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GREATER OR LESSER IMPORT

Includes What is Going On at Washington and in Other Sections of the Country.

Congress.

The senate voted in favor of Sena tor Stephenson retaining his seat. Rules committee decided not to report resolutions calling for Lawrence strike investigation.

The house passed the bill reducing residence required on homestead lands from five to three years.

The House Ways and Means committee will take no immediate action on cotton tariff schedule revision.

President Taft, submitting the tariff board's report on cotton, recommended revision of tariff and reductions in

The interior department expenditures committee decided to investigate the Indian bureau, hearings to begin

The shipping trust investigating committee is gathering evidence from all government departments and hearings will not begin for a month.

Representative Foster of Illinois introduced a bill calling for a mining industry commission to make an exhaustive inquiry into mining conditions.

The Gronna joint resolution creating a commission to investigate foreign rural credit unions was favorably reported by the senate finance sommittee.

The Senate Finance committee de-Aided to report favorably the McCumber bill to repeal the Canadian reciprocity agreement, except the wood pulp and print paper section.

Representative Jackson urged be fore the Interstate Commerce committee his resolution for investigation of all fire insurance companies, declaring they had the country "by the throat.

The Lorimer committee, by a vote of 5 to 3, decided the senate's vote sustaining Mr. Lorimer in the last congress, on substantially the same charges, barred any further proceedings against him.

Representative Lobeck, criticising resolution calling on the attorney poultry in transit. the Department of Justice, introduced general for all correspondence and information in the investigation of

the International Harvester company. The senate judiciary committee ordered favorably reported Senator Cummin's bill to make possible the serving cf a summons upon corporations which violated the law in doing business in a state where they were without authorized agents.

General.

The home rule bill is not to be introduced into the house of commons before Easter.

The republican territorial convention endorsed President Taft for another term.

Stock of the Standard Oil company of Kentucky sold at 900 a share, a rise of 450 points.

Four hundred union carpenters of Des Moines went on a strike for 55 cents an hour.

Gov. R. S. Vessey selected the site for South Dakota's building for the Panama-Pacific exposition. The senate rejected the dollar a

day pension bill and substituted the measure of Senator Smoot. Words of bitter invective were used

by attorneys in summing up their case in the sugar trial. The money trust investigating com-

mittee announced the employment of an accountant to begin a compilation of "interlocking directorates."

Millers from Nebraska, Oklahoma, Kansas and Missouri, comprising the southwestern millers' league, began their annual meeting at Kansas City. Delegate Wickersham of Alaska, be-

fore the house territories committee, charged that Governor Clark has "deliberately misstated facts" in reporting conditions in Alaska.

House Leader Underwood announced that cotton tariff revision would be taken up if the senate acted dium. on tariff measures already passed by the house and the wool bill after it passes.

The coroner's jury at Springfield, Neb., held Chief of Police John Briggs of South Omaha responsible for firing the shot that killed young Farmer Blunt. Hyers and Trout were held to

be accessories. An Iowa candidate for delegate to the Baltimore convention says Bryan

must be the candidate. William Ludwell Shepard, confederate veteran and widely known as an

illustrator and designer of sculpture, is dead at Richmond, Va. The United States was asked to contribute \$200,000 toward the nation-

al conservation exposition to be held in Knoxville, Tenn. Physical valuation of the rallroads

of the United States is authorized in a bill reported unanimously to the house by the interstate and foreign commerce committee,

The democratic tariff wool bill passed the house Monday.

The Colorado republican state convention instructed delegates for Taft Another murder occurred at the Nebraska penitentiary, Convict Tom Davis killing Convict James Strong.

A strike broke out among the employes of the Northern railroad of

A compromise on a 5 per cent increase to miners has been suggested at Cleveland.

Major H. Glacke, United States in ternal revenue collector, died at his Object of Call to Get the Governor home at Cheyenne.

By a vote of 222 to 208 the house of commons rejected the conciliation bill on its second reading.

In an address at St. Paul, Minn., Colonel Roosevelt discussed conservation and the lack of it.

A. B. Fall and T. B. Catron, republicans, were elected United States senators in New Mexico. Colorado has joined with Nebraska

in protesting the Union Pacific four hundred feet of right-of-way. Congress needs no coaching from

the tariff board according to Democratic House Leader Underwood. A pile of coal and a wharf composing the naval station at Sitka, Alaska was ordered abandoned by the navy.

President Taft sent to the senate the nomination of George L. Townsend to be United States marshal for Delaware.

The house committee on expenditures in the interior department decided to conduct a full investigation into the Indian bureau.

