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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.
The senate adjourned for a day on account of the death of Senator Taylor of Tennessee.

The Senate Finance committee heard protest from Porto Ricans against free sugar bill.

A bill authorizing the appointment of dental surgeons in the navy was passed by the senate.

The senate foreign relations committee approved Crawford bill for inquiry into high cost of living.

The tariff wool bill passed the lower house. Many progressive republicans voting with the democrats.

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

The beet and cane sugar growers protested against house free sugar bill before the senate finance committee.

The house passed, 173 to 17, a bill creating a children's bureau in the Department of Commerce and Labor.

President Taft in message urged passage of legislation to promote economy and efficiency in government service.

Representative Humphrey introduced a bill, approved by the Department of Justice, designed to break up shipping pools and combines.

Representative Gardner of Massachusetts defended the judiciary in a speech and took issue with the doctrine of the recall of judges.

The "wireless treaty" which has been pigeonholed in the senate for some time, was ratified without the formality of a roll call.

Interstate commerce committee favorably reported a bill to amend interstate commerce law and provide rate zones for express companies.

Majority Leader Underwood announced the legislative program of the house from now on would be confined to appropriation and supply bills.

President Taft in message urged immediate appropriation of \$500,000 to strengthen levees on Mississippi and Missouri rivers to prevent further flood damage.

An appropriation of \$250,000 for the aid of a negro exposition in 1913 to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of Lincoln's emancipation proclamation was passed by the senate.

The foreign affairs committee of the house decided to report favorably resolution directing State department to insist upon immediate settlement by Mexico of claims of Americans.

Rivers and harbors committee decided to report favorably Representative Ransdell's bill appropriating \$350,000 for strengthening levees in Mississippi, Missouri and Ohio rivers.

The senate judiciary committee ordered favorably reported the employers' liability and workmen's compensation bill as recommended by the Employers' Liability commission.

Representative Henry of Texas, who has a bill to change inauguration day from March 4 to the last Thursday in April, introduced a resolution to provide for early action in the house.

General.

The republican territorial convention endorsed President Taft for another term.

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.

Words of bitter invective were used by attorneys in summing up their case in the sugar trial.

The miners federation, after a long conference, decided to advise all the miners in Great Britain to resume work.

President Taft sent to the senate the nomination of Edward P. Stackable to be collector of customs for Hawaii.

Former Governor Charles B. Aycock of North Carolina dropped dead at the Jefferson theater, Birmingham, Ala., while addressing the Alabama educational association.

What is termed a "freside campaign" has been undertaken by the committee of eastern railroad managers, who are in controversy with the brotherhood of locomotive engineers on the subject of wages.

A bill to provide direct appeal to the supreme court of the United States from the highest tribunal of a state when questions affecting the federal constitution are concerned, was favorably reported by the senate judiciary committee.

The remains of the heroes recovered from the wrecked battleship Maine, in Havana harbor, were laid to rest at Arlington.

Dispatches from Gyangze, Tibet, say the Chinese have established a representative council at Lhasa, the capital of Tibet, and proclaimed a republic.

The democratic tariff wool bill passed the house Monday.

Japan has secured no base on Magdalena bay, Mexico.

Brigadier General A. B. Carey, U. S. A. retired died at his winter home in Florida.

Industrial workers of the world are not wanted in Pacific coast cities.

President Madero says peace will be speedily restored in Mexico.

Porto Ricans protest to Secretary Knox against free sugar tariff.

A bill designed to break up the shipping pools was offered in the house.

There is no previous record of such a flood as now prevails in the lower Mississippi valley.

A bill authorizing the appointment of dental surgeons in the navy was passed by the senate.

Senator Bailey blamed woman and labor agitators for the war declared on phosphorus matches.

According to a forecast at Washington the lower Mississippi floods will be the worst on record.

Secretary Wilson defended the agricultural department's actions in the Florida everglades case.

Secretary Hilles says a majority of the republican national committeemen are favorable to Taft.

Senator Dixon promises "big speeches" by Colonel Roosevelt in his coming tour of the south.

Captain Scott's ship returns from south polar region with news that he is still far from the pole.

Cases involving the power of the states over railroad rates are before the federal supreme court.

Miners in both anthracite and bituminous field cease work, pending settlement of wage dispute.

Twenty-one thousand settlers for the Canadian northwest arrived in Winnipeg from the old country.

Socialists were defeated in Milwaukee and LaFollette ran well ahead in the Wisconsin statewide primary.

