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## NEWS BRIEFLY TOLD

INTELLIGENCE HERE GATHERED  
COVERS WIDE AREA.

### GREATER OR LESSER IMPORT

Includes What is Going On at Wash-  
ington and in Other Sections of  
the Country.

#### Congress.

Senator Newlands introduced a re-  
vised interstate trade commission  
bill.

Senator McLean introduced a bill  
exempting "factory smokers" cigars  
from internal revenue tax.

Watchdogs of the treasury refused  
to permit of an appropriation for  
coast defense of Cape Henry.

The House Immigration commission  
decided to report favorably a bill  
barring illiterate immigrants.

Senator Dupont denied election  
corruption charges made by Senator  
Ked's investigation resolution.

In a special message President Taft  
urged congress to grant permission  
for an American officer to serve as an  
instructor in Chilean army.

Senator Culberson presented a letter  
from San Antonio, Tex., claiming  
that city was being used as a plotting  
base of Mexican revolutionists.

Senator Stone introduced resolution  
directing foreign relations commit-  
tee to make prompt inquiry into  
conditions on Mexican border.

Senator Cummins spoke favoring  
general pension legislation, saying  
the government could tax wealth if  
necessary to provide revenue.

In the house the amendment to the  
appropriations bill providing for  
manufacture of its own powder was defeated.

British Ambassador Bryce explained  
the British legislative system to the  
house judiciary committee in con-  
nection with the legislative bureau bill.

Senator Hitchcock, speaking on his  
resolution regarding Colombia, said  
the cession of Panama from Colombia  
was a conspiracy approved by the  
United States.

Senator Bristow spoke against the  
majority report of the senate com-  
mittee exonerating Senator Stephenson  
of the charges of corruption in his  
election.

Representative Hughes introduced  
a bill incorporating President Taft's  
recommendations for an industrial re-  
lation commission to investigate in-  
dustrial problems.

Labor Leader John Williams of  
Pittsburgh told finance committee of  
the senate any reduction in steel  
plate tariff would result in conflict  
between capital and labor.

Senator Hitchcock pressed forward  
the movement for a senate investiga-  
tion of the dispute between the United  
States and Colombia growing out  
of the establishment of Panama as a  
republic. He introduced a resolution  
asking that the president send to the  
senate all correspondence and com-  
munications between United States  
and Colombia.

#### General.

Supporters of President Taft are  
willing to pit him against Roosevelt.

Colonel Roosevelt is casting about  
for a man to manage his campaign.

Rev. W. B. Loomis, a personal  
friend of Abraham Lincoln, is dead at  
Lone Rock, Wis.

Great Britain has acknowledged the  
right of the United States to fortify  
the Isthmian canal.

The ways and means committee of  
the house still is deadlocked on the  
sugar tariff schedule.

Charles Louis Loos, professor of  
Greek and former president of Trans-  
sylvania university, is dead.

The house went on record as favor-  
ing the adoption of the eight hour  
work day on all government work.

The president nominated Charles  
A. Overlock of Arizona to be United  
States marshal for the district of  
Arizona.

Five of the seven railroad and  
steamship men indicted in Juneau,  
Alaska, February 15, for alleged viola-  
tion of the Sherman law gave bonds  
for their appearance in court at  
Juneau March 15.

Representative Adamson introduced  
a resolution for inquiry by interstate  
commerce commission into charges  
that railway and shipping combina-  
tions intend to use the Panama canal  
to settle competition in freight rates.

The appearance of a French dancer,  
daringly clad, at a Sunday cafe chat-  
ant, given by Mr. and Mrs. William  
Littauer of New York is interesting  
Washington society.

John H. Marble, formerly of San  
Francisco, chief of the division of  
prosecutions of the Interstate Com-  
merce commission, has been appoint-  
ed secretary of the commission to  
succeed Edward A. Mosley, who died  
last April.

Chairman Underwood said the  
ways and means committee had failed  
to find a substitute for sugar as a  
revenue producer, thereby indicating  
free sugar was unlikely.

President Taft declares the time  
has not come for this country to be  
economical at the expense of an ade-  
quate naval establishment.

