whose term will expire December 31, 1913, will not be a candidate for another term.

What Caused the Trouble.

Discovery of two pipes carrying underground polluted seepage into a local city well is believed to offer what may be a solution to the epidemic of intestinal trouble which has raged here for some time past.

NEW STATE TAX LEVY.

The Amount it Will Raise is \$2,677,154.45.

The levy of state taxes for the current year has been apportioned among the various counties of the state by Secretary Henry Seymour of the state board of assessment and equalization. The total amount of money which will come in through the new levy will be \$2,677,154.45, against \$2,000,039.06 raised by the state levy of last year. The increase of \$677,115.39 is for an increase of over \$3,100,000 in the assessed valuation of the state over last year.

Following is the table giving the levy as assessed against the various counties of the state:

Table with columns: Counties, 1911, 1910. Lists counties like Adams, Antelope, Banner, Blaine, Boone, Box Butte, Boyd, Brown, Buffalo, Burt, Butler, Cass, Cedar, Chase, Cherry, Cheyenne, Clay, Colfax, Cuming, Custer, Dakota, Dawes, Dawson, Deuel, Dixon, Dodge, Douglas, Dundy, Fillmore, Franklin, Frontier, Furnas, Gage, Garden, Garfield, Gosper, Grant, Greeley, Hall, Hamilton, Harlan, Hayes, Hitchcock, Holt, Hooker, Howard, Jefferson, Johnson, Kearney, Keith, Keya Paha, Kimball, Knox, Lancaster, Lincoln, Logan, Loup, McPherson, Madison, Merrick, Morrill, Nance, Nemaha, Nuckolls, Otoe, Pawnee, Perkins, Phelps, Pierce, Platte, Polk, Red Willow, Richardson, Rock, Saline, Sarpy, Saunders, Scottsbluff, Seward, Sheridan, Sherman, Sioux, Stanton, Thayer, Thomas, Thurston, Valley, Washington, Wayne, Webster, Wheeler, York.

Total \$2,557,154.45 \$2,000,039.06

Labor Bureau Busy.

The state labor bureau is busy these days finishing up the compilation of crop statistics. Mr. Guye hopes to have the figures ready to give out in about two weeks. The report this year will be much more complete than heretofore. In addition to crops it will contain figures on the amount of idle land, as well as that under crop, in each county in the state. The figures, he says, will surprise most people of Nebraska land which is now idle and non-productive.

The Ruling Appears Wrong.

Secretary of State Wait's stand that candidates for president or vice president under the new preferential law in this state could go upon the primary ticket only upon the presentation of a petition bearing at least 3,000 names—the same as for delegate-at-large to the national convention—is wrong according to the interpretation of the law by Attorney General Martin. He says that the petition need contain but twenty-five names.

Agricultural Board Meeting.

The annual meeting of the Nebraska state board of agriculture will be held at the senate chamber, Lincoln, Tuesday, January 16, at 2 o'clock p. m. At this meeting will be considered the revision of the premium list, rules and regulations, the election of officers, membership and such other business as may legally come before said meeting. Presidents of regularly organized live county agricultural societies, which have filed their report prior to this meeting, are ex-officio members of the board.

ACCEPTS THE TERMS

PERSIA YIELDS TO THE DEMANDS OF RUSSIA.

SHUSTER WILL BE DISMISSED

His Administration of Persian Finances Had Been Displeasing to Russian People.

London.—Persia has yielded to the demand of the Russian ultimatum that W. Morgan Shuster, an American who holds the post of treasurer-general in the Persian government, be dismissed from the service.

The Russian ultimatum also calls for the payment of an indemnity, which is to reimburse Russia for money expended in sending an armed expedition into Persia to enforce her demand. Mr. Shuster's administration of Persian finances has been displeasing to Russia from the start, and when he caused the seizure of property belonging to the brother of the former shah, over the protest of the Russian vice consul, Russia at first demanded an apology, and when this was forthcoming called for the dismissal of Mr. Shuster. This has finally been acceded to.

The Persian charge d'affaires at St. Petersburg called at the Russian foreign office to announce officially his government's decision to abide by the terms of the ultimatum. Up to a late hour tonight, however, no public announcement had been made at Teheran of the recession of Persia from the stand she originally took against the demands of the czar's ministers, even in the face of threatened aggression. The delay in making public the fact that she had yielded to the Russian demands was probably through fears of the results of the public announcement.

Mr. Shuster is still without formal notice of his dismissal. He is resolute in declaring that he would have nothing to do with the negotiations and would only recognize their right of the national council to dispense with his services.

The exact form of Persia's reply is not yet known, but from the latest news received from Teheran it would seem that the cabinet has overridden the wishes of the commission which the national council appointed to deal with the matter. It is not probable that there will be a withdrawal of the Russian troops in Persia while disorders such as those at Tabriz are occurring.

Penrose on Taft.

Philadelphia.—Senator Penrose, in an interview here, predicted that President Taft would be renominated without serious opposition. He said that so far as he has been able to ascertain, "there is no great amount of sentiment in this state for the nomination of Senator La Follette or any other republican of the 'progressive school.'"

Rev. Sheldon Resigns.

Topeka, Kan.—The Rev. Charles C. Sheldon, author of "In His Steps," and many other books, resigned the pastorate of the Central Congregational church of Topeka, which he has held for twenty-three years. He will devote himself to a tour of the world, visiting missions and Young Men's Christian associations.

Mother Asks for Her Salary.

