

EPITOME OF EVENTS

PARAGRAPHS THAT PERTAIN TO MANY SUBJECTS.

ARE SHORT BUT INTERESTING

Brief Mention of What is Transpiring in Various Sections of Our Own and Foreign Countries.

Washington.
Senator Works of California will attempt to attach to the Sherwood pension bill a provision absolutely prohibiting any special pension bills and making ineligible for pension any person who attempts to get special legislation.

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.

Edward Jansen has been promoted to be keeper of the Line Rock light station, Rhode Island, in place of Ida Wilson Lewis, popularly called "the Grace Darling of America," whose death October 24 last, closed more than thirty years' continuous service filled with heroic deeds and crowned with universal fame.

The controversy over the regulations forbidding the importation into the United States of colored teas is still a live issue before the treasury department. Lloyd C. Griscom, representing eastern tea importers, has protested to Assistant Secretary Curtis that considerable colored tea was getting through at San Francisco.

Miss Clara Barton, founder and first president of the American National Red Cross society, was showered with greetings and good wishes on the nineteenth anniversary of her birth. Although feeble from her illness this year, Miss Barton was able to celebrate her birthday with relatives and friends who are spending Christmas with her at her home.

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.

General.

Dr. Sun Yat Sen is proving the man of the hour in the Chinese crisis. The senate by a unanimous vote decided for the abrogation of the treaty with Russia.

An appeal has been made for a million dollars to swell the George Peabody education fund.

Stripped of power, General Reyes has surrendered and is a prisoner of the Mexican government.

The government, alleging an illegal combine, has brought suit against the Keystone Watch Case company.

A turkey from Rhode Island, intended for the president's Christmas dinner, arrived at the White house. It weighed forty pounds.

Norman E. Mack, chairman of the democratic national committee, denied that he was in any way committed as to where the next democratic convention should be held.

The California senate passed the presidential preference primary bill without a dissenting vote. The bill now requires only the governor's signature to become a law.

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.

At Indianapolis, books and papers seized from the International Association of Bridge and Structural Iron Workers after the arrest of the McNamara were minutely examined following the appearance before the federal grand jury of Robert J. Foster, a detective.

Thirteen out of a detachment of twenty rurales were killed in a fight with Zapatistas near San Maria, Mex., Sunday, according to details which have just been received. In addition, two women and a child were killed and their bodies mutilated.

That General Morales is likely to forfeit his life because of his last attempt at rebellion in Santo Domingo is the tenor of advice received at Washington from the island republic. He appears to have landed on the east coast of the island with fewer than a half dozen followers.

Oysters floated in breakish water for fattening purposes hereafter will be considered as adulterated under the pure food act, according to a decision by the pure food board. The decision will not be final until signed by Secretary of Agriculture Wilson.

Camillo Gioldini, owner of a number of fruit stores in San Francisco, was held up and robbed of \$700 by confidence men in Chicago.

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.

Congress, on reassembling after holidays, will get to work on the wool measure.

More than a million gallons of molasses were destroyed in a fire among the wharves and buildings of the Boston Molasses company.

Colonel Roosevelt has declined a second time to attend the New York peace dinner.

The Hamburg-American line has ordered a third 50,000 ton liner for the trans-Atlantic service.

Congress will have a surfeit of bills providing for a downward revision of the woolen tariff.

Dr. Sen, Chinese republic promoter, has arrived at Shanghai and is in conference with Wu Ting Fang.

Republican members of the ways and means committee have begun work on the republican wool bill.

The visible supply of wheat in Canada December 23 was 11,860,000 bushels, an increase of 238,000 bushels.

Kansas City religious workers have undertaken to find respectable homes for women of the red light district.

Henry N. Van Dyke, formerly registrar at Princeton university, died of heart disease on a Broadway car in New York.

Henry J. Horn, former assistant general manager of the Burlington lines west was made vice-president of the New Haven road.

Robbers blew the postoffice safe at Spaulding, Ohio. Two men, with \$100 worth of stamps and some registered mail were arrested at Hickville.

Edward Sawyer, secretary and assistant treasurer of the Great Northern and one of the pioneer railroad officials of the northwest, will retire January 1.

Diamonds valued at between \$6,000 and \$7,000, enclosed in a jeweler's wallet, were stolen from the diamond room of a jewelry firm in Minneapolis. The thief escaped.