The plant of the Montana Packing  
company was destroyed by fire at  
Butte. The estimated loss is \$50,000.  
The senate is making ready to take  
up house tariff bills.

Juarez, Mexico, is still an open port  
despite order of Madero.

Eight hundred thousand British  
coal miners have ceased work.

President Taft is preparing for an  
extended speechmaking tour.

President Madero of Mexico says  
he has no thought of resigning.

Both houses of congress interested  
themselves in the Lawrence strike  
situation.

There was a mutiny of soldiers at  
Peking, and the city was given over  
to pillage and burning.

The trust platform of Senator  
Cummins was embodied in a bill he  
introduced in the senate.

Senator Cummins offered a bill de-  
signed to strengthen the anti-trust  
arm of the government.

Colonel Roosevelt announces that  
he will accept the republican nomina-  
tion for the presidency.

Arizona occupies the distinction of  
having no federal official since her ad-  
mission to statehood.

The United States steel corpora-  
tion is described by an expert exam-  
iner as one of the bad trusts.

The Third Missouri district republi-  
can convention split and elected both  
Taft and Roosevelt delegates.

The department of justice is inves-  
tigating the moving picture business  
to ascertain if there is a "trust."

Reduction of wages would result  
from house steel tariff bill, labor rep-  
resentatives told finance committee.

Secretary Meyer says the United  
States will soon sink to fourth place  
as a naval power if congress is not  
more liberal.

The day of the arrival of Secretary  
of State Knox in Nicaragua is to be  
declared a public holiday throughout  
the country.

Secretary Meyer was before the  
house committee on naval affairs and  
urged that the coal fields of Alaska  
be used by the government.

Senator Dupont of Delaware voiced  
a flat denial of the charges against  
him in the resolution introduced by  
Senator Reed of Missouri.

Representatives of shoe manufactur-  
ers urged the department of justice to  
stand by its civil criminal suits  
against the United Shoe Machinery  
company.

Senator Poindexter advocated be-  
fore the interstate commerce com-  
mittee his bill for abolition of the United  
States commerce court.

Government ownership of express  
properties and operation by Postoffice  
department is provided in a bill Sen-  
ator Gardner will introduce.

gathered largely in the Philippines  
and Central America, and valued at  
\$10,000, has left a local nursery in  
San Mateo, Cal., for England.

Twenty years in the penitentiary  
was the sentence imposed on Richard  
Palmer, in criminal court at Des  
Moines, for the theft of two chickens.  
He confessed.

Governor Hiram Johnson of Califor-  
nia addressed Ohio's fourth constitu-  
tional convention in advocacy of the  
initiative, referendum and recall. He  
made no political references.

One hundred and seven govern-  
ment officials will lose free tele-  
phones when the appropriation com-  
mittee of the house reports the sup-  
ply bill.

An appropriation of \$55,000 for the  
protection of Valdez, Alaska, and the  
adjacent region from glacial floods  
was recommended to the senate by  
the commerce commission.

Samuel Untermeyer told the Inter-  
state Commerce commission there  
was open violation of the anti-trust  
laws in the acquisition of smaller rail-  
roads by certain large eastern sys-  
tems.

The house began hearings on the  
bill providing for increased federal  
appropriations for the aid of the state  
agricultural colleges. The bill con-  
templates an initial appropriation of  
\$500,000.

Fifteen children of strikers at Law-  
rence, Mass., arrived in Washington  
and were met by Victor Berger of  
Wisconsin, the socialist representa-  
tive. They came to testify before the  
house rules committee of the house.

A request from citizens of Ogden,  
Utah, presented to President Taft by  
Representative Howell, urging the  
government to investigate the strike  
of the machinists on the Harriman  
lines was referred to the department  
of justice.

Winfred T. Denison an assistant at-  
torney general, during an address be-  
fore the third annual conference of  
the Western Economic society in  
Chicago, declared that free play, so  
long as it is fair play, should be given  
competition and combination alike.

Eleven women were rescued by  
firemen during a mid-night fire which  
destroyed an apartment building at  
2449 Indiana avenue, Chicago. Eight  
of the women, all of whom were in  
bed when the fire was discovered,  
were carried down extension ladders  
from the fourth story of the building.