Chicago, Ill.—Mrs. Mary K. Patterson, mother of Charles A. (Chick) Patterson, for whose murder his wife, Gertrude Gibson Patterson, was acquitted in Denver, has asked the school board for her salary during the time she attended the trial of the wife in the western city.

President Railway Surgeons Dead.

Mobile, Ala.—Dr. Rhett Goode, president of the American Railway Surgeons' association, 55 years old, died here of Bright's disease. He was dean of the medical department of the University of Alabama.

Virginia Vote Sellers.

Knoxville, Tenn.—Judge Skeen of Lee county, Virginia, on Thursday issued a proclamation in which he invited all who sold their votes in the recent election in that county to appear before the court, confess and accept the minimum fine.

Misoury Convicts Paroled.

Jefferson City, Mo.—Governor Hadley gave Christmas paroles to four men serving sentences for murder.

Prosecute the Coffee Trust.

Washington.—It is intimated that the department of justice will begin prosecution in Philadelphia next week of American members of the giant Brazilian coffee valorization combine.

Rates Temporarily Suspended.

Washington.—Advances in rates on grain and grain products, proposed by the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific railroad and its connections west of the Mississippi river, to become effective December 20, were suspended by the interstate commerce.

Lawyer Found Guilty.

Los Angeles.—Fred H. Thompson, a criminal lawyer, prominent in southern California, was found guilty of having accepted \$15,000 from Orlando Altorre, a clerk in the postoffice.

NEBRASKA IN BRIEF.

News Notes of Interest from Various Sections.

A Nebraska born woman, 51 years of age, Mrs. Augusta Thomas, died at Hebron last week. The farmers' institute at Beatrice closed after a very successful session of three days. Thomas Smith of York will file as a democratic candidate for governor, subject to the action of the primaries. The State Railway commission appointed Arthur B. Allen, secretary of the commission, to succeed Clark Perkins, who resigned to look after his business at Aurora. Dr. I. C. Minger and August Bergman of Eagle recently made a deal whereby they traded 480 acres of land for 250 head of horses. Harry Westover, owner of drug stores at Fremont and Schuyler, died suddenly while visiting his wife, a patient in an Omaha hospital. Heart disease was the cause of his death. Announcement was made that W. J. Furse, late a member of the state railway commission, would take an active interest in the Harlan County National bank at Alma on and after Jan. 1. George Ingram was arrested at Omaha and brought to Nebraska City to answer to the charge of wife desertion. This is the second time he has been arrested on the same charge. Carl Helman was arrested in Beatrice for obtaining money on a worthless check from the State Bank at Wymore. He'll have to give an account of himself in the district court. Governor Aldrich said that he would be a candidate for the nomination for governor a second time. He will file a personal request to have his name placed on the primary ballot. Clarence Cain was arrested in Lincoln suspected of being implicated in the robbery of Klein's store in Beatrice. A suitcase containing six pairs of pantaloons was found in his possession. Requesting Governor Aldrich to appoint a judge in Cherry county thoroughly to probe the Sellars case, citizens of that county have sent more than 300 petitions to the chief executive's office. Dr. J. T. Doran, a veterinary surgeon of Beatrice, arrested on a charge of indecent conduct, pleaded guilty and was fined \$5 and costs, a total of \$9.80. A sixteen year old girl was the complaining witness. Richard Nemoth, one of the well known young farmers of Lake township, Hall county, fell dead at the home of Joseph Buckhnek, where he was watching a corn shredder work. Heart malady was the cause. A state milk inspector has been in Nebraska City and the word has now gone out that all dairymen must raise the standard of their products and keep their stables in better condition or prosecutions will be started. White shelling corn at the Everett Blanchard farm, four miles northwest of Friend, Carl Johnson, a young Danish farmer, was caught in the fly wheel of a gasoline engine and received injuries from which he died. Tattle Hoyt of Fairbury committed suicide by drinking carbolic acid. She drank the poison in her own home and then ran to the home of her sister, Mrs. James, who resides near her, where she went into convulsions and died a few moments later. The coroner was summoned, but decided that it was not necessary to empanel a jury. Mrs. Hoyt leaves a blind husband and four grown children. In Judge Raper's court at Auburn there were two cases on statutory charges, which resulted in convictions. One was the state against Sayers and the other was the state against Bohling. The latter was a case between cousins. The defendant took the girl to Kansas City, where they were married, but she being under age the mother filed the complaint. Captain Charles F. Brewster of Company C, Nebraska National Guard of Beatrice has resigned. Deputy United States Marshal Hensel last week ousted John Parsons of Rulo from a tract of eighty acres of land which he had leased from an Indian woman near Rulo. It is illegal for Indians to lease land until after the twenty-year trust has expired, unless approved by the secretary of the interior. The Farmers' Institute in Beaver City, with a fairly good attendance and splendid speakers and splendid interest, was shown in the various subjects, and especially in the good roads and dairy and poultry topics. The subjects of corn and hogs and alfalfa was shown in a practical and entertaining manner. A trained nurse was gagged and \$1,000 in cash and a \$25 watch were stolen in the home of Peter Weedlund, one and a half miles east of Axtell. Miss Helman, a trained nurse, who was in the house at the time was found gagged near the Methodist church in Axtell. She was first chloroformed and then gagged. Nebraska teachers who taught school in this state a score or more years ago and who are still engaged in the profession will hold a banquet in the Lindell hotel, Lincoln, January 16, next. The banquet is the result of a conference of several prominent educators of the state. In reply to a question from county assessors Assistant Attorney General Frank E. Edgerton has written an opinion holding that county assessors whose terms were extended by the legislature one year must qualify again within ten days after the expiration of the regular term in January.