An unidentified Italian was burned to death and a property loss of \$100,-000 was incurred in a fire in the business district of Blairmont, Ala.

Resort to the courts will probably be made at once for a review of the decision of the interstate commerce commission announced in the Louisiana rate case.

The house elections committee voted to recommend unseating of Representative C. C. Bowman, Eleventh Pennsylvania district, on charges of election frauds.

The Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific railway has placed orders for 26,550 tons of rails. The order was distributed between one western and two eastern companies.

The interstate commerce committee unanimously voted to report favorably a bill providing for physical valuation of all railroads of the United States. It is planned to make Pittsburg

developed from the nearby rivers and streams. Over 100,000 horsepower can be obtained in this way. Legislation for the suppression of vice and the "white slave" traffic is

smokeless by using electrical power

to be discussed at the state anti-vice convention to be held in Bloomington, Ill., April 15 and 16. Representative Mann of Illinois introduced a bill to require all railroads, steamship lines or other common car-

riers to provide food and water for At Waukesha, Wis., Senator Gore when a crazed Pole, Charles Schomulla, attacked him with a club while the

senator was speaking. Beatrice Anna Baldwin Turnbull, alleged daughter of Elias L. (Lucky) Baldwin, has lost her long fight in the courts to get a share of the \$30,000,-000 estate left by the famous turiman.

The Arizona legislature, by an overwhelming majority resolutions objecting to the appointment of Former Territorial Governor Richard Sloan, to be United States judge for the district of

This is what Madero of Mexico says: "Whatever happens I shall be found at my post. I shall not resign. Reports that have been published that I intend to leave the presidency are untrue."

The Blue Grass Baseball league directors met at Lexington, Ky., and decided to hold an "umpire day" this year, on which players and spectators are to treat the umpire with the

utmost consideration. As a result of the alleged insubordination of Privates Frank Carroll and Frank Cunningham, Sergeant Clarence Britten, who is in charge of the Yellowstone National Park, asserts he was compelled to shoot both men.

In the arrest of E. F. Jordan, said to be an escaped convict, with numerous aliases, the police of Chicago believe they have captured the ringleader of a band of safeblowers who have baffled the officers there during the last six months. More than thirty robberies have been committed during that period.

Legislation for the protection of Niagara Falls probably will go over until the next session of congress.

As between the ultra radical and the reactionary, Colonel Roosevelt pronounced himself the happy me-

Governor Hunt of Arizona voluntarily spent a night in the state prison cell.

The official has been found who suppressed the report in the everglades case.

General Leonidas Plaza has been elected president of Eduador. Last words from Capt. Scott put him

150 miles from the south pole. Webster Snyder, one of the builders of the Union Pacific, died at Dallas,

Texas The daughter of Senator La Follette is making some addresses in Ne-

braska. United States Senator Taylor of Tennessee died in Washington Sun-

day. Nathan Alexander, Goodland, Kan., claims to be the father of twenty-Beven sons.

THE BLUNT TRAGEDY

RELATIVES OF YOUNG FARMER CALL ON GOVERNOR.

ALSO VISIT CONVICT MORLEY

Interested in Inquest Concerning Mr. Blunt's Death.

Relatives of Roy Blunt, the innocent victim of the pursuit of the convicts, Gray, Dowd and Morley, were at the capitol to see Governor Aldrich. In the party were Mr. and Mrs. Peter Anderson, father and mother of Mrs. Roy Blunt; a sister, Miss Anderson, the father of Roy Blunt and the brother, Lloyd, who was at the house when the convicts called there, and in addition the widow of the unfortunate young man,

While all the other members of the party appeared to be moved by a there was design in the incorrect strong impulse to see that the wrong righted which they undoubtedly firmly believe has been perpetrated, the young widow sat quietly in the governor's waiting room, her face conveying no other impression than one borne down and her mind solely oc-

cupied with a great sorrow. After the conference with the governor the members of the party were decidedly reticent and refused to talk. The governor was no less in the town and gives smaller and less clined to secrecy, but when asked whether he as governor intended to take a hand in the inquest he replied: "You may quote me as saying that I am not a court or an examining magistrate and can take no part in the inquest. I am willing, however, to do anything within my power to help these people ascertain the facts concerning the killing of Roy Blunt."