Miss Katie Mandell, en route from Russia to Omaha, but detained at Ellis Island, has been ordered released.

The house passed, 172 to 17, a bill creating a children's bureau in the department of commerce and labor.

The fourteenth annual convention of the National Association of Retail Druggists will be held in Milwaukee, August 26-31.

Rear Admiral Nicholson assumed command of the newly organized "China squadron," and raised his flag on the Rainbow.

National and state banks to the number of 3,000 or more will be interrogated by the house money trust investigating committee.

The Eastern Star Masonic home, an institution for old members of Masonic and Eastern Star orders of Iowa, burned to the ground at Boone.

Funeral services for Calbraith P. Rodgers, the aviator, were held in Pasadena, Cal., and the body was sent to Pittsburgh, Pa., for burial.

James Wilson, secretary of the Department of Agriculture, delivered his first speech in Illinois in favor of the re-election of President Taft of Champaign.

Senator Crawford's bill, looking to an international inquiry into the high cost of living, was ordered favorably reported by the senate committee on foreign relations.

Commander Spencer S. Wood of the navy, Admiral Dewey's aide from 1904 to 1908, will get no additional pay for those services, according to a supreme court decision.

It is against the law for a lodge or club to sell intoxicants in a county in Missouri which has voted out saloons according to a decision of the Kansas City court of appeals.

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 turfman.

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."

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.

Senator Ashburn, one of Arizona's first members in the upper house of congress, said he would soon introduce a bill for the recall of judges, but would not include the supreme court of the United States in its provisions.

Secretary of State Knox visited the country which gave birth to L'Ouverture, Dessalines and Christophe, the three great negro revolutionists of Hayti, and at the presidential dinner gave some advice to the present-day negro republicans as to how to obtain prosperity through internal peace and international good behavior.

Personal.
Aviator Cal. P. Rodgers was killed by a fall at Long Beach, Cal.

General Grant, not in good health, has gone south to recuperate.

W. J. Bryan criticised both Taft and Harmon in his Des Moines speech.

In the Vermont primaries Taft got 421 and Roosevelt 245.

Last words from Capt. Scott put him 150 miles from the south pole.

The senate has just been enlarged by four new senators from New Mexico and Arizona.

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 Nebraska.

United States Senator Taylor of Tennessee died in Washington Sunday.

NEBRASKA'S PRISON

SOME SERIOUS CRITICISM ON ITS MANAGEMENT.

COMPLAINT IS NOT VERIFIED

Doubts As to Prof. Taylor Being Well Informed by a Brief Visit to the Institution.

Since coming to Lincoln, Prof. Graham Taylor of Chicago university has delivered a number of addresses in each of which he is quoted as indulging severe strictures on the management of the Nebraska penitentiary. Among other things he is quoted as saying that prisoners confined there were better men than the late Warden Delahanty and he also indulged in unsparing criticism of conditions which now prevail. Officials assert that all Prof. Taylor knows about conditions at the prison he obtained during a forty-minute visit to the institution, during which he walked through and talked a few minutes with Morley and a few other convicts.

Warden Melick and the Board of Public Lands and Buildings, which has charge of the prison, assert that such intemperate language, founded on little or no information and no opportunity to ascertain the truth or falsity of stories on which they are predicated, are the most baleful influence they have to combat at present. All such stories find their way back to the convicts and produce a spirit of resentment and insubordination which renders the task of getting matters back to the normal just that much more difficult.

Just as long as such agitation, it is said, is kept up, it will be necessary to enforce restrictions on the convicts which would not be required if agitation did not render them dissatisfied, according to officials, and instead of bettering the condition of the convicts some who doubtless mean well are standing in the way of betterment.

As to former Warden Delahanty, it is pointed out that when Warden Smith was in charge all the convicts except one petitioned Governor Shalenger to have Delahanty retained as deputy warden.

Manager Lee of the Lee Broom and Duster company, which has the contract for prison labor, is being prodded to find work for more men. He was offered 294 and took only 169. The board will insist that he pay for the excess whether he uses them or not, as his contract calls for 325 men, and it is none of the business of the board if the company is overstocked with goods.

Can Retain the Fees.

Deputy Attorney General Ayres, in reply to a question from Seward county, has said that a county judge who is doing an abstract business and who has given bond under the law regulating abstractors has a right to retain fees which he collects for the making of abstracts of title outside of his official work. The deputy attorney general has also decided that the election called in Blaine county in the year 1911 to abolish the office of county assessor was legal and that the office has been abolished and the county assessor cannot hold over under the law of 1911 extending the term of county assessors one year.