The California estate of the late Michael Cudahy, the Chicago meat packer, who died at Los Angeles, has yielded \$14,000 to the state in the form of inheritance taxes.

The funeral of Wright Lorimer, the actor, who committed suicide in New York last week was held in the Dana, Mass., town hall, the building where he first attended school.

E. G. Lewis of St. Louis, publisher and promoter of realty and banking enterprises, was indicted by the federal grand jury on the charge of using the mails to defraud.

Mrs. Elroy M. Avery, aged 67, editor of the official paper of the Daughters of the American Revolution and prominent in club and educational work, died in Cleveland, Ohio.

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.

William Rockefeller gave to his employees as a Christmas present \$5 for every year each had worked on his estate at Tarrytown. Several men have been in his employ for upwards of twenty years.

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.

The Chicago grand jury returned indictments charging Frederick G. Boneham and William R. Channell with the murder of Mrs. Hattie Kaufman, who was killed by four automobile bandits December 2.

The exports of the United States during the eleven months of the current year ending with November exceeded the imports by somewhat more than \$475,000,000. The value of the exports was \$1,867,614,510, while the imports were worth \$1,392,560,228, according to statistics issued today by the Department of Commerce and Labor.

A dispatch to the London Mail from Sydney, N. S. W., says that Great Britain and France have entered into negotiations for the division of the New Hebrides, the joint government having been a failure. The New Hebrides group in the Pacific ocean is administered by a mixed commission of French and British naval officers.

President Taft has settled the vexed question of allowing the practice of Christian Science or other non-medical methods of healing the sick on the Panama canal zone. The executive order, made several months ago, which members of the Christian Science church feared would prohibit their method of healing, was modified, so that there can be no doubt as to the lawfulness of such practices.

Personal.
Frank Gotch, the champion wrestler, has retired for good.
Madero will not insist on the death penalty for Reyes and his followers.
Byron Clark will succeed J. E. Kel by as general solicitor of the Burlington lines west of the Missouri river.

The invasion of Ohio by LaFollette lieutenants has begun.

Jim Flynn, the fighter, is anxious to take on Jack Johnson.

Senator LaFollette preached the doctrine of progress at Cleveland and Youngstown, O.

Chicago Christian endeavorers propose to test the sincerity of Mayor Harrison.

Postoffice employees over the country had to work Sunday on account of the holiday rush.

President Taft is preparing a message on efficiency and economy in the government departments.

B & M IN NEBRASKA

CASUALTY REPORT FOR YEAR FILED WITH COMMISSION.

BETTER SHOWING THAN 1910

Thirty-nine Killed on Lines in Nebraska During 1911 as Against Fifty-seven in 1910.

An amended report to the 1911 annual report of the Burlington railroad has been filed with the state railway commission, the added figures giving the number of deaths which occurred on its lines in this state for the year ending June 30, 1911. When the annual report first came in the figures in this table were lacking, the result of the Indianapolis wreck which occurred May 29, not being listed. The commission in consequence was forced to call upon the officials for corrected figures in this table before the report could be filed as complete for the year.

The report shows that during the year there were eight trainmen killed and 131 injured on the Burlington lines in this state. This was out of an average of 1,702 men which were employed daily on the various lines. There were no shopmen killed, but two were injured during the year, out of an average of 2,041 men employed daily in that line of work. There were three trackmen killed and thirteen injured during the year out of an average of 3,321 men employed on the Burlington tracks every day of the year. Of other employes there were two killed and nineteen injured during the year out of an average daily employed list numbering 2,367 men. Of the total number of 10,869 men employed on the road for each work-day of the year, there were fourteen men killed and 349 injured. In 1910 in the same classes the annual report of the road shows that there were twenty-four employes killed in the same period of time and 178 injured.

The 1911 report also shows that during the year there were six passengers killed and seventy-five injured, two postal clerks killed and nine injured, and sixteen other persons killed and fifty-seven injured, a total of twenty-four killed and 141 persons injured other than the employes. The grand total for the year shows that there were thirty-nine employes, passengers and other persons killed during the year and 1,445 persons injured on the various Burlington lines of the state. In 1910 the grand total amounted to fifty-seven killed and 1,251 injured.

During the year the Burlington paid out on account of the injuries or death of employes the sum of \$98,567, while for the death or injuries of passengers the total amount was \$29,851. For the injury or death of all other persons there was a loss of \$26,517, paid to the victims or their beneficiaries.

