

NEWS OF THE WEEK

COMPENSATIONS OF GREATER OR LESSER IMPORTANCE.

A BOILING DOWN OF EVENTS

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

Congress.

Survey and estimate of a ship canal around Niagara Falls was asked for in a bill introduced by Representative Mott.

The committee on privileges and elections adopted a report exonerating Senator Stephenson from charges of corruption.

In the senate the Sherwood pension bill was rejected by the pensions committee and a substitute of Senator Smoot adopted.

James J. Hill testified regarding the Hill lease of the Lake Superior ore fields before the house Stanley steel committee.

The five-year army enlistment amendment to the army appropriation bill was adopted in the house by a vote of 101 to 73.

A delegation from the American Bankers' association urged the enactment of legislation for better regulation of bills of lading.

A service pension bill similar to the Sherwood bill and prohibiting special pension legislation was introduced in the senate by Senator Works.

Senator Williams of Mississippi advocated before the senate interstate commerce committee his bill for the regulation of interstate corporations.

The Lewis fraud order case developed controversy between George B. Cortelyou and E. C. Madden before the house postoffice expenditures committee.

The bill to make effective the convention between the United States, Great Britain, Japan and Russia to stop pelagic sealing was passed by the house.

Representative Lamb of Virginia has introduced a bill to license all locomotive engineers and place them under the indirect supervision of the interstate commerce commission.

It was charged before the committee on expenditures in the War department that President Taft shielded Major Ray, a paymaster, from court-martial because of Ray's political services in 1908.

General.

China has become a republic by the abdication of the imperial house.

A New York sewing machine man says there is no need of a protective duty.

For the time being, at least, Mexican troops will not be allowed on American territory.

Senator Reed of Missouri introduced his anti-third term amendment to the constitution.

Every ward in St. Louis elected Champ Clark delegates to the democratic state convention.

The Western Retail Lumbermen's association at Seattle went on record as opposed to the parcels post.

The old story of improper acquisition of the Panama canal zone was retold to a house committee.

This is not the year for Roosevelt to make the race for president, according to Secretary MacVeagh.

The Oklahoma republican state committee at its meeting endorsed President Taft for renomination.

Headquarters for Speaker Champ Clark's campaign for the democratic presidential nomination were opened at Washington.

State Senator A. V. Proudfoot of Indianola, Ia., authorized the statement that he will seek the republican nomination for governor.

The state department has concluded to decline the request of the Madero government for permission for Mexican troops to cross Texas.

Lawrence Y. Sherman of Springfield, Ill., made formal announcement of his candidacy for the republican nomination for United States senator.

George G. Thompson of Detroit, Mich., superintendent of rural mails, was appointed chief clerk of the postoffice department at a salary of \$4,000 a year.

The tariff board's money is running so low that it may not this year be able to investigate the iron and steel schedule, which is under investigation by congress.

The twenty-five army posts which experts of the war department advocate abolishing will not be provided for in the army appropriation bill now before the house.

At the Department of Justice it was said that no evidence implicating officials of the American Federation of Labor had been adduced in the grand jury investigation at Indianapolis. No official statement was forthcoming.

Albert Prince pleaded not guilty to the charge of murdering Deputy Warden E. D. Davis at the Nebraska penitentiary.

The illness of Representative George R. Maltby of New York, who now is convalescent, has delayed the final report of the house committee which investigated the sugar trust.

Colonel Roosevelt declined to disclose the contents of the letter he received from state governors.

The house passed the anti-loan shark bill fixing 12 per cent as the maximum interest rate in the District of Columbia.

Kansas City, Mo., will be the scene of the next intercollegiate balloon race.

An appeal for votes for women was made to the senate woman suffrage committee.

Former Governor Myron T. Herrick of Ohio was confirmed as ambassador to France.

Brigadier General Charles H. Whipple, paymaster general of the army, was retired.

James J. Hill says competition, in steel, as in everything else, is destined to continue.

American soldiers by getting into Juarez, Mexico, by mistake caused a great commotion.

The United States has given assurance to Mexico that there is no thought of intervention.

A steel magnate said labor unions should be under government control the same as corporations.

Congressman William Kent, of the Second California district announced his retirement from congress.

A forest lands executive order by Theodore Roosevelt will probably be rescinded by President Taft.

Several hundred billiard hall proprietors from all parts of Iowa met and formed a state association.

Arthur W. Brewster of Kansas City filed his declaration as candidate on the democratic ticket for governor.

The New York democratic state convention to select delegates to the national convention at Baltimore will be held April 12.

B. H. Meyer at a hearing urged wider powers for the commission, including physical valuation of railroads and supervision of bonds.

