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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.

The house passed a joint resolution continuing the national peace commission for two years.

The house passed a bill appropriating \$300,000 to equip army transports with lifeboats and rafts.

The agricultural expenditures committee of the house was urged by Representative Nelson to investigate the bureau of animal industry.

Senator Cummins said he would try to prevent early adjournment or recess of congress until after tariff schedules had been passed.

The Titanic inquiry was reopened in the senate. M. L. Farrell, news editor of a Wall street ticker, testifying regarding misleading reports.

The house passed the bill empowering the president to invite maritime nations to conference in Washington to consider ocean travels.

Representative Dyer introduced a bill to appropriate \$30,000,000 for protection against floods along the Mississippi river and tributaries.

The senate appropriations committee favorably reported a joint resolution appropriating \$1,238,179 for Mississippi and Ohio valleys flood sufferers.

The senate agreed to the conference report on the general service pensions necessitating an average increase of \$22,000,000 a year for five years.

Chairman Pujo of the so-called money trust investigating committee of the house, announced that banks were responding fully to the committee's inquiries.

Senator Watson introduced an amendment to the steel tariff revision to authorize the president by proclamation to admit free of duty any articles for one year.

President Taft sent a message approving the economy commission's plan for retiring government employees at 70 years on annuities of one-half their salary.

The senate agriculture committee ordered favorable report on Senator Thornton's bill to provide for emergency crops on overflowed lands in south Mississippi valley.

The house agriculture expenditure committee resumed investigation of North Carolina swamp lands development and Wednesday will begin investigation of meat inspection service.

General.

Census reports indicate increase in the number of Indians.

Taft men were overwhelmed by the victorious Roosevelt hosts in the Kansas republican convention.

Methodists declared opposition to the wearing of denominational insignia in Indian school work.

The house judiciary committee continued its hearings on the charges against Commerce Judge Archibald.

The spring wheat country of Western Canada has been visited by a continuous rain and snowstorm, and it is estimated that farmers have been benefited thousands of dollars.

The ghost of "Socksless Jerry" Simpson told his widow, a spiritualist, that Roosevelt and Clark would be the presidential nominees and Clark would win.

The state food investigation committee says that New York annually consumes 1,400,000,000 eggs and there are 300,000,000 eggs in storage.

Harry Turvin of New York, a 12-year-old hero, stopped a runaway horse about to dash into a group of children, and his reward was 10 cents given by a stranger.

Louisiana has approximately 17,000 persons made homeless by the crevasse in the Mississippi river levee at Terras alone. Of this number 12,000 are dependent upon the bounty of the United States government.

The proposed increased rates on the plate and sheet metal from eastern points to destinations in the north Pacific states were suspended by the Interstate commerce commission from May 11 until September 7.

Official recognition of Vincent Astor as the new head of the Astor family is contained in Mayor Gaynor's announcement of plans for the reception of the German squadron, which will visit New York this summer.

Charges of use of money in Maryland by the Roosevelt forces brought a heated denial from Senator Dixon. Judgment against the Denver, Northwestern & Pacific railroad (the Moffat road), for \$1,940,588 was entered.

Business at Chicago apparently was moved with little trouble by the railroads after the freight handlers declared a strike.

At Plainfield, N. J., Augustus Moore closed his butcher shop because of the increased cost of meat, saying his conscience wouldn't permit him to raise his prices.

Roosevelt has the solid Texas delegation, forty in number.

Bryan charged an attempt was made to buy votes for Harmon. Leaders of congress contemplate a recess during the national conventions.

The senate added eight millions to the house rivers and harbors bill.

Governor Harmon may devote a week in Ohio to answering Bryan.

The will of Mary Eddy was sustained by the New Hampshire supreme court.

The Irish home rule bill passed its second reading in the house of commons.

The house by a pronounced majority voted to abolish the court of commerce.

Senator Cummins accused the president of trying to coerce in tariff legislation.

The Methodist Episcopal church conference voted against a final court of appeals.