Boys' Opinions of Books.
The state library commission has been collecting the opinions of the boys at the Kearney industrial school on the various books bought for the school library. The books originally purchased for the library had become worn or had disappeared and last January a new assortment was purchased.

Selleck Files for Congress.
W. A. Selleck has made filing as republican candidate for congress in this, the First district. This makes two candidates to date to go on the republican primary ballot, the other being Paul Clark.

Letter from Fire Marshal.
State Fire Marshal Randall is sending out a letter to the various commercial clubs of the state calling attention to the enormous waste from fire loss, and to the additional fact that a great portion of it can be prevented by the exercise of a little care. He asks for co-operation along these lines.

Vital Statistics Blanks.
Dr. Miller of the State Board of Health is sending out a new set of blanks on which to report vital statistics. Heretofore birth returns have been made on postal cards, but the new blank is identical with those used by the federal authorities in collection of such statistics.

Short Course to Begin.
The winter short course in scientific agriculture will begin at the state farm this week. These courses are held to give farmers an opportunity to study scientific farming at a time when they can best spare the time.

Ex-Senator Dietrich's Health.
Clerk Harry C. Lindsay of the supreme court has received a letter from Mrs. Dietrich of Hastings stating that ex-Senator Dietrich has almost completely recovered his health and strength after a long and serious illness.

Senator Brown Chosen Orator.
Information has reached here that Senator Norris Brown has been chosen principal speaker at the republican editorial association banquet to be held at Indianapolis next month.

WATERS TO BE SOLD.

New Era of Prosperity to Western Nebraska.

The decision of Secretary of the Interior Fisher to sell to irrigating farmers the surplus waters accumulated in the Pathfinder reservoir may mean a new era of prosperity in the western part of Nebraska, says a Washington dispatch. More than half of the water now stored in this reservoir is surplus. There is enough surplus water there to satisfy all the needs of the interstate ditch and to cover the tri-state property five feet deep.

The letter of Director Newell to the supervising engineer at Denver states that payment for this water shall be made by an initial payment of 10 per cent of the whole amount, the remainder to be paid for in four annual installments. The rate per acre foot will be \$5. Four-acre feet after July 1, the date after which the private ditches have been dry or nearly so in drouth season, will thus cost \$20 per acre, payable at the rate of \$4 per year.

It would appear that the announcement of this policy means still further delay in the Goshen Hole project in Wyoming. That project has acquired the nature of an air-castle in the minds of many who have heard each year of new surveying parties going over the area, all of said parties making reports which have been carefully filed away and never acted upon. Surveys are in progress even now, but the building of the project seems more of a matter of the future than ever since the surplus waters of reservoirs may be diverted to private projects.

While the sale of this water to private projects probably gives the private land an increased value, probably more than the actual cost of the water, the interior department has undertaken a policy which seems consonant with good business sense. The private enterprises are well under way, some of them have grown good crops and demonstrated their value and the farmers have spent their money in good faith to build up the areas. For the government to lend aid to these projects—all the time conserving enough water to supply its own projects—indicates a desire to foster the growth of partly developed communities rather than to let them take care of themselves while the government embarks in new projects.

Got the Wrong Man.
Because he answered the description and bore the same name as a man who has secured a letter containing a \$50 draft by fraudulent means from the local postoffice, C. A. Morris of Sheridan, Wyo., was brought here on the supposition that he was the man wanted. It was all a mistake and he was released.

Killed While Hunting.
Otto C. Swartz, while hunting near here, shot and killed himself as the result of a peculiar accident. He and his companion were removing a hand car, on which they had been traveling, from the track, to make way for an approaching freight train. The gun fell from the car and was discharged.

Reputed by Shallenberger.
The interview attributed to ex-Governor Shallenberger while on a recent trip to Texas and in which he was quoted as saying that he did not believe that the initiative and referendum amendment would pass in this state at the next election is reputed by that gentleman.

Glanders Being Eradicated.
The state veterinarian's office reports substantial progress in stamping out glanders in the state. The disease is principally confined to the north and northeast portions of the state and the department hopes to have it entirely eradicated in the near future.

Delzell's Speaking Dates.
State Superintendent Delzell has a number of speaking dates in the near future, the first one being at Beatrice, where he addresses the boys interested in agricultural competition. At that time prizes will be awarded to those Gage county boys who entered the 1911 competition, January 8 he speaks at Western on school topics; Jan. 10 and 11 he will be in Omaha and speak before the Rural Life commission and January 12 before the farmers' institute at Diller.