W. Morgan Shuster, ex-treasurer general of Persia, was a passenger on the steamship George Washington, which sailed from Southampton for New York.

The docks and ware houses of the Campagne de l'Océan burned at Amsterdam. The loss on goods stored in the ware houses is estimated at over \$400,000.

The British steamer Cuban, which arrived in London from New Orleans, brought into port nine of the crew of the British ship Erne, which was wrecked in a heavy storm.

Interstate Commerce Commissioner Lane told the Interstate Commerce committee investigation showed numerous deviations by express companies from published rates.

Charles Hazen Hyde, former New York city chamberlain, lost his appeal to the appellate division of the supreme court for a change of venue, and therefore must stand trial.

Mrs. S. H. Schermerhorn, wife of a Chicago broker, was seriously burned when an alcohol stove overturned in a compartment of a car on the Santa Fe California limited train near Emporia, Kan.

William McVey, arrested in New Orleans for larceny, is the former Nevada convict for whom a reward was offered after the murder of William A. Sanderson at Garfield, Utah, November 11.

President Taft's urgent appeal for development in Alaska bore fruit in a bill introduced by Chairman Flood, of the territories committee, to create an Alaska railroad commission of three members.

Comptroller of the Currency Murray announced that he would strictly enforce the law which holds directors of natural banks liable for losses sustained through loans in excess of legal amounts.

Postmasters of postal saving depositories may accept deposits from anybody, the regulation restricting depositories to the patrons of a particular office being rescinded in an order issued by Postmaster General Hitchcock.

Representative Mott of New York introduced in the house a bill appropriating \$250,000 for the survey and estimate of cost of a ship canal to connect the navigable waters of the Niagara river, making a continuous water route between the five great lakes.

Senator Rayner asked the senate to adopt a resolution instructing the judiciary committee to report if the anti-trust law could be so strengthened as to define clearly the acts constituting a violation of the law and to insure the protection of fair competition in interstate trade.

LaFollette says he is not out of the presidential race.

The national commission of China has elected Yuan Shi Kai president. Former Gov. Folk of Missouri has dropped out of the presidential race.

Norman E. Mack has resigned as democratic state chairman of New York.

Adjutant General Ainsworth was placed on the retired list at his own request.

Attorney General Wickersham says it will take Roosevelt's word to satisfy him he is a candidate.

The trial of the alleged dynamiters has been tentatively fixed for May.

Adjutant General Ainsworth has been relieved of duty and is to face a court martial.

Leo Mulgrew of Dubuque was re-elected president of the Iowa state bakers' association.

Governor Aldrich of Nebraska said that talk of himself as a vice presidential candidate was premature.

Common sense and honest methods is the panacea recommended by ex-Senator Beveridge for government ills.

HELP FOR SETTLERS

IRRIGATION ENGINEER VISITS THE STATE CAPITAL.

HAS A PROBLEM TO SOLVE

Water Rates So High That the Outlook is Discouraging—Miscellaneous Capital Matters.

Harrison A. Mark, an irrigation engineer from Morrill, Neb., was at the capital to see if there was not some way by which the state railway commission could help out the settlers on the interstate ditch in his section.

When the reclamation service engineers made an estimate of what water rights were to cost they placed it at \$35 per acre, with a maintenance charge of forty cents per acre per year.

On the strength of this a large number took up lands under the government project. Payments were to date from the time water was turned on, which the engineers fixed at June, 1908, but as a matter of fact only a small portion of the district obtained water on that date, with the result of no crops.

The engineers allege this was due to the farmers not knowing how to handle their ditches, but the settlers and engineers employed by them assert it was due to faulty construction of ditches.

This, however, is not all of their troubles. Instead of \$35 per acre the price has been raised to \$45 for all who had not paid up on their contracts. In one section only one man was able to do this and as a result all others are held for the greater rate.

The maintenance charge, instead of being forty cents per acre is \$2. This maintenance charge is remitted for two years to all who sign the new contract. Many of these settlers, Mr. Mark says, have invested everything they have and due to lack of water for their lands have neither money nor the credit to get it to enable them to make their payments and unless some relief is afforded by means of extensions will lose their investment.

Even with the extension they assert the rate is so high that no one but a capitalist can swing the proposition. The ditch being an interstate proposition the railway commission is doubtful of its authority to do anything in the matter of regulating rates, which are fixed by the Water Users' association, composed entirely of owners of deeded lands.

Rotation on the Ballot.