#### Persons.

Senator Dupont of Delaware may  
soon undergo investigation.

An investigation of the election of  
Senator Dupont may be undertaken.

President Taft again outlined his  
views on same tariff legislation.

Senator Lodge, while he cannot  
support Roosevelt, will not fight him.

South Dakota La Follette men have  
opened a campaign for their favorite.

Bryan said he was able to see the  
humorous side of the Roosevelt candi-  
dacy.

Governor Dix says Folke E. Brandt  
has proven himself unworthy of a  
pardon.

Federal officeholders with a leaning  
to either Taft or Roosevelt are advis-  
ed to keep out of the political game.

## THE GUARANTY CASE

STATE TAKES DISPUTED SUIT TO  
SUPREME COURT.

### LOST IN THE LOWER COURT

Great Gains Shown in Farm Property  
—Other Matters From the  
State Capital.

The state has appealed from the de-  
cision of the district court of Burt  
county the case of the state against  
the Farmers and Merchants bank of  
Oakland.

At the time the bank guaranty law  
was passed this bank was operating  
under a state charter, but the law was  
held up by an injunction issued out  
of the supreme court. Before that case  
was decided and the law actually  
operative the bank had changed to a  
national bank.

The legislature had also passed an  
amendatory law providing that state  
banks need not pay into the guaranty  
fund for the two years the law had  
been operative, but this law did not  
exempt banks which had in the mean-  
time been converted into national in-  
stitutions. All such banks were sued  
by the state for the apportionment of  
the guaranty fund and the Oakland  
case was taken as a basis for litigation,  
the other cases to follow the ver-  
dict in this.

The state lost in the lower court,  
which held that the amendatory law  
was discriminatory in that it took  
money from institutions which could  
never profit by its terms and exempted  
those which could. As the state  
banks had not been compelled to pay  
the assessment, the converted na-  
tional banks could not be held.

Gains Shown in Farm Property.

Nebraska farm property has grown  
in value from \$747,950,067 in 1900 to  
\$2,079,818,647 in 1910, according to  
figures just given out by the federal  
census department. Every county of  
the state shared in this stupendous  
gain, chief of which was Custer coun-  
ty, the value of the farm property  
there being boosted from \$13,867,769  
in 1900, to \$52,365,961 in 1910.

Clay county gained from \$12,671,763  
to \$37,384,271 in the ten years, Adams  
farm property leaped from \$11,218,071  
in 1900 to \$34,635,033 in 1910. Cuming  
from \$16,728,728 to \$42,656,953. Gage  
county from \$21,940,212 to \$52,733,408,  
Hamilton county from \$12,288,174 to  
\$40,940,191, Knox county from \$11,  
921,816 to \$36,169,821, Platte county  
from \$16,380,208 to \$42,151,323, Saline  
county from \$14,439,139 to \$27,869,407,  
Seward county from \$14,237,283 to  
\$38,004,351, York county from \$14,  
280,487 to \$42,449,825 in the same  
period. Perkins county made the largest  
proportionate gain during the ten  
years' boosting, its values in that  
time just 569 per cent over 1900. Farm  
property in that county was valued in  
1900 at \$970,640 and in 1910 at \$6,  
497,389.

Remains Come to Nebraska.

Mrs. Margaret Converse, who re-  
cently died at Tulsa, Okla., was the  
widow of Joe Converse, the railroad  
builder, who once lived in Lincoln,  
who, a quarter of a century ago, was  
known to all the railroad kings of the  
nation. Her body will be brought here  
for interment beside the body of her  
husband, who died in 1890.

Gets Extension of Time.

Major Julius Penn of the Twelfth  
United States infantry, who has been  
serving for some time past as in-  
structor for the Nebraska National  
guard, has received an extension of  
time and will remain in Lincoln until  
next September.

Douglas Wants Release.

Assistant Attorney General Edger-  
ton has filed a motion in the state su-  
preme court to release Douglas coun-  
ty from a charge of \$88.90, being the  
cost of the printing of the abstract of  
a brief in the Erdman case. John O.  
Yeiser, attorney for Erdman, filed the  
abstract and expected Douglas coun-  
ty to foot the bill. The representative  
of the state legal department,  
however, moves the court to charge  
the bill to Erdman, under a provision  
of the law that permits action of this  
character.