School Bonds in Issue.
A case argued in district court here may affect school bonds issued in all districts of the state, the attorney general contending in the case of the bonds sought to be registered that the law is ineffective in that the legislature, when it amended the law regarding school levy in 1891, neglected to put in the title anything regarding the issuance of bonds.

State Aid for Bridges.
Applications for state aid for bridges under the new law are sufficient to take up the available funds not only for the current fiscal year, but also for the succeeding one, according to the state engineer. Only one project, however, that over the Cedar river near Cedar Rapids, in Boone county, has progressed far enough to give promise of a bridge in the near future. In this case bids have already been received and the contract will be let soon. There are several other applications.

FOUR IN THE RACE

SUPREME COURT MEMBER IS SOON TO BE NAMED.

QUARTET FROM ONE CIRCUIT

Candidates Suggested from Vacant Circuits Eliminated One by One from Consideration.

Washington.—President Taft probably will decide next Tuesday upon the man to succeed the late Justice Harlan on the supreme court bench. The field of possible appointees has been narrowed to four men and it is said that a selection may be looked for at the next meeting of the cabinet, January 2. The nomination probably will be sent to the senate next week.

The four from whom the president will make his selection are said to be United States Circuit Judge Hook of Kansas, Secretary of Commerce and Labor Nagel, Senator Sutherland of Utah and Frank R. Kellogg of Minnesota, trust buster for the government and its prosecutor in the Standard Oil suit. Senator Borah of Idaho, it is said, has not been entirely eliminated from consideration, but the choice rests apparently between the others. Of these men Judge Hook and Senator Sutherland stand foremost, although Secretary Nagel and Mr. Kellogg are still "in the running."

Judge Hook was under consideration by the president last year when he made his supreme court appointments and his backers have been active this winter. Senator Sutherland is warmly admired by the president and has been summoned to the White House frequently of late.

One fact said to militate against Secretary Nagel is that he is 63 years old and Mr. Taft has declared several times that no man should go on the bench after he reached the age of 60. Mr. Kellogg's candidacy has been vigorously pushed by his friends and his work in the Standard Oil and other cases has attracted favorable attention at the White House.

As at present constituted the Third, Fourth and Seventh circuits are unrepresented on the supreme court and the Fifth and Sixth circuits each have two, Chief Justice White and Justice Lamar and Justices Day and Lurton, respectively.

All four of the leading candidates come from the Eighth circuit, already represented by Justice Vandeverster, appointed by the president last year, but candidates suggested from the vacant circuits, while considered by the president, have been eliminated one by one.

DR. SUN YAT SEN AS HEAD.

Unanimously Elected President of Chinese Republic.
Nanking, China.—Dr. Sun Yat Sen has been elected unanimously president of the republic of China. His election as president of the republic by the Nanking conference means that the peace conference between Wu Ting Fang and Tang Shao Yi is closed. The president will assume charge of all negotiations.

Grave Opened by Robbers.
Duquoin, Ill.—Grave robbers have been at work in the Odd Fellows' cemetery here, but an investigation showed that no bodies have been removed. The grave of Robert Wheatley, who died suddenly several months ago, had been opened and nearly all the earth removed from the casket, but the body was not disturbed.

Mr. Bryan As Candidate.
Omaha.—A petition to place the name of William J. Bryan on the democratic primary ticket as a candidate for president in 1912 is being circulated by A. A. Arter of Omaha. Up to this time he has secured more than half the required number of signatures.

Crocker Sued for Damages.
New York.—Richard Crocker and his sons, Richard Crocker, Jr., and Howard Crocker, were made joint defendants in a civil action begun today by John J. Breen to recover \$100,000.

Haven't Planned Revolution.
San Antonio, Tex.—Emilio Vasquez Gomez, who is in the city as a self-styled refugee, denied he had planned or would plan a revolution against the Mexican government.

Chicago Bishop Consecrated.
Chicago.—In the presence of a distinguished gathering of clergy and laity Rev. William E. Toll was consecrated Episcopal Bishop suffragan of Chicago on the 27th.

American Runs Amuck.
Bresla, Germany.—A visitor at one of the hotels here, who is said to be an American, but whose identity has not yet been ascertained, after firing several shots at the hotel porter and entering his room, defied the police for an hour.

