

EPITOME OF EVENTS

PARAGRAPHS THAT PERTAIN TO MANY SUBJECTS.

ARE SHORT BUT INTERESTING

Brief Mention of What is Transpiring in Various Sections of Our Own and Foreign Countries.

Congress.

The senate passed, 45 to 11, the house eight-hour bill.

The house passed the naval appropriation bill carrying \$119,000,000.

The senate passed house metal bill, 35 to 22, which now goes to conference.

The house passed the military academy appropriation bill carrying \$1,304,059.

Unexpected and determined opposition to workmen's compensation bill developed in the senate judiciary committee.

The senate passed pension appropriation bill carrying \$164,500,000, an increase of \$12,500,000 over the house appropriation.

Legislation suggested by the Titanic investigating committee was referred to the subcommittee of the commerce committee.

Senator Kern announced he would call up the Lorimer case Monday and keep it before the senate as unfinished business until disposed of.

The senate considered the conference report on the agriculture appropriation bill and sent it back to the house for further conference.

The senate unanimously passed the bill appropriating \$150,000 for government participation in Gettysburg battle fiftieth anniversary celebration in 1913.

Senator Newlands introduced an amendment to metal schedule bill a compromise tariff plan to graduate reduction of tariff so as to avoid impairing any industry.

The senate judiciary committee reported adversely the Curtis resolution to make the number of presidential electors equal to number of senators and representatives.

Further protests made to the senate interoceanic canal committee against Panama canal bill provision prohibiting railroad owned steamers from using canals.

The senate Cuban relations committee directed Chairman Page to confer with President Taft regarding necessary recommendations for legislation in connection with the Platt amendment.

Members of the Nebraska delegation express satisfaction over the prospect of an adjournment before the Chicago convention. Some of them have some important campaigning to do and others prefer the west to Washington humidity in June and July.

Abrogation of the Morua law forbidding the organization of the negroes into a political party is claimed by the negroes in Cuba as a basis for their movement, according to state department advices. They are also declared to be striving for American intervention and the re-election of President Gomez.

General.

Roosevelt secured the entire New Jersey delegation.

Roosevelt said he would sweep New Jersey—and he did.

Manager McKinley says Roosevelt has adopted a policy of rule or ruin. House and senate conferees reached an agreement on the Borah home-stand bill.

Mr. Bryan does not desire to head the Nebraska delegation to the convention.

J. A. Ott, a leading merchant of Helena, Mo., was crushed to death in an elevator.

The operators of the so-called coffee trust would be put under the interstate commerce laws if a bill introduced by Representative Norris should become a law.

J. G. Emerson of Ames college won the first annual Missouri Valley oratorical contest at Drake university in Des Moines. His subject was, "America and the Peace Problem in the Orient."

The house adopted a resolution calling on Attorney General Wickersham for papers in the matter of charges against Leslie J. Lyons, United States district attorney for western Missouri.

Lillian Graham, the show girl, who with Ethel Conrad, was acquitted of having attempted the life of W. E. D. Stokes, filed suit in New York for \$100,000 damages for "false and malicious prosecution."

The senate passed a resolution instructing the Cuban relations committee to investigate and report upon legislation necessary to determine when and how the United States should intervene in Cuba under the Platt amendment.

A message from New York announced the death of Matthew C. Bord, a wealthy dry goods commission merchant and manufacturer.

Representative Underwood, democratic leader, announced that the program for adjournment June 15 must be carried out as far as the house was concerned.

Colorado Roosevelt men have filed notice of contest at Chicago.

It was nearly a clean sweep for Roosevelt and Wilson in New Jersey. Colonel Roosevelt says his purpose in becoming a candidate is to save the republican party.

The rebellion in Cuba threatens to be long continued.

Joe Dawson was winner of the automobile race at Indianapolis.

The Nebraska supreme court upheld the chicken stealing law.

Manager McKinley says the Roosevelt method is one of stand and deliver.

A band of Cuban insurgents captured and sacked the town of El Coney del Sitio.

Study and prevention of tuberculosis was discussed at a Washington meeting.

A window washer at Chicago was killed when he fell from the eighth floor of a skyscraper.

Serious disturbances have broken out in the southern district of the province of Shan St. China.

President Gomez of Cuba has been assured that the United States does not contemplate intervention.

Governor Hadley will be temporary chairman at Chicago if Roosevelt dominates the convention.

The old fight between the line and staff of the army is seen in the conference report on the military bill.

Cleveland was selected for the meeting place of the next convention of the brotherhood of locomotive engineers.

Frank Elwood Lukens, secretary of the Illinois-Wisconsin Retail Coal Dealers' association, committed suicide at Chicago.

Governor Aldrich of Nebraska, one of the seven governors who started the Roosevelt boom, is feeling pleased over the result.

The senate rejected by 12 to 60 the Cummins substitute to the house iron and steel bill, which would have provided for free ores.

Messages were received from rebel headquarters at Chihuahua announcing the capture of Torreón by rebels under General Arguemedo.