It was evident from the little dropped by the members of the party that they believe the fatal shot was fired by Chief John Briggs of South Omaha and that an effort will be made to have a grand jury in Sarpy county indict not only Briggs, but also the other two men who were in the rig with him, John C. Trouton of So. Omaha and Sheriff Chase of Sarpy county. Sheriff Chase, while in the city, expressed the opinion that such was the fact. It also appears from what was dropped that if any of the posse claim the reward offered by the state they will at once become the target for action, as there is no doubt that not only these relatives but the friends and neighbors of young Blunt are thoroughly in earnest,

After the visit to the governor the entire party went to the penitentiary where they had an interview with Morley, the sole survivor of the party in the wagon when the shooting occurred. Morley told them he did of Oklahoma narrowly escaped death, know who the man was who fired the shot, which killed Blunt, but it was the man who sat on the front seat lagers of railroad companies, ansuers.

Water Power Rights.

The preliminary skirmish in the Ross-Cozad hearing, involving water power rights on the Elkhorn and Platte rivers, came to a conclusion before the state irrigation board. The sides to prepare briefs for immediate submission and set April 12 as the date for the oral argument of the case.

Chadron Cases Decided.

Judge T. C. Munger has decided two land cases from the Chadron district in favor of the homesteaders, the government seeking to cancel the entry on the ground of fraud. The cases are those of Sadie Greary, formerly Sadie Ellwanger, and Nicholas G. Lehman, present owner of the land.

Help for State Fairs.

Congressman Maguire has written Secretary Mellor of the state board of agriculture that the bill to appropriate \$100,000 for each state fair for a government building, the structure to be used mostly for state fair purposes, will be taken up in committee

Plainview Wants Union Depot.

Fred H. Free, of Plainview, in a complaint filed with the railway commission, scores the station facilities of the Northwestern and Burlington roads at that town and asks the commission to compel the two roads to build a union station at the point where the railroad tracks cross.

Attacked by a Vicious Sow.

While playing out in the yard the little 2-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. James Adams, living out in the country north of Bradshaw, wandered out to the hog yard, where the little fellow was attacked by a vicious sow and would have lost his life but for the arrival of his father.

Canvass Comes Any Time. In response to inquiries of county

clorks and after consulting with the attorney general, Secretary Walt has written officials that the returns of the primary election can be canvassed at any time after they are all in the hands of the clerks. The old law provided the canvass should be held the Friday following the election. The new primary law makes no such provision and as the primary is held on Friday, if the old law was followed it would be a week after election before the canvass.

CHECKS CAR WEIGHT.

Expert Powell Finds Marks on Sides Are Wrong.

Railroads may have their business down to an exact science as is often asserted, but figures compiled by U. G. Powell, expert rate man for the Nebraska railway commission, would not indicate it. He has been digging up some facts concerning weights to present to the Interstate Commerce. commission at Chicago.

The custom of the roads is to mark on cars the weight of the cars, which marks are permanent. When a loaded car is weighed this amount is taken from the total to get at the contents. Out of 1,100 cars weighed by the commission on tested scales 402 showed a variation from correct weight of 400 to 7,200 pounds, the others varying in lesser amounts. The one which was off 7,300 was a Northwestern car and the stenciled weight was that much less than its real weight, the company thereby cheating itself out of that much on each carload if it weighed up to the maximum. In others the stenciled weights, were too great, the whole showing

weights. In reweighing 500 cars of coal four, different scales were used and differences in scales amounting to as high as 13,000 pounds were discovered in

one instance.

Cambridge Files Complaint, The city of Cambridge has filed a complaint against the Burlington road in the which the allegation is made that the road discriminates against important places better train service and better accommodations for pass-

engers. The Commercial club which files complaint, wants the board to order all trains stopped at Cambridge and a new and adequate depot provided. The complaint will be referred to the company and time granted to file an answer, after which a date will be set for a hearing in case the company, and the residents of Cambridge cannot get together on a solution of the

Investigating Penitentiary Affairs.

A. W. Ricker, a staff correspondent of the socialist paper, Appeal to Reason, was in Lincoln making an investigation of affairs at the Nebraska, state penitentiary. This paper is the same one which, about a year ago, investigated the federal prison at Leavenworth and in return therefor had three of its men indicted for sending obscene matter through the mails.

Mrs. Blunt May Suc.

Word has been received in Lincoln, that Mrs. Roy Blunt, widow of the farmer killed in the convict hunt may sue for damages. Legal talent has been consulted in the matter.

Increase of Cold Storage Cars. State Food Commissioner Hansen, after a conference with freight manwith the driver of the front rig of pur- i nounces that the railroad companies have promised to willingly increase their cold storage car service in Nebraska.

Sheriff's Recommendations.

Sheriff Hyers of Lincoln believes a law should be passed that would make it necessary for every man who purboard ordered the attorneys for both chases a gun or revolver to have a permit from some competent authority. Further, a record should be kept, of every gun sold and of the purchazer.

Stubbs Orders Name Off.