F. M. Currie, secretary, and C. A. Adams, president of the Taft league, called on Secretary of State Wait in regard to how the names of candidates for delegates were to go on the ballot. Both the La Follette and Taft organizations are understood to favor some method by which the respective delegations can be designated by the name of the candidate they stand for, and that each set be grouped and the groups rotated instead of rotating the individual names. Mr. Wait holds that in the absence of any specific provision he will follow the intent of the law, which clearly is to make the ballot intelligible to the voters.

Neering Century Mark.

Last Thursday was the ninety-sixth birthday of the Rev. Harrison Presson. He received calls from many old soldiers and women of the relief corps at his home in Lincoln. The Rev. Mr. Presson in 1850 preached the first sermon delivered in Omaha. He is in good health and his faculties are bright and keen. He served in the civil war and so did his son.

Condition of Treasury.

With only four counties yet to report their collections up to January the state treasury has received \$701,404.96 since January 1. Of this amount \$418,272.13 was received in January and \$283,132.83 in February. While Douglas county has not made final settlement it has remitted the major portion of the amount due the state. The other counties—Scottsbluff, Garden and Custer—by reason of having a large amount of school land, will have heavy payments, largely for the school fund.

Prince Before Court.

Albert Prince, colored convict, who killed Deputy Warden Davis at the penitentiary, was arraigned in county court on the charge of murder in the first degree. He pleaded not guilty, waived preliminary hearing and was remanded for trial.

Deserter Arrested.

J. F. Guthrie, a deserter from the torpedo boat destroyer Preston, who gave himself up at the recruiting station, will be court martialed.

Kearney Hospital Contract.

The Board of Public Lands and Buildings awarded the general contract for the erection of the new tuberculosis hospital at Kearney. It went to W. S. Crossley of Kearney, who is just finishing up a contract on the Kearney Normal. The general contract calls for \$10,180, plumbing and heating, \$2,700; wiring, \$325; a total of \$13,195 for the building. This price was reached by changing the plans somewhat. This will leave a considerable sum for fittings and putting the building in shape.

PRIMARIES APRIL 19.

Governor of State Prepares His Proclamation.

Governor Aldrich has prepared a proclamation calling a primary election to be held April 19. In accordance with the law his proclamation calls for the selection of candidates for the following offices:

Preferential candidate for president. Preferential candidate for vice president.

One United States senator. Four delegates at large and two from each congressional district to attend national conventions of the various political parties.

One national committeeman for each political party. One congressman from each of the six congressional districts.

Governor. Lieutenant governor. Secretary of state. Auditor of public accounts. State treasurer. Superintendent of public instruction.

Attorney general. Commissioner of public lands and buildings.

One railway commissioner. Eight presidential electors. State senators and representatives. And five constitutional amendments for adoption as party measures by the various political parties, as follows:

No. 1. Reserving to the people the right of direct legislation through the initiative and referendum.

No. 2. Fixing the term of office and increasing the salaries of members of the legislature.

No. 3. Creating a board of commissioners for state institutions.

No. 4. Providing for general election once in two years.

No. 5. Allowing cities of more than 5,000 inhabitants in this state to frame their own city charters.

Merchants Are Pleased.

Nebraska merchants are feeling much pleased over the action of the interstate commerce commission in suspending the proposed freight schedules of the western railroads, No. 51, which was to have been effective February 15. The schedule provides for increases in some rates and for a reclassification in part of existing schedules. In order that time might be given for a thorough examination of conditions and of the effect of the new rates, the commission ordered them ineffective until June 14. In the meantime it has promised a searching investigation.

Major Penn to Manila.

It is understood at the state house that Major J. A. Penn, the regular army officer detailed as inspector and instructor to the Nebraska National Guard, will be ordered about April 1 to rejoin his regiment. As his regiment is now in the Philippines this means another trip to the orient for the major. Major Penn has been on detached duty as long as the military regulations permit and this is the reason assigned for the transfer.

Two Regiments May Go.

Adjutant General Phelps has notified the War department that Nebraska will send two regiments to the army maneuvers at Fort D. A. Russell, Wyo., in case the railroads will grant a suitable rate, such as is in effect to Denver, but in case no rate is made only one regiment will attend.

Prince Expects to Be Hung.

Albert Prince, the Omaha negro who on Sunday murdered Deputy Warden E. D. Davis at the state penitentiary just as chapel exercises were drawing to a close, is confined in the dungeon resigned to the fate which he knows awaits him. He expects a death sentence for his crime and he declares that he is ready to pay the price of the blood of the man he slew because of some slight reprimand which that official had given him.

Violation of Law.

Labor Commissioner Louis V. Guye has mailed a notice to a company playing at the American theater in Omaha that they were violating the law when they permitted 7-year-old Gladys Penica to appear on the stage. The company has now left the state.