Bids for State Printing.

Bids for state printing will be received by the state printing bureau July 1. Notices have been sent to printers informing them that bids will be received on biennial reports of several state departments and on miscellaneous printing for the state.

Twenty-three Divorces Granted.

During the month of March twenty-three divorces were granted by the district court of Lancaster county, decrees being granted to seventeen women and six men. The most common complaint upon which applications were based was that of cruelty.

Norris Coming to Nebraska.

Unless the contest over the parcels post in the house precincts, Congressman Norris contemplates coming to Nebraska for the windup of the primary campaign. It had been understood that neither Norris nor Brown would personally take part in the campaign, but plans seemed to have been changed.

A Lengthy Ballot.

Secretary Thomas of the state printing bureau has made an estimate of the length of the ballot in Clay county, where he resides, and finds it will be five feet long. In other counties it may be much longer on account of more candidates for county offices.

Dogs, Hound or Otherwise, Barred.
Commandant Hillyard of the Milford home for soldiers does not believe in kicking the dog around, but he has issued an ultimatum to a member of the home that he must not keep a dog in his room on the second floor. The old soldier and his wife who own the animal both resent this ruling and make the counter charge that Commandant Hillyard himself keeps a dog. The letter says he does not keep his Eskimo dog in the house. The canine of the old soldier must go or he and his wife must do so.

NEW TAXATION LAW.

Question Comes Up As to Workings of the Same.

Are real estate mortgages held by state banks taxable under the new mortgage taxation law? This question has been propounded by a banker to the attorney general and referred to Henry Seymour, secretary of state board of equalization and assessment. Mr. Seymour takes the position that when a bank loans funds on real estate and takes a mortgage on real estate and no agreement is made between the parties as to who shall pay the tax on the mortgage, the mortgage is not taxable to the bank. In the event the money is borrowed from a private person, the mortgage is taxable.

Mr. Seymour argues that state banks need not pay taxes on mortgages because the money which they loan on such property is not assessable to banks. Loans and deposits are not assessed against banks, but deposits are assessed to depositors. Banks are assessed upon capital stock. The mortgage taxation act provides that the plan of taxation of mortgages shall not apply to corporations whose property is exempt from taxation. This section, Mr. Seymour believes, exempts loans and discounts of banks from taxation, therefore mortgages owned by banks are exempt. His ruling does not apply to mortgages held by banks as collateral security.

The attorney general's department is inclined to the belief that a mortgage may become in fact an interest in real estate and taxable as real estate. Mr. Seymour says if this is true, money invested in mortgages of banks must be deducted from capital stock upon which taxes are paid, for the revenue law provides that real estate and other property of banks taxable separately, shall be deducted from capital stock on which taxes are paid. If bank mortgages are assessed as real estate and deducted from capital stock, in most instances state banks would pay no tax on capital stock, because loans and discounts often exceed the amount of capital stock. National banks are not permitted to loan funds on real estate.

Tubers Are High.

Potatoes are higher this spring than they have been for several years. Saturday they retailed from 51 to 55 cents a peck. They sold close to \$2 a bushel. Last spring commission men had large consignments on hand and expected to realize big prices for them. Instead they lost considerable money, for potatoes dropped as low as ninety cents a bushel. The speculators had underestimated the amount of stock on hand. This season, it is declared, they are making big profits. The shortage is marked and no one seems to know when the advance will be checked.

Primary Bill Too Late.

I. D. Evans of Kanesaw, author of the primary law and one of its most persistent champions, said that it was manifestly a mistake to have the presidential and state primary at the same time. "There is too much for the voter to grasp in such a primary to obtain really intelligent action. Either the selection of state officers or the presidential preference will be to some extent neglected in the scanning of such an abnormally long ballot," he said.

Lapsley Ends in Prison.

Lloyd Lapsley of Beatrice last week made the last station of his wedding journey, which was the penitentiary. Lapsley is an electrical engineer who formerly lived at Beatrice until the district judge and a jury transferred his address to the prison. He forged a check for \$200 and with the proceeds started on a wedding journey. Sheriff J. L. Schiek of Gage county overhauled him at Dennison, Tex. His trial resulted in an indeterminate sentence of from two to ten years.

To Play Nebraska Wesleyan.

Creighton university will play Nebraska Wesleyan college in tennis on May 4 according to an agreement made last week. The Coyotes will be on an extended tour through Nebraska, Iowa and Kansas and while in Omaha will meet both Omaha university and Creighton, the former on May 3.