Governor Stubbs of Kansas wired to Secretary of State Wait asking that his name be taken off the primary ballot as a republican candidate for vice president. The governor says he is. not a candidate for that office. The request will be complied with.

Law Being Complied With.

Labor Commissioner Guye has completed the inspection of forty-four stores, shops and factories in Lincoln, Omaha and Plattsmouth. He reports that the new law relating to the protection of machinery so as to prevent injury of employes and facilities for the comfort of working men and women is being complied with willingly by property owners and employers.

Wait Changes Ruling.

Secretary of State Wait is sending out a supplemental certificate of nomination to county clerks throughout the state. The original list provided for the selection in the primary of the district electors by a vote of the entire state. The attorney general, after carefully looking into the law has informed the secretary that while the electors are voted for at large in the general election in November, they are nominated by districts in the primary, with the exception of the two electors at large. That matters may be set right this information is sent out to the county clerks.

Protection for Fruit.

Nebraska fruit is to be especially protected by the United States weather bureau, according to an announcement by Observer G. A. Loveland of the Lincoln office. Jack Frost is to be watched carefully by the government bureau and is to be given no opportunity to catch the fruit grower unaware. Whenever a cold wave seems imminent the weather bureau will issue an emergency warning to all fruit growers, especially to those who are equipped with heaters for protect ing their orchards.

WOOL TARIFF VOTED

MEASURE PASSES LOWER HOUSE OF CONGRESS.

AN EFFORT TO RAISE RATES

Twenty Progressive Republicans Help Their Democratic Brethren in Passing the Bill.

Washinton.-The democratic wool bill on Monday passed the house 189to 92 with twenty progressive republlcans voting for it. Representative Rucker of Colorado, who opposed it in in the high school auditorium at debate and answered "present" on the roll call and Representative Francis of Ohio, who voted against it, were the only democrats who did not line up with the majority.

Representative Payne moved recommit the bill with instructions to the committee to report the republican substitute, but was lost, 169 to

The twenty republicans who voted for the bill were: Anderson, Lindberg, Miller, Nelson, Nye, Steenerson, Stevens, Volsted, Haugen, Hubbard, Akin, Jackson, Murdock, Young. La Follette, Warburton, Lafferty, Hanna, Kent, Norris.

Supporters of the bill declared it would not cut the government's revenue, but would save more than \$50,-000,000 a year to consumers because of their adjustment of rates.

All the attempts of the republicans to amend the bill to increase the

rates were lost. The tariff board came in for criticism in the speechmaking.

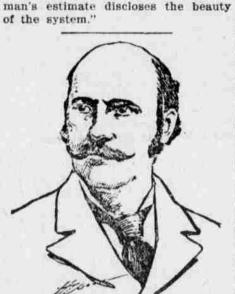
Representative Kitchin considered that Senators Smoot and Warren had deliberately imposed on the tariff sity of more school bouse room. board to maintain the high duty on

"How is it," he cried, "that sheep growers in Washington are able to raise wool at one-twentieth of a cent a pound and in Wyoming, according to the board's report, a pound costs thirteen cents?'

Representative Mondell replied that wool costs 15 cents to produce in Wyoming.

"And yet," returned Mr. Kitchin,

this infallible board shaded that



Robert Taylor, Senator from Tennes-

see, who died Sunday. Compulsory Education for Alaska. Washington.-Senator Norriz Brown has reported from the committee on hill of Aurora, Neb., secretary of the territories a bill providing for the association, spoke on the subject of compulsory education of the children "Insurance," and his talk contained of Alaska. The bill has the support of the national commission on educa- those in the grain business. The tion. Senator Brown takes the post- question of "Scales" and "Shrinkage" tion that since the government provides schools for the children of that territory the parents and guardians probably the greatest problems of the should be compelled to send the chil- grain men. dren to school. This is especially desirable in the case of the native chil-

fully appreciate school privileges.

Trust Law Held Valid. Washington.-The anti-trust laws of Missouri were upheld by the supreme court of the United States. The court approved of the state's action in ousting the Standard Oil company of Indiana and the Republic Oil company of New York from the state and fining each \$50,000 under these

Carpenters Strike for Raise.

Chicago. -- Building operations aggregating expenditures estimated at from \$30,000,000 to \$50,000,000, were expected to be affected in Cook county by a strike of 14,000 carpenters that started on Monday.

Adopt Convention Method.

Dallas, Tex.-The state democratic executive committee, by a vote of 27 to 4, decided on the convention method of selecting delegates to the Baltimore convention.

Found in Illinois River. Indianapolis, Ind .- The body Chaplain John E. Dallam of the Twenty-third infantry, stationed at Fort Benjamin Harrison, who has been missing from the post for two weeks, has been found in the Illinois river near Meredosia, Ill.