More Bonds Bought.

The Board of Education Lands and Funds has invested \$60,800 of permanent school funds, as follows: Bonds of the city of Sutton, \$28,000; bonds of the city of Rushville, \$15,000; bonds of the city of Gordon, \$4,000, and bonds of the city of Wilcox, \$13,000.

Declare Law Invalid.

The county board of Boyd county and County Attorney D. A. Hartington have set aside an enactment of the last session of the state legislature. The law referred to is the act extending the office of county assessors one year and the board of the north Nebraska county has declared that the law is invalid.

Old Legislators Meet.

"Auld Lang Syne" in Nebraska legislative history was initiated in Lincoln when members past and present of the state legislature sat around the festive board and broke bread together in the first reunion of its kind ever held in the state. One hundred and eighty legislators were in attendance.

The Plans Approved.

Plans for the \$100,000 medical building at the Omaha campus of the University of Nebraska were approved by the board of regents.

A PLACE ON BENCH

CHANCELLOR OF NEW JERSEY THE PRESIDENT'S CHOICE.

APPOINTMENT ALMOST SURE

Thirty Years As a Jurist, Six Years Under the Age Fixed for Position by the President.

Washington.—Mahlon Pitney, chancellor of the state of New Jersey member of congress for two terms a lawyer and jurist of thirty years practice, looms up as the man whom President Taft will appoint to the supreme court bench to succeed the late Associate Justice John M. Harlan. Among friends of the president it was reported as practically certain that Chancellor Pitney would be appointed, and the nomination, according to excellent authority, will be sent to the senate Monday or Tuesday.

So far the president is understood not to have discussed the appointment of Chancellor Pitney with all his cabinet. No special meeting of the cabinet has been called tonight, but it is possible that members of President Taft's official family will be told his choice tomorrow.

The president is understood to believe that the appointment of Chancellor Pitney would not be opposed in the senate. Chancellor Pitney has been under consideration by the president for several weeks. Following protests against Secretary Nagel, Mr. Taft turned his search from beyond the Mississippi river, where he first looked for a candidate. Chancellor Pitney and F. J. Swayze, justice for the supreme court of New Jersey, were two men who gradually became most prominent in the president's mind.

Chancellor Pitney meets many of the president's requirements for a supreme court justice. He is just a little more than 54 years old, six years under Mr. Taft's age limit, and has been a practicing lawyer and a judge since 1882. He served as associate justice of the New Jersey supreme court from 1901 to 1908 and became chancellor in the latter year. His term would expire in 1915. His home is in Morristown.

PINCHOT QUILTS LA FOLLETTE.

Says Wisconsin Senator's Course Falls of Purpose.

Washington.—Gifford Pinchot in a signed statement made public Sunday announces he has withdrawn his support from Senator La Follette's presidential candidacy and that he will hereafter advocate the nomination of Theodore Roosevelt. Mr. Pinchot says that the events of the last month have made it apparent that Senator La Follette's candidacy will neither hold the progressive republicans together as a fighting force nor prevent the nomination of 'a reactionary republican.'

Mrs. Lucy D. Fisk Dies.

Boston.—Mrs. Lucy D. Fisk, widow of James Fisk, jr., who was shot more than forty years ago in New York by Edward S. Stokes as the climax of a bitter rivalry between the two men for the smiles of the famous beauty, "Josie" Mansfield, died almost penniless Sunday in South Boston. She was 76 years of age.

Five Cases of Yellow Fever.

San Diego, Cal.—With five cases of yellow fever among its crew, the British ship Akalis put into Salina Cruz for medical aid early last week, according to advices just brought here by the American-Hawaiian steamer Nebraskan.

Clayton for Governor.

St. Joseph, Mo.—A special train, bearing delegates to the democratic convention at Joplin Tuesday, will carry more than 200 democrats from northwest Missouri, all of whom lined up to launch a boom for Mayor A. P. Clayton of St. Joseph for governor.

Many Injured in a Wreck.

Baltimore, Md.—In a head-on collision between an east-bound freight and west-bound passenger train on the R. & O. railroad near Rockwood, Pa., twenty-four are reported injured.

Called off Invasion.

San Francisco, Cal.—Freddie Welsh, British contender for lightweight honors, announced from his bed in his training quarters at Colma that he had called off his American invader.

Make a Demand for Money.

New York.—Hundreds of excited depositors, mostly foreigners, stormed the private bank of Adolph Mendell in Rivington street, demanding their money.

To Discuss Wage Demands.