Masons to Build.

Lincoln Masonic orders have de-  
cided to erect a \$100,000 temple on the  
site of their present rooms, and con-  
struction work upon the building will  
begin just as soon as plans can be  
submitted and accepted.

President of Sophomore Class.

Don Wood of Omaha, member of  
the law class at the university, has  
been elected president of the sopho-  
more class over Carl Nagle, also of  
Omaha, member of the engineering  
class. The vote was 114 to 71.

Reappraisal of School Lands.

A reappraisal of more than half  
of the 245,000 acres of state school  
lands under lease in Cherry county  
has been reported to Land Commis-  
sioner Cowles. The reappraisal has  
as yet not been reviewed by the board  
of public lands and buildings and  
whether any changes are to be made  
is not known. Most of the land has  
been increased in its rental value  
from 50 to 75 cents an acre. Other  
sections of it has been doubled. One  
tract was increased from 15 cents an  
acre to \$3 per acre.

### NEBRASKA SET PACE.

First State to Require Agricultural  
Teaching.

largely for the reason that a like at-  
tempt was made to compel the teach-  
ing of music in the public schools. In  
the senate Senator Miller of Buffalo  
county offered the amendment to the  
Fowler bill and it was again defeated  
in the committee of the whole, and  
for the same reason as in the house.  
Senator Miller then made a personal  
plea to the senate to adopt the  
amendment. In substance he stated  
that the amendment had received the  
unanimous endorsement of the State  
Board of Agriculture and of the Dairy-  
men's association; in addition it was  
endorsed by Dr. Charles E. Bessey,  
of the state university, by State Super-  
intendent Fowler as well as by a  
host of farmers throughout the state.  
Then the senate adopted the amend-  
ment, the house concurred and it be-  
came a part of the school law of the  
state. The law as amended gave the  
teachers of the state until July, 1902,  
to comply with its provisions.

It was at once realized by those in-  
terested that text books relating to  
the elementary principles of agricul-  
ture and suitable for use in rural and  
graded schools would be needed. At  
the request of Superintendent Fow-  
ler, Dr. Charles E. Bessey, professor  
of botany; Lawrence Bruner, profes-  
sor of entomology, and G. D. Sweezy,  
professor of astronomy, all of the  
University of Nebraska, prepared the  
copy for a text book entitled "New  
Elementary Agriculture for Rural and  
Graded Schools," and the same was  
published, being first issued in 1903.

Permission to Purchase.

The state railway commission has  
given the Lincoln Telephone and Tel-  
egraph company permission to pur-  
chase the Seward Telephone com-  
pany under the provisions of the mer-  
ger agreement which was effected  
some time ago between the independ-  
ent and Bell interests in this state.  
The Seward company is valued at  
\$100,000, and will be purchased with  
some of the money accumulated  
through the sale of stock, permission  
for the issuance of which was given  
about two weeks ago.

Claim Disallowed.

The board of public lands and  
buildings has refused to allow the  
claim of Mr. McAlpine of Lincoln for  
extra work in repairs of pipes and  
setting stokers at the institute for fee-  
ble minded youth at Beatrice. The  
bill for \$900 extras will not be allowed  
until further information is received  
by the board.

Contract Awarded.

A contract for a tunnel to connect  
the kitchen and two main buildings  
at the Hastings asylum was awarded.  
Reimers, Kauffman & Co. of Lincoln  
will construct the tunnel, which is to  
be 1,500 feet long, 7x8 feet, with ce-  
ment lining and track for a car on the  
floor, for \$10,555. Joseph R. Lehmer  
of Omaha is to do the wiring for \$173  
and Cooper & Cole Bros. of Lincoln  
will furnish the material for the heat-  
ing apparatus for \$1,166.09. The  
tunnel is to be used for conveying food  
from the kitchen to the two buildings  
occupied by patients.

Suit Dismissed.