Bride of Navy Captain.
Washington.—The marriage of Mrs. D. P. McCartney and Captain Harold P. Norton, U. S. N. took place at noon Thursday at the home of the bride in this city.

NEBRASKA IN BRIEF.

News Notes of Interest from Various Sections.

Many Nebraska towns are looking forward to much building in 1912. Generous fall of snow all over Nebraska puts a good outlook on farm work in 1912.

Governor Aldrich has issued an unconditional pardon to Alfred Jones, a convict who is said to be afflicted with tuberculosis.

The Kenesaw school board is planning to build a new \$25,000 school building. Bonds for the structure were voted recently.

Two men in a South Omaha packing plant were electrocuted by taking hold of a chain that was not known to be charged. Both men leave families.

The cornerstone of the new Christian church at Kenesaw was laid recently. The new church is to be constructed of brick with basement and gallery.

Governor Aldrich has paroled Ellick Bogdanovitch, sent up from South Omaha for seven years on a charge of assault with intent to kill. He was committed January 16, 1909.

A slight increase in the net income for 1911 over the previous year is shown in the report of the St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha railroad, filed with the state railway commission.

It is now practically assured that Aurora will soon have a modern and permanent mausoleum. Representatives of an Omaha concern have been canvassing the situation and have met with much encouragement.

The organization of the Aurora Construction company has just been announced. The company starts business with a paid-up capital of \$10,000, and will do a general construction, plumbing and lighting business.

While eating his Christmas dinner and without a moment's warning, T. E. Haberman, proprietor of a grocery store in Lincoln, lost the sight of his right eye. "Thrombosis of the central artery of the retina" was given as the cause.

Herman Havelkost, aged seventy-nine, president of the Logan creek farmers club for twenty-five years, dropped dead from paralysis at his home near Hooper. He came to America in 1868 and homesteaded in Dodge county.

There are 4,188 inmates at the fourteen state institutions at the present time, according to figures compiled from monthly reports just made to Governor Aldrich from the heads of the various institutions. The Hastings asylum contains the largest number, there being 1,048 inmates at Ingleside. There are 616 inmates at the Lincoln hospital for the insane, and 330 at the Norfolk hospital, a total of 1,994 inmates at the three institutions for the care of the insane in the state.

The Union Pacific railroad's annual report shows that with an increase of \$699,571 in the operating expenses for the state of Nebraska the operating revenues for the year 1911 have decreased \$308,270. The total operating revenue for 1911 aggregated \$19,059,477 while for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1910, the total was \$19,367,747. There was a slight decrease also in the operating revenues for the entire system, the total footing up to \$51,284,591 in 1911 and \$52,628,873 in 1910.

Under the provisions of the Liver bill enacted at the last session of the legislature several scores of municipalities over the state will be privileged to submit the license or no license question at the coming spring elections. The new law, which was the only change made in the liquor laws of the state at the last session of the state legislature, sets out that upon petition of thirty freeholders in any city of 10,000 or less inhabitants, the question shall be submitted separately at the regular spring election.

Ottis H. Ballou, a former Omaha lawyer, was killed in Seattle, Wash., by being run down by an automobile.

The Boys' Industrial school at Kearney has sold a carload (675 bushels) of potatoes, for which 95 cents a bushel was received. The school farm had previously sold \$2,800 worth of sugar beets, and in addition raised a large amount of supplies used in the school.

According to a law enacted at the last session of the legislature, whenever a rural mail carrier in this state or a postmaster notifies the county surveyor or county highway commissioner that any of the mail routes within the county are blockaded with snow or are impassable for any cause it is the duty of the county official within twenty-four hours of receiving such notification to proceed with all haste to open such road. To accomplish this, the new law sets out that any road overseer may demand and require the services of any able-bodied person who is a patron of the snow-bound mail route. For his services he will receive thirty cents an hour.

E. H. Mack, for many years postmaster of Bancroft, was recommended by President Taft for confirmation.

Judge Burk and County Clerk Prall of Chase county called on the state board of educational lands and funds to protest against the high appraisement placed on state school lands in Chase county. These lands are now under lease, but the county officers say the leasing price is so high that the renters cannot pay, that they are charged \$150 a section and private lands adjacent can be rented from Kinkaid homesteaders for one-third that amount.