Lax meat inspection laws was charged before a house committee by a woman.

The house labor committee ordered favorable report on Hughes industrial committee bill.

An agreement has been reached between house and senate conferees on the pension bill.

The possibilities of agriculture in Alaska are dealt with in a bulletin issued at Washington.

Secretary Haywood has called a meeting of the republican national committee at Chicago June 6.

The recall, initiative and referendum were written into Duluth's charter by an overwhelming vote.

The Missouri supreme court sustained the constitutionality of the semi-monthly wage payment law.

The senate interstate commerce committee reported favorably on Senator Clapp's bill of lading measure.

Mayor Dahlman and the ticket of which he was the head was victorious in the Omaha municipal election.

The senate passed the bill to permit \$10,000,000 increase in indebtedness of the Philippines over present \$5,000,000 debt.

The bill for retirement of government employees in classified service, except postmasters, was favorably reported in the senate.

The figures for the 1910 census show that Iowa had only 1.7 per cent of illiterates over 10 years old, whereas Nebraska had 1.9.

Grips filled with potatoes and bottled beer were left behind by a man who cashed bogus checks aggregating \$400 at four Boston hotels.

At Benton, Ill., Night Marshal William B. Odum shot and killed "Pot" Smith, whom he was trying to arrest and was probably fatally wounded by Smith.

At Chillicothe, O., a large crowd stood in the rain to hear W. J. Bryan renew his attack upon the presidential candidacy of Governor Judson Harmon.

At Mount Vernon, N. Y., William G. Vanderboest's will provided that he be stabbed through the heart after the doctors pronounced him dead, to prevent burial alive.

Italian citizens at Cleveland, Ohio, are preparing to raise a fund for constructing a war aeroplane to be given the Italian army for use against the Turks in the present difficulty.

Politics is absorbing the attention of congress. Much of the discussion in both houses is being aimed at the coming campaign and the congestion of business in the senate is largely attributable to that cause.

Arthur Watts, chauffeur, of Chicago, had been out of jail less than eighteen months following the death of a woman under the wheels of his automobile when he ran down and killed Edward K. Rogers.

At Waukesha, Wis., crashing through a window into the home of Judge Agnew came a carrier pigeon having attached to its leg a tag labeled "San Francisco to Milwaukee."

The bird was revived and liberated.

The second state convention to adopt a platform and make nominations for judges of the supreme court and offices not filled at the primary election will be held July 10 in Des Moines, according to an announcement made by members of the state central committee.

Work on the new \$5,000,000 Union station in Kansas City was suspended, when the 2,000 union men employed struck because some of the stone used had been procured from an Indiana company that employs stonecutters whose organization is not affiliated with the American Federation of Labor.

Applications from 480 admitted aliens and other residents of the United States seeking information relative to homes and employment were received during the week ended April 27 last, at the New York branch of the division of information, bureau of immigration and naturalization department of commerce and labor.

Personal.

Roosevelt will have the delegates from Maryland.

Congressmen have no hope of adjournment before August or September.

The Hill interests deny any intention of cutting ore prices.

Chicago editors worked on presses during the pressmen's strike.

Six delegates from Nevada will be for Taft in the national convention.

President Taft sent to congress a message offering a federal pension bill.

Former Attorney General Bonaparte says Roosevelt is correct on the Harvester trust dispute.

Retirement of Count Paul Wolff-Meternich from the post of German ambassador at London is semi-officially announced.

DRIVE REBELS BACK

MEXICAN FEDERALISTS GAIN VICTORY OVER OROZCO.

FIVE HUNDRED ARE KILLED

Twelve Hours of Fighting on Plains Near Conejos and More Soon Expected.

At the Federal Front, Conejos, Mex.—Twelve hours of brisk fighting on the desert plains 300 miles south of the American border, between a force of 5,000 rebels under General Orozco and an equally strong body of federalists, under General Huerta, resulted Sunday in a decided advantage to the government.