The suit of the United States  
against Levi C. Anderson of Rulo was  
dismissed, it being a civil action and  
a settlement having been effected. An-  
derson purchased a horse of an Indi-  
an named Frank Deroin, who resides  
on the Sac and Fox reservation. He  
paid the Indian, but the title to the  
horse was vested in the federal gov-  
ernment, the government merely buy-  
ing such animals for the use of the  
Indians while the ownership does not  
pass to them. The government  
brought suit to recover the value of  
the horse and Anderson paid, making  
twice payment for the one horse.

Up to Dr. Winnett.

City Attorney Foster has decided he  
will take no notice of the protest made  
by the Central Labor union of Lin-  
coln against Dr. Winnett of the rail-  
way commission sitting in judgment  
of the street railway case. He says he  
can find nothing in the law which  
would justify his making the protest  
and it was purely a question up to Dr.  
Winnett whether he will participate  
in the hearing.

Commencement Address.

Prof. Charles E. Merriam of Chic-  
ago university will deliver the com-  
mencement address at the state uni-  
versity June 13. He will take for his  
topic "Citizenship." Prof. Merriam  
was a candidate for mayor of Chic-  
ago at the last election.

To Pass on Commission Law.

The supreme court will announce a  
memorandum opinion in the suit in-  
stituted to test the law providing for  
a commission form of government for  
cities of over 5,000 inhabitants. A  
written opinion will be filed later by  
the court.

Medical College Law.

The Omaha medical college law  
will be submitted to the state su-  
preme court March 8, according to the  
call issued. Dr. S. J. Stewart of Has-  
tings is applying for a writ of injunc-  
tion preventing Auditor Barton from  
honoring warrants on the \$100,000 ap-  
propriation. The contention is made  
that the law discriminates in favor  
of the allopathic school of medicine  
as against all others, and that it  
violates a statutory provision which  
sets out that all buildings shall be  
near the state capital.

## WHAT TEDDY WROTE

SAID IN 1911 HE WOULD NOT BE  
A CANDIDATE.

### THE LETTER IS MADE PUBLIC

Former President Talks Freely of His  
Prospects and Gives Reasons for  
Entering the Campaign.

Washington.—Colonel Roosevelt's  
denial of stories sent from Wash-  
ington that the Taft administration had  
reason to believe he would not be a  
candidate for the republican nomina-  
tion against the president and his  
statement at Oyster Bay Saturday  
that Secretary of the Navy Meyer and  
Secretary of War Stimson "could not  
have said he would not be a candi-  
date," caused to be made public here  
a letter written by Colonel Roose-  
velt, June 17, 1911, denying reports  
current at the time he would support  
Mr. Taft, which concluded as follows:

"I have expressed myself perfectly,  
freely to a number of men in this  
matter, always to the same effect;  
telling you, for instance, personally,  
and those who were with you at lunch  
at my house, and telling Gifford Pin-  
chot, Jim Garfield and Congressman  
Madison, and Billy Loeb, and Sec-  
retary Meyer and Secretary Stimson all  
alike, just exactly what I have said,  
always, that I would not be a candi-  
date in 1912 myself, and that I had  
no intention of taking any part in the  
nomination for or against any candi-  
date. Sincerely yours,

"THEODORE ROOSEVELT."

Says He Heeded Call.

Oyster Bay.—Colonel Roosevelt's  
own views of the present political sit-  
uation and his reasons for entering  
the campaign were explained by him  
Sunday.

As he trudged along the country  
road from Oyster Bay village to Saga-  
more hill, on his way home from  
church, the former president talked  
freely of his prospects, and briefly  
stated that his reason for entering  
into a political campaign as an active  
candidate was that men who share  
his political beliefs convinced him they  
needed an effective leader. As to  
the prospect of victory Colonel  
Roosevelt expressed the opinion that  
on a popular vote he would be the  
choice of his party by a big majority.  
How far this result might be modified  
by the interposition of the machinery  
of politics he was unable to say.

Colonel Roosevelt said he supposed  
a great many persons would not be-  
lieve it, but that he had not wished  
to enter the fight.

"So far as a personal victory is con-  
cerned, I don't care," he declared.

To Quiet Title to Railroad Lands.