Actual work on the government survey between Janesville and Borton, Ill., with a view of turning the Rock river and making it navigable has been begun.

Mrs. David Beach completed a journey on foot from New York to Chicago and gave to Mayor Harrison a message which she received from Mayor Gaynor.

The petition for a commutation of Mrs. Lena Cusumano and Enrico Mascioli, under sentence to die next week for the murder of Frank Sussanetto, was laid before the Massachusetts executive council.

A telegram from Kennecott, Alaska, announces the safe return of Miss Dora Kern of Philadelphia and party from a successful ascent of Mount Blackburn.

The senate committee on finance voted to place in the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill the appropriation for the commerce court eliminated by the house.

The repeal of the Canadian reciprocity act will be offered as an amendment to each tariff revision bill brought up in the senate, according to a plan announced by Senator Gronna of North Dakota.

Warren G. Harding, former lieutenant governor of Ohio, after a talk with President Taft and his secretary, C. D. Hilles, declared that Mr. Taft's friends would be in majority in the state convention.

John H. Curran, former state immigration commissioner and candidate in Missouri for the democratic nomination for railroad and warehouse commissioner, issued a statement to the press announcing his withdrawal.

Senate democrats, regular republicans and progressives joined in a discussion regarding the quick disposition of pending legislation. The net result was a brighter prospect for early passage of the metal and other tariff bills which may pave the way for an adjournment earlier than expected.

A strong column sent out by General Lyautay, French commander, dispersed the tribesmen six miles outside of Fez. The French artillery shelled the camp, inflicting heavy loss on the tribesmen, who have been making continuous attacks against the city. French casualties numbered nine men killed and twenty-eight wounded.

Four high army vacancies, one in the grade of major general and three among the brigadier generals, will be filled soon by President Taft. If he accepts the recommendations of Secretary Stimson he will be nominate Brigadier General William W. Witherpoon, now in command of the Department of the Gulf, to be major general.

Personal.

Colonel Roosevelt delivered the memorial day address at Gettysburg.

President Taft was assured he will control the Ohio state convention.

Gen. Bennett H. Young, at a meeting of the united confederate veterans at Macon recently was chosen commander-in-chief.

In the Ohio primaries Bryan received one more vote than Champ Clark.

Harry New says there will be no discrimination in the issuance of tickets to the Chicago convention.

Senator Dixon is much put out because of the refusal of 250 tickets to the republican convention hall.

All the republican contests have been filed with the committee at Chicago, and they number 222.

Dr. Ira Landritch, a religious worker and interdenominational speaker, announced his resignation as president of Belmont college.

ENJOINED BY COURT

POWER SITE LEASE IS HELD UP BY INJUNCTION.

THE BABCOCK WATER CLAIMS

Surprise Sprung Before State Board of Irrigation.—Other Matters at the State Capital.

Judge A. M. Post and his associate attorneys for H. E. Babcock, sprung a surprise by appearing before the state board of irrigation with an injunction from the district court of Platte county restraining A. C. Koenig, his agents and attorney from prosecuting a contest against the Babcock claims for water from the Loup river for power purposes, or from assigning whatever rights may have accrued on account of claims filed by Koenig.

The injunction runs against Mr. Koenig, his attorneys, who are A. C. Ricketts and C. C. Flansburg, and also against W. E. Sharp, president of the Lincoln Traction company A. W. Field, C. T. Boggs, and E. J. Heiner. It is understood that Mr. Sharp and his associates have bought a controlling interest in whatever rights Mr. Koenig has in a power site on the Loup.

Judge Post appeared with E. C. Strode and Judge Jesse L. Root as attorneys for Babcock, who is said to be backed by Doherty, the gas magnate of New York City.

The injunction was presented by Judge Post and was read by A. C. Ricketts who insisted that the board contest of Koenig ought to be tried prior to the suit in equity, which was filed in the district court of Platte county several weeks ago. Mr. Flansburg contended that the board was not enjoined and might proceed with the matter of passing on Koenig's claim and the cancellation of the Babcock power claims on the ground that Babcock had not done the necessary amount of work required by law to hold his rights.

A Question of Assessment.

County Assessor O. E. Bernecker of Seward has put a question in taxation up to the state board of assessment and Henry Seymour. A lot in Beaver Crossing is assessed at \$1,000, but some one who is not acquainted with the assessed value or who has no faith in its correctness loaned the owner of the lot \$2,000 and took a mortgage on it. There is no agreement by either party as to who shall pay the tax on the mortgage. Under the law governing taxation of mortgages the mortgage can be assessed against the person who owns it and the owner of the lot assessed on his equity in the land. Has the owner of this lot any equity to assess?

Tennessee Marble Sold.

The last reminder of a blasted hope will disappear soon from the capitol grounds, for the Board of Public Lands and Buildings has sold to Kimball Bros the two large blocks of marble which have been on the grounds since the '90s. Some time ago the other remainder of John Currie's ambition was relegated to the basement when the plaster of paris bust of Lincoln was removed from the main corridor and now the blocks of marble out of which the statute was to have been hewn are to go.