The fighting began at daybreak and at nightfall the sandy mesas between here and Yermo, fourteen miles north, where the insurgents were gradually forced back, were covered with dead and wounded.

Nearly 500 are believed to have been killed and wounded on both sides. A courier reported that General Trucey Aubert, the dashing federal commander, had been shot in the leg.

The rebels abandoned ten cannons and much ammunition in their retreat.

General Joaquin Tellez, who had been stationed in the rear of Huerta's vanguard, at noon was sent around to the eastward to flank the rebels and cut off their retreat. Tonight federal headquarters claim the rebels are completely surrounded and that the second day of fighting will prove equally decisive.

This town, occupied Saturday by the vanguard of the rebels, was riddled with bullets, when the federalists galloped into it at sunset. Over to the foothills to the north the insurgents could be seen retreating.

General Huerta has been receiving many telegrams of congratulations on the outcome of the day's fighting. Should the advantage gained Sunday be followed by equal success Monday, the federal leaders are confident it will mean the annihilation of the insubordinate army.

General Huerta considers it probable, however, that the rebels will make their last stand at Escalon, their central base, fourteen miles to the north, where they have built fortifications and trenches in the last fortnight.

As they retreated the rebels destroyed several bridges, but the federalists were equipped with pontoons and will not be seriously affected.

Scatter Flowers on Atlantic.

New York.—Standing on the bridge of the Germania in mid-ocean last Thursday evening, Mrs. J. H. Loring of New York and London scattered armfuls of flowers on the waters of the Atlantic in memory of her husband, who lost his life on the Titanic.

When the Carmania, which reached port Saturday, arrived in latitude 41.16 and longitude 50.14, the nearest position to where the Titanic sank, Mrs. Loring, attired in deep mourning, standing on the bridge, scattered the flowers.

The Campaign in Ohio.

Columbus, O.—From Monday morning until the dawn of the primary election, May 21, there is scarcely a crossroads station in this state so unimportant numerically that it does not expect to entertain at least one presidential possibility. Four seekers after the nomination for the presidency, President Taft, Colonel Theodore Roosevelt, Governor Harmon and Senator La Follette, will tour the state, while lesser lights, United States senators, cabinet members and department heads are figuring on campaigning.

President Wires to California.

Washington.—Unable to cross the continent to campaign in California, President Taft Sunday sent by telegraph to the men and women republicans of that state his arguments for support in the presidential primary on Tuesday.

Observe Memorial Day.

Charleston, S. C.—Throughout North and South Carolina May 10 was observed as Memorial day in honor of the memory of the confederate dead. In all the principal cities and towns business was to a large degree suspended.

Motorman Pinned Under Car.

South Bend, Ind.—Samuel Culp, motorman of a street car, begged bystanders to take an axe and chop off his legs, after he had been hit by his car and fatally injured.

Four Killed by a Cave-in.

Green Bay, Wis.—Four little girls were killed by the caving in of a gravel pit near Black creek, in which they were playing. Three of them are daughters of Frank Barth.

Underwood An Easy Victor.

Atlanta, Ga.—Oscar W. Underwood's official plurality in the presidential primary of May 1 was 14,047, according to the count by the state executive committee. Mr. Underwood was declared the choice of the democratic party in Georgia.

Rounding Up in California.

Los Angeles, Cal.—Gifford Pinchot and former Senator Albert J. Beveridge began the last round of their California stumping tour Saturday in the orange belt.

NEBRASKA IN BRIEF.

News Notes of Interest from Various Sections.

Omaha municipal affairs are now being managed under the commission form of government.

A delegation of eight men will represent the Lincoln Ad club at the annual convention of the Associated Advertising clubs of America to be held at Dallas, Tex., May 19 to 25.

The Farmers' & Merchants' bank of Benedict has received a charter from the state banking board. The organization has a paid up capital of \$15,000. It is incorporated by R. R. Copey, C. A. McCloud, J. R. McCloud and several farmers.