New York.—A conference committee of twelve, representing the forty-eight eastern railroads concerned, will meet union representatives in the near future to discuss the recent demand of the locomotive brotherhood for more pay.

Former Baseball Manager Dead.

Cincinnati, O.—Edward Ashenbach, former manager of the Syracuse, N. Y., team for the New York state baseball league, died at a detention hospital of paralysis.

NEBRASKA IN BRIEF.

News Notes of Interest from Various Sections.

Three hundred old Nebraska legislators held a banquet in Lincoln. Citizens of DeWitt are interesting themselves in an electric light plant. The Y. M. C. A. of Fremont is making an effort to clear up its indebtedness.

Farmers' institutes throughout the state are well attended and much interest manifested. In Jefferson county six hundred men succeeded in killing four wolves in a round-up.

Burwell is pushing for a public library and seems to have everybody interested in the movement. Twenty-five students from six colleges were graduated at the State university mid-winter graduation exercises.

All efforts so far to apprehend the murderer of the little girl at Grand Island have been unsuccessful. There is a good reward out.

The Eustis board of education at a special meeting re-elected Superintendent John L. Zink for another year at a substantial increase in salary.

Enos J. Stedman of Syracuse, a member of the legislature from Otoe county, dropped dead at the home of his son, two miles south of Syracuse, shoes and a pair of his trousers.

Marvin Maxwell, 8-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Maxwell of Bloomfield, died as the result of an accident while coasting.

Farmers of Nemaha county are testing their seed corn. Much of it shows a low vitality, and quite a large percent fails to germinate. More care will be exercised than is usually taken.

Rev. F. W. Cliff, who has been in charge of the Baptist church in York for the past five years, has handed his resignation to the trustees, his resignation to take effect March 10.

After being given a bed for the night at the Friends' mission in Fremont for 10 cents, Robert Swain, transient, walked out of the little church building wearing the minister's shoes.

Some valuable horses have been lost in the vicinity of Peru and in the neighborhood of Brownville, it is thought from eating cornstalks which had not matured when the hard frost came.

The Daehler broom factory paid out \$2,600.78 the first of February. They now have eighty-one persons employed. A number are boys that only work before and after school and Saturdays.

Henry Johnson, a young farmer living near Roca, furnished a bond in the sum of \$500 in the court of Justice Stevens at Lincoln that he would support his wife and child. Johnson was charged with wife abandonment.

Edward Williams of Grand Island, state deputy fire warden, has tendered his resignation, to take effect March 1. He was appointed when State Fire Warden Randall was chosen by Governor Aldrich in January, 1911.

If the 8,000 live stock brands and marks registered with the secretary of state 5,000 expire by limitation of law with the current year and unless renewed are subject to be claimed by others.

A sad tragedy was enacted at the home of Ed Orris, a farmer residing six miles north of Bancroft, when the 16-year-old sister of Mr. Orris ended her life by taking carbolic acid. She had brooded over some trouble in the household.

At Pender, Judge Graves sentenced J. E. Dillon of Council Bluffs, Ia., to an indeterminate sentence of from one to twenty years in the penitentiary for mayhem. He bit off the ear of Ed Bellville of Herman at Walnut recently while fighting.

The board of public lands and buildings has formally awarded a contract to W. S. Crossley of Kearney to erect a building at the state hospital for indigent consumptives at that place. The board made several changes in the original plans.

Representative Flood introduced in the house a bill to create Alaska railroad commission.

Chairman M. E. Costin of the county board of Dawson county has filed an application with State Engineer D. D. Price asking state aid for the building of a bridge at Lexington across the Platte river.

Of the nineteen most important junction points in this state, fourteen transacted a larger volume of business for the fiscal year of 1911 than for the previous fiscal year, according to reports on file with the state railway commission.

J. F. Kotna of Omaha has been authorized by the adjutant general to recruit a company of the National Guard to be known as Company F. First Regiment. There has been no Company F in this regiment for some time, it having been mustered out.

A pathetic scene occurred in Judge Boyle's office at Fairbury when the county authorities took charge of six children belonging to Mrs. Lillian Fivecoat and took them to the Nebraska Children's Home society in Omaha. The family for months has been living in dire destitution.

State Treasurer George has bought \$6,000 of bonds of the school district of Long Pine and \$10,000 of bonds issued by the town of Benedict.

Washington dispatch: The entire Nebraska delegation voted against cutting off pensions to pensioners living in foreign lands. It has been found that many pensioners have moved to Canada. Many widows of veterans are living in Europe. The Nebraska members felt that as long as a service pension bill had been passed that it was only consistent to base pensions on service claims rather than residence.