Workman Accident Association.

A workman accident association organized among the Ancient Order of United Workmen in this state, and patterned after the Woodmen accident association, is shortly to become an active organization in this state. Application for the right to organize and do business in the state was filed with the state auditor.

Mr. Bryan on Speaking Tour.

W. J. Bryan left for an extended speaking tour of the middle and eastern states, during which, it was stated by those who have arranged his itinerary, he will make a number of political addresses and will speak pointedly on candidacies and policies.

Notified to Pay Up.

The secretary of state is sending notices to corporations to pay the annual occupation tax to the state, which is due the 1st day of July of each year.

Permit to Burlington.

The railway commission has given the Burlington road permission to absorb switching charges on sand shipped from pits that are on Burlington lines and are not reached by other roads, when the freight amounts to a car.

FLOOD IS TERRIFIC

THOUSANDS OF SQUARE MILES ARE INUNDATED.

ARMY OF PEOPLE HOMELESS

Levees Are Constantly Breaking and Around Cairo, Ill., the Country is One Big Ocean.

Calro, Ill.—Thirty thousand persons homeless, 2,000 square miles of country inundated, thirty persons drowned and a financial loss of \$10,000,000 constitute the result of a two weeks' flood in the Missouri valley.

These figures were arrived at by government engineers and officials of state levee boards engaged in battling the ravaging sweep of the Mississippi river from points in Illinois to threatened places in Mississippi and Arkansas.

Water is pouring into Arkansas through three new break in the levee south of Memphis. These gave way and several hundred square miles are subject to flooding.

Railroad traffic in these sections is practically paralyzed. Hundreds of persons still are menaced by the tide of the river at points in lower Missouri, northwest Tennessee and Arkansas. They are marooned on house tops, in trees and on anchored rafts directly in the sweep of the river. Conservative judgment at Memphis last night was expressed in belief that the great majority of these flood prisoners would be rescued.

The most dangerous point in the flood situation Sunday was at Golden lake, the Arkansas levee guarding the pressure of the Mississippi. Had this embankment been breached it would have added to the tide already sweeping through northwest Arkansas.

At 9 o'clock at night the Golden lake levee held and as it continued to baffle the swirl of the flood danger in the southern part of the valley increased. As long as the flood remains in the levees north the strain on the southern embankments increases.

Hourly the danger zone works southward. In their upper reaches the Ohio and Mississippi rivers are practically at a standstill. This means that the flood's crest now is exerted on the dikes from the Missouri line southward.

There has been suffering among thousands of refugees gathered in the towns in the flood district. However, this situation cannot continue, because officials of the state and federal government are working to carry food to the homeless.

State and levee board officials in the districts south of Memphis have been laboring to top the threatened levees. Mississippi state officials think their embankment will hold. Nevertheless the menace to states bordering the Mississippi south of Memphis will not have ceased until the great river's rushing waters have hurled themselves into the gulf.

Calro at this time is an island city, surrounded by an ocean of water, the crest of which is ten feet higher than the average level of the city. In many places this wall of water stands twenty feet higher than the street. Generous donations from all parts of Kentucky are being sent to Hickman to aid the 3,500 flood refugees who have struggled into that city.

Workers Want Free Speech.
San Francisco, Cal.—With the events of the last week, the struggle between the employers of the Pacific coast and the Industrial Workers of the World, has narrowed.

A manifesto issued by the San Diego Free Speech league says the league is making the fight to spread open shop propaganda. The question of higher wages and shorter hours has been eliminated, at least temporarily, in the northwest by the stand of the strikers on the sole issue of recognition of the Industrial Workers' organization.

Sergeant Walsh Claims Record.
San Francisco.—Sergeant Clements Walsh, aged 61 years, claims the record for the walking round trip from San Francisco to New York, having arrived at the Presidio late Sunday. The previous record, held by Edward Payson Weston, was eighteen days longer.

Governor Wilson Robbed.
Chicago.—Thieves, apparently with political affiliations, broke into the rooms of Governor Woodrow Wilson of New Jersey and stole a suitcase full of private correspondence and papers belonging to Governor Wilson.

Mother Found Guilty.
North Yakima, Wis.—Mrs. Eva Berlaon, on trial for the murder of her infant in an irrigated ditch, was found guilty of manslaughter.