Harm Shank who was last week convicted in the district court of Polk county on the charge of arson was sentenced by Judge Good to an indeterminate term in the penitentiary, from one to twenty years. He has already gone to the bastille.

State Superintendent Dezell has notified county superintendents that the first examination for city state certificates will be given May 17-18, under the supervision of county superintendents, and will be conducted in the same manner as the examination for county and state certificates.

Henry Hogobohl, a billposter for a circus, fell from a ladder at North Platte and sustained injuries from which he died at a hospital in that city. He was assisting other members of the crew in placing a large banner on the side of a store building, when he lost his footing and fell ten feet to the cement sidewalk, knocking him senseless.

Commander Jerry Vance of Camp Lee Forby, No. 1, United Spanish War Veterans, Omaha, has received an official communication from the Navy department notifying him that the camp's application for a relic from the battleship Maine, wrecked in Havana harbor, has been granted and the camp has been awarded a 6-inch shell.

The Nebraska State Medical association held its annual election in Lincoln. The following are the new officers who will serve for the ensuing year, President, I. N. Pickett of Odell; vice-presidents, W. B. Kern of Ingleside and Q. A. Quigley of North Platte; secretary Joseph M. Alkin of Omaha; treasurer S. Vonnamfelde of Ashland; librarian; A. C. Stocker of Omaha.

Sitting in his easy chair smoking and joking with friends at 10 o'clock at night, J. E. Howland of Silver Creek died suddenly of heart disease. Mr. Howland had lived in Silver Creek for over forty years. He was born in Connecticut in 1843. As a boy he went with Commodore Perry to Japan when that country was induced to admit foreigners. Later he entered the United States navy and fought during the civil war.

The Bell Telephone exchange at Ashland will soon be a thing of the past. The final transfer of the old Bell subscribers to the new company, the Lincoln Telephone and Telegraph company, and the dismantling of the exchange was scheduled to take place May 1, but owing to some unforeseen circumstances a few days' delay in making the change has been necessary.

The assessor of Webster county has propounded a question to Secretary Henry Seymour of the state board of assessment, in which he asks whether the opinion of the county attorney or the attorney general should be followed in a taxation condemnation. Cattle marketed by a farmer of Webster county on April 1 and proceeds therefrom which were used to pay a mortgage are claimed by the farmer to be an "offset" claim. The county assessor would not allow it and wants some enlightenment on the matter. The county attorney upheld the assessor, the attorney general said the farmer was right and now the question has been sent by Secretary Seymour back to the state legal department for further investigation.

Hans Lass, a young farmer residing six miles northeast of Fremont, was struck in the cheek by a stray bullet, which plowed through two of his teeth and lodged against the teeth in the other side of his mouth. He was at work in a field near the river at the time and lay for three hours before he was found by members of the family, who instituted a search for him when he failed to return to the house on time. He was unconscious all night. His chances for recovery are good.

Farmers all over the state, says the Lincoln Journal, are crying for more help to push the spring work. Most of them are from a month to six weeks late with the crops. In several countries the country people are asking their friends in the cities and towns to be on the lookout for hired hands. Professional tramps are not hired and skilled mechanics are engaged only on trial. Strangers seeking work on the farms are usually hired for small periods. If they are able to adapt themselves to the work in the fields, they are often hired for the summer. Trained farmers are given the preference.

The Omaha cadet camp this year is to be pitched at Blair.

The menu at the county jail in Omaha, is said to be of the rottenest kind and the county commissioners will investigate.

Engineer Don Price of the board of irrigation, has returned to Lincoln, from Keya Paha county, where he let the contract for two state aid bridges over the Niobrara river. The bridges are to be of reinforced concrete and the Lincoln Construction company obtained both contracts, the one at Carnes being let for \$14,500, and the one at McCully for \$12,500.

AS TO AMENDMENTS

ALL FIVE TO BE VOTED ON NEXT NOVEMBER

ENDORSED BY BOTH PARTIES

Even the Least Popular of the Amendments Was Carried in Primaries by About Two to One.