Washington.—Senator Norris Brown  
has presented to the senate the peti-  
tion of citizens living along the Union  
Pacific railroad in Nebraska calling on  
congress to quiet title to their lands  
lying adjacent to the roadbed of such  
railway. The contest is over the  
width of the right-of-way. Under the  
original grant by congress the Union  
Pacific was given four hundred feet,  
but the company has, until within  
recent years, treated the grant as car-  
rying therein but two hundred feet,  
and have reserved only that much in  
their deeds to settlers. The amount  
involved according to the estimate of  
W. A. Prince, attorney for the settlers,  
is about two and one-half million dol-  
lars. Mr. Prince presented to the  
house committee the side of the set-  
tlers last week.

Looting by Chinese Troops.

Tien Tsin.—Rioting of a serious  
nature took place here. The outbreak  
had been feared and precautions were  
taken as far as possible to prevent  
residents from harm. Between 9 and  
10 o'clock the soldiers mutilated, set  
fire to a number of buildings and then  
began looting from house to house.  
They were joined by the rabble.  
Shops and banks in all the important  
streets were looted, and some of them  
were wrecked.

Rock Island Lays Off Men.

Davenport, Ia.—An order which is  
said to apply to every shop along the  
Rock Island system went into effect  
when 50 per cent of the employes in  
repair shops were laid off.

Location of the Big Fight.

Salt Lake City, Utah.—Jim Flynn  
and Jack Johnson will meet in a twen-  
ty-round bout for the heavyweight  
championship of the world at or near  
Wendover, Utah, on July 24. This was  
announced by persons financially in-  
terested.

Express Rider Dies in Want.

Chicago.—Robert Halsan, 72 years  
old, widely known a generation ago  
as "Pony Bob," died in want here.  
For years he was famed as a pony ex-  
press rider and Indian fighter.

Commended for Bravery.

Washington.—In a letter to Senator  
Hitchcock, Secretary of the Navy  
Meyer commends David C. Patterson,  
son of D. C. Patterson of Omaha, for  
ability displayed when the vessel  
Dixie, of the United States navy,  
sprung a leak in Pacific waters.

Suffragettes on Rampage.

London.—Suffragettes made several  
violent demonstrations in various  
parts of London. One woman fired a  
revolver shot through the window of  
the colonial office, but hurt no one.

### NEBRASKA IN BRIEF.

News Notes of Interest from Various  
Sections.

J. C. Wharton, the new postmaster  
at Omaha, has entered upon his  
duties.

Fremont's water plant has proved  
a money maker—\$15,672.71 to the  
good for the year.

A fire at Croton destroyed a livery  
barn and blacksmith shop. One man  
was seriously burned.

The woman's club of Omaha favors  
putting the name of owners on build-  
ings that are used for questionable  
purposes.

J. H. Lohman of Crete has accepted  
the cashiership of the German Na-  
tional bank of Hastings and will move  
his family to Hastings about March 1.

Governor Aldrich has issued a re-  
quisition for the return of J. O. Cappel  
from Shelby county, Tennessee, to  
Omaha, on the charge of forging a  
check for a small amount.

The state orthopedic hospital at  
Lincoln, which was established a few  
years ago, has gradually grown until  
there are now one hundred crippled  
children in the institution.

The smallpox scare in David City  
has entirely ceased. There are no  
new cases and those who had the dis-  
ease had it in a very mild form. The  
most of the quarantines are lifted.

The Union Pacific seed corn special  
visited Grand Island on schedule time  
and from sixty to 100 people heard  
the lecture by Mr. C. Hull. Quite a  
number of these were business men.

As Tracy L. Graham of Platts-  
mouth, a fireman in the employ of the  
Burlington, was going to the round  
house to get on his engine, he was run  
over, receiving injuries from which  
he died.

Some old seed corn brought to  
the pure food department at Lincoln  
from Crete is showing up the best  
of anything yet tested. It was put  
into the sand tester and is showing a  
high per cent of germination.

Upon petition by thirty-six citizens  
of Beatrice, the city council will sub-  
mit the license question to the voters  
at the coming city election, and  
Beatrice will again witness a fierce  
fight for saloons.</