Riot Cases Are Dismissed.
Albert Lea, Minn.—On the motion of the county attorney "the Glenville riot cases" were dismissed in the district court here. Nearly one year ago Dr. J. P. Freeman of Glenville was tarred and feathered as he left his office for his home.

Again Under Arrest.
Chicago.—Alfred H. Monroe, president of the Globe association, was arrested by United States officers on a warrant charging he was about to forfeit his bonds of \$5,000.

NEBRASKA IN BRIEF.

News Notes of Interest from Various Sections.

Work on the new Christian church at Auburn has commenced.

Ashland's new Carnegie library has been formally opened.

Hartington was without mail for almost a week on account of high water.

The flood damage at West Point was severe. Some families were compelled to vacate their homes.

A warrant was sworn out at Wyoming charging E. W. Severance and his son of that city with illegal voting at the election.

The women's clubs of the Third congressional district will meet in Tekamah on April 16 and 17. Elaborate plans are being laid by the local club.

Mrs. Mariel C. Gere, widow of Charles H. Gere, founder and editor of the Lincoln Journal until his death in 1904, died last week.

The Auburn Commercial club selected J. M. Burress and H. C. Green as delegates to represent the club at the National Drainage congress to be held in New Orleans.

A \$2,000 pipe organ will be installed in the Methodist church at Peru sometime during the present year. Mr. Carnegie has written that he will assist in the work.

Louis Byour of Wahoo, a German, shot and killed his wife and then committed suicide. The tragedy, which was the result of family discord, took place in the Byour home.

The Crosby company is the name of a new corporation that has filed articles with the secretary of state. The company's principal place of business is Lincoln.

Superintendent Graham of the Wyoming High school for the past seven years has tendered his resignation, to take effect on the close of the present term. Mr. Graham will accept a position with an eastern text book company.

At the recent town elections, some places that had been wet arrayed themselves in the dry column, and vice versa. Close inspection, however, seems to indicate that the wets have slightly increased their holdings in the state.

Superintendent W. R. Hull, who was tendered the position of superintendent of the Wood River schools by the unanimous vote of the board at their last meeting, has resigned, as all the high school instructors refused to contract for the year 1912-13.

The new Carnegie library, which has just been completed in North Platte, was opened last week with an informal reception held in the library building. The building has just been completed at a cost of about \$12,000, which includes the cost of the site.

The county board of Dodge county voted to take action for rebuilding the bridge over the Platte at once. It is proposed to put in steel spans the same as those now standing. Almost every bridge of any length in the county is out and the damage to roads is greater than was anticipated.

Charley Morley and Hartford Reed, charged with participation in the recent murders at the state penitentiary, were arraigned in district court at Lincoln before Judge Stewart. Morley pleaded not guilty to the charges contained in the informations which had been filed against him, while Reed declined to plead and a plea of not guilty was entered in his behalf by the court.

The Alliance public library has been installed in its new home without any ceremony. This library was hitherto housed in the basement of the Phelan opera house, where it was founded several years ago by the Women's club of Alliance. Through the efforts of this club, sufficient funds were raised to meet the conditions required by Mr. Carnegie, who donated \$10,000 towards the building, which is one of the best in the city, being built of pressed brick, with stone facings in the Gothic style.

Something in the nature of a hair raising experience, says the Lincoln Journal, was accorded the governor of Nebraska when he returned from the state fisheries near South Bend Sunday evening. In order to reach South Bend Governor Aldrich was compelled to cross a railroad bridge a part of which had all been carried away but the rails and ties. For a stretch of more than fifty feet he walked over ties suspended only by the swinging rails.

Judge T. C. Munger of the federal court overruled a motion for a new trial in the case of the United States vs. Fred A. Corbin, and also overruled a motion for an arrest of judgment. Corbin was formerly postmaster at Reynolds, Neb., and was convicted several months ago on a charge of embezzlement. The defendant alleged that the indictment was defective on technical grounds, but this view was not sustained by Judge Munger. Corbin was charged with having taken money from the fund collected in handling the postoffice business, which he did in connection with his store, and paying his personal bills with it.

Mrs. Louis Lehms, a farmer's wife residing a few miles west of Edgar, died last week of ptomaine poisoning, as a result of eating wienerswurst. The whole family were more or less affected.

The Lincoln Traction company has filed an amended application with the state railway commission asking for leave to issue \$93,000 of bonds or preferred stock to pay for improvements already made. The original request was for \$81,175 of stock or bonds. An amended list of improvements which it is desired to pay for is filed in an itemized form.