Five constitutional amendments, says the Lincoln Journal, will be presented to the voters this fall, each endorsed by both the great political parties and each a part of their tickets, hence each have the credit of all straight votes that may be cast by members of the party. Since usually at least 25 per cent of all the votes cast at a general election are what is known as "straight votes" the advantage to the amendments by being endorsed at the primary is not a small item. Although the entire vote of the state has not been reported to the secretary of state enough is known to allow the statement that the amendment which received least popular approval, home rule for cities of more than 5,000 population, was endorsed by about two to one, while the most popular, the initiative and the referendum, was endorsed by five to one or more.

The provisions of the present laws of the state which allows a party to endorse an amendment at the primary and count it thereafter as a part of the straight ballot, is a section in the primary law passed in 1907. Some fear was expressed during the last legislative session that those hostile to the initiative and referendum who sought to kill it by mutilating it out of all effectiveness, would seek to repeal the provision of the primary law which will be responsible for its adoption in November. This was not done, and so far as known was not openly considered.

The legislature of 1907 was not responsible for the law which allows straight votes to be counted for an endorsed amendment. An act was passed in 1901 before a direct primary was even considered, which gave political parties permission in state convention to endorse a proposed amendment and to have all straight votes in that party counted for it. Prior to that many amendments had been submitted by the legislature and all defeated because of the clause in the state constitution which required a majority of all votes cast in the election to be cast favorably on the amendment. A vote not recorded on the amendment was counted against it under this provision of the constitution.

In 1905 the legislature submitted an amendment to provide for the state railway commission. This amendment was endorsed by the conventions of 1906 and in the fall of the year the amendment was adopted, and at the same time three commissioners were elected, provisionally, that is, they were to serve if the amendment carried.

It is charged by those who oppose the provision of the law which allows straight votes to be counted for an amendment, that the supreme court upheld the makeshift in order that the salaries of the members thereof might be boosted subsequently by another amendment. History does not bear out this assertion. The constitutionality of the election of the first three commissioners was tested in a friendly suit and decided by the supreme court in February, 1907. In that opinion the court held that the counting of straight votes for an amendment as provided by law under certain conditions was not a violation of the constitution.

Total Vote of State.

Returns from ninety-one of the ninety-two counties of the state show that outside of the missing county, Douglas, there was a total of 117,138 votes cast by all parties at the late primary election. Within the neighborhood of 12,000 votes still to be reported it is probable that the total primary vote of the state will equal that of last year when a total of 128,623 votes were cast by all parties.

Pardoned Convict Marries.

The state advisory board of pardons closed the hearing of sixty applications for clemency, most of them being application for parole from convicts in the penitentiary. The only recommendation of the board acted upon by the governor was the request of the board that John H. Shearer be released. This was granted and when Shearer was brought to the warden's office he was married to Miss Ollie M. Neusland of Randolph. The girl had in her arms a babe whose existence was the cause of the prisoner being in the penitentiary.

Extradition Refused.

Governor Aldrich has refused to extradite T. T. White, who is in jail at Pender on the charge of child abandonment. Curtis L. Day, attorney of Pender, appeared before the governor and presented a written agreement signed by White and his wife, who lives at Beresford, S. D., in which they agreed to live apart. White to pay his wife \$50 a month from February 14, 1912, for a period of one year, and some other expenses for her benefit, she to have their household goods and a child then unborn.

THE FRUIT OUTLOOK.

Winter's Cold Did But Little Harm to Orchards.

Reports to the State Horticultural society indicate that with the single exception of peaches there will be a good crop of fruit this year. Peaches, except in the southeastern part of the state, are said to be badly damaged and the bloom is dead. Blossoms of other fruits, however, show no indication of injury from the severe winter or the frosts of spring. Trees which bore a heavy crop of apples last year, however, do not carry a large amount of bloom, but what there is appears to be healthy and there is plenty to set a fair crop of fruit even on these Plums, cherries and other fruits all promise a bountiful harvest and no further damage is anticipated from frost. Commercial orchardists have done the first spraying of their orchards and the second one will be due in about ten days. In the north part of the state in some places injury to some of the more tender varieties of apple trees is reported. It appears to affect the wood, immediately under the bark on the upper side of the limbs, but it is thought that with a good season the trees will outgrow the injury, which is attributed to extreme cold.