Dencen Signs Primary Bill. Springfield, Ill.-Illinois has a prestdential preference primary law in effect. Governor Deneen, on a bed of sickness in the executive mansion, at-

tached his approval to the measure.

NEBRASKA IN BRIEP.

News Notes of Interest from Various

Sections. It is announced that Secretary of the Interior W. L. Fisher will speak

the 9th Fred Rainey, fireman on train No. 14, wrecked near Bostwick, who received serious injuries and was brought to Wymore where he died.

in Omaha April 8 and in Lincoln on

Prof. W. C. Nol, principal of the Fairmont high school, has resigned his position to accept the position of principal in the McCool public schools. W. J. Bryan has been secured to de-

liver the commencement address at Peru on the 24th of May. His subject will be "Signs of the Times." Miss Fola La Follette, daughter of Senator La Follette, gave a reading Geneva, under the auspices of the

High School Dramatic club. John Franck, president of the South Omaha city council, has been indicted by the Douglas county grand jury on a charge of selling liquor on

election day. The Meridian road, extending from Winnipeg, Canada, to the gulf, passes through Stromsburg, and at a meeting of the Commercial club a committee was appointed to put in place road marks made for this purpose by

the Meridian road association, The Missouri Pacific Railroad company, which recently obtained permission of the Nebraska railway commissien to issue bonds, has reported that the issue cannot be sold. The company needs \$5,000,000 to pay for equipment already bought.

The third trainload of sheep, consisting of twenty-two cars, started to market from Morrill, making to date 102 cars shipped out during March. These were all double-decekd cars, containing about 230 sheep each, or a total of about 25,000 head.

Albion is confronted with the neces-Some favor building second or third ward schools, while others prefer a fine \$30,000 or more house. Something will have to be done to properly care for the children.

Leonard Taylor, a fourteen-year-old boy residing in Broken Bow, has been notified that he has captured one of the big prizes given out by a well known eastern publication. The prize consists of a pony, harness and cart and was given to the one who sold the greatest number of magazines cost price just 2 cents. The gentle- during the month of December.

Sioux Falls (S. D.) dispatch: C. V. Pratt, a fugitive from Nebraska, wanted in Dawson county, that state, on the charge of wife desertion, who recently was captured in South Dakota, has been taken back to Nebraska by Sheriff Fred C. Benton of Lexington. Pratt was traced to and arrested at the home of his parents on a farm in Brookings county.

Clerk J. A. Piper of the state board of charities and correction, also clerk of the prison board, has written to all of the principal northern penitentiaries for the bill of fare used in such institutions. The object is to ascertain whether or not Nebraska can improve its prison fare without the expenditure of more money. The state is now paying as much for provisions as is paid by the state of Illinois for food at Joliet.

The annual convention of the Farmers' Elevator State association was held in Beatrice, and representatives were present from Aurora, Lincoln, Cortland, Beatrice and Kansas City. The purpose of this organization is to band together the farmers' elevator companies of the state. J. W. Shortmany suggestions of great value to were discussed by a number of the members present. These are two of

A requisition has been issued for the return to Nebraska of J. B. Gandren, whose parents do not seem to gos, a Mexican, who is now under arrest at Sioux City. He is accused, in connection with several other Mexicans, with robbing the store of Sam Adler of Omaha.

> Governor Aldrich has advised Mayor F. W. Harris of Alliance that he will do well to resign rather than face investigation of his official record under the Sackett law. Recently the city marshall and a night watchman of the police force were indicted for accepting bribes from keepers of houses of ill repute. Members of the grand jury which indicted them signed a petition requesting the governor to take action against the mayor.

> Joe Tehon, a farmer living seven miles west of Anselmo, was shot and instantly killed by Frank Bayers, a son of Mrs. Mary Bayers, a woman who had been living with Tehon. Tehon, who was about 40 years of age, and of a quarrelsome nature, entered the house and started a fight with the woman. The boy resented the attack on his mother and seizing a revolver fired three shots into Tchon's body, killing him instantly,

> Three more inmates escaped from the Kearney industrial achool last week. They are Elmer Allen, Niel Lindsay and Harry Sherrett.

B. F. Tiffany, the Denver autorney who is under arrest on the charge of swindling Lady Tankerville of England in a maning stock deal, was formerly a resident of Nebraska. While living at Albien he was appointed a judge of the district court by Governor Dawes and was subsequently elected to that office. Later he was engaged in the banking business at Asinsworth and practiced law in

Omaha. The Elks club of Alliance is mak-