The Vote for State Senators.

Republican	District	Democrat
W. H. Kiechel	1	H. J. Gerdes
H. H. Bartling	2	Wm. B. Banning
J. K. P. Goodfellow	3	E. E. Plueck
C. S. Saunders	4	J. E. Reagan
N. S. Dodge	5	E. E. Howell
A. C. Hancock	6	H. Grossman
J. M. McFarland	7	J. M. Turner
P. Haarmann	8	R. S. Horton
George F. Weitz	9	Herman Schottger
H. P. Shumway	10	M. S. Wilcox
Philip Kohl	11	Philip Kohl
T. T. Shukhart	12	J. M. Talcott
J. H. Kemp	13	James Greig
Dan McLeod	14	W. L. Wessner
Fred Lind	15	Charles Krumback
H. C. Williamson	16	W. H. Smith
H. V. Hoagland	17	C. H. Greider
Peter Jansen	18	Jacob Klein
John Henstey	19	Luther Bonham
J. E. Spirk	20	Frank W. Bartos
D. W. Baker	21	A. J. Joslin
E. J. Williams	22	R. H. West
C. C. Caruthers	23	Will Brockley
G. W. Hummel	24	W. L. Wessner
George C. Jankin	25	M. Grace
T. Hermansen	26	Peter Wink
W. S. Matley	27	A. O. Gills, Jr.
D. M. Hunter	28	A. E. Robertson
Walt V. Hoagland	29	Howard Miles
J. F. Cordell	30	S. White
E. K. Pushe	31	Van Fornell
Woodruff Ball	32	B. A. Brewster

Press Association Meeting.

C. C. Johns of Grand Island, secretary of the Nebraska Press association, announces that the program of the coming session of the association at Lincoln on June 3, 4 and 5 is nearly completed and will be sent out in a few days.

The program will include all Nebraska speakers on topics pertaining to interest of the publishers of the state. Among the speakers will be Clark Perkins of the Aurora Republican, Arthur V. Shaffer of the Alma Record, Mrs. A. H. Armstrong of the Butte Gazette, S. R. McKelvie of the Nebraska Farmer, A. B. Wood of the Gering Courier, George W. Kelley of the Hartington News, A. R. Ladd of the Albion News, E. C. Potts of the Holdrege Citizen, W. M. Maupin, A. L. Bixby of Lincoln, J. W. Tamplin of the Tekamah Journal, C. C. Rosewater of the Omaha Bee, E. W. Huse of the Wayne Reporter, E. M. Marvin of the Beatrice Sun, A. F. Buechler of the Grand Island Independent, Penn P. Fodrea of the Omaha Trade Exhibit, and others yet to be assigned. The meeting will be in the nature of a good old newspaper gathering. Lincoln, on former occasions, has taken care of the editors in a most entertaining and profitable way, and at the coming meeting will leave nothing undone that will contribute to the enjoyment of those who gather at the annual session.

Assistant Postmasters.

The Nebraska state association of assistant postmasters is to hold its annual convention in Lincoln on June 5. The meetings will probably be held in the federal court room in the post office building. Notices were sent out to about 225.

Petition for Owen bill.

A petition to Nebraska representatives in congress to favor the Owen bill for a department of health in the federal cabinet was circulated and freely signed by doctors attending the state medical convention in Lincoln.

State Institutions Cost.

Land Commissioner Cowles is compiling figures on the cost of the various state institutions since each of them was established, both as to total cost and the expense per capita for the inmates. He says that on present figures Nebraska is getting off cheaper per inmate than any of the