Requisition for Pratt.

Requisition papers for the return to North Carolina of Harold T. Pratt, charged with forgery in the amount of \$350, were granted by Governor Aldrich.

M. D. Peterson of Omaha, after a prolonged spree, hanged himself from a tree in an open field.

Assessment of Car Companies.

Secretary Henry Seymour of the state board of assessment has computed the assessment of all private car companies doing business in the state. The mileage of private cars is reported by each railroad and a value is placed upon the cars based upon mileage run.

Immense Peach Crop.

According to a Lincoln fruit jobber the prospect for an immense peach crop in southern Nebraska are flattering. This same jobber has contracted with a grower to ship him four carloads when the crop is ready for market. Several years ago there were some big peach orchards in the vicinity of Lincoln, the Russell orchards being notable for their productive capacity. Another big orchard was owned by Dr. B. L. Paine. These no longer bear. Freezing weather late in the season sapped the vitality of the trees and they died.

Negro Republican Club.

The Nebraska Negro Republican club filed articles of incorporation with the secretary of state, capital stock being fixed at \$1,000. The principal place of business is given as Omaha and the objects of the corporation are set out to be to procure co-operation of negro voters to investigate the personality of candidates and the motives which actuate them in seeking office, to "place a reward for their support," to keep in touch with party movements, social and literary purposes.

STATE PAYS A BILL.

Architect Gets One Thousand Due On a Building.

The deficiency claim of George A. Berlinghof for \$1,087.40 against the state was allowed by a vote of the board of public lands and buildings, Land Commissioner Cowles voting in the negative. The members of the board who voted in favor of allowance were Secretary of State Wait, Attorney General Marton and Treasurer George. The claim was for drawing plans and services as supervising architect on the building recently completed at the Norfolk asylum.

The building was commenced several years ago but the work was delayed and finally taken from Contractor Merten and finished by the state. The last legislature appropriated \$1,087.40 in payment of the claim, the money not to be paid until the board of public lands and buildings certifies to the state auditor that Berlinghof has completed his duties in connection with the building to the satisfaction of the board. The members of the present board recently visited the building and finding it was fully completed voted to pay the claim. Land Commissioner Cowles will not approve the voucher, but it is said the state auditor will accept the certificate of a majority of the board that Berlinghof has completed his duties to the satisfaction of the board.

Some members of the board admit that the interior arrangement of the building does not suit them, but they say it is one of the most substantial buildings in the state. Mr. Berlinghof says plans were changed to suit the ideas of Dr. Young, who was then superintendent of the Norfolk asylum. Land Commissioner Cowles does not contend that under the contract with the state Berlinghof is not entitled to pay for his services, but he asserts that Berlinghof is responsible for much delay and loss to the state and therefore he does not care to vote to pay the final claim.

The state will soon begin a suit to recover \$10,000 from the bondsmen of Contractor Merten for money expended in finishing the building.

Question of Equity.

The county assessor of Furnas county has put a hard question up to Henry Seymour, secretary of the State Board of Assessment. The assessor has found a lot in Beaver City which he values at \$1,000. There is a mortgage of \$2,000 on the lot and as the law says that the mortgage must be taxed at its face and the record owner of the realty assessed on his equity, the assessor wants to know what the equity in a \$1,000 lot carrying a \$2,000 mortgage is worth.

Four Cars of Granite Lost.

The contractors for the granite work for the Lincoln monument, Kimball Bros., are considering advertising for four car loads of granite which have been lost somewhere en route from the quarry. There are five carloads yet to be received, but one was located lately and the railroad has promised to get it in here at once. The other four are either in St. Louis or somewhere east of that point. All have been on the road long enough to have been here some time ago.

Requisition Honored.

A requisition has been issued on the governor of New Mexico for the return to Nebraska of Earl Goodin, wanted in Cherry county on the charge of stealing a horse April 24, 1909. Goodin is now serving time in the Arizona penitentiary, but is to be released soon.

New Model Dairy Barn.

The new barn at the state experiment station at Curtis is to be erected by Gould & Son of Omaha, the contract price being \$8,700. It is to be of brick, concrete and steel and is intended to be a model for dairy, grain and general farm purposes.

Corn Has Come Up Well.

Farmer of Lancaster county say that corn has come up well and that it is a good stand. About fifty per cent of the acreage planted is now out of the ground. Many were fearful that the seed used in some cases would not germinate. The 1911 seed was poor and little of it was fit for planting. The seed of 1910 was found to be all right and thousands of bushels of this were used for planting over Nebraska this spring. Many farmers bought seed corn of local merchants, or purchased of neighbors fortunate enough to have corn of two years ago.

Warning by the Postmaster.

Postmaster E. R. Sizer issued a warning to business men relating to stolen money order blanks. On February 8, 1912, blank money order forms, 32,300 to 32,400, were stolen from a branch postoffice station in San Francisco. Some of these orders have been cashed in Los Angeles, Indianapolis and Boston. It is thought others will turn up.

Fix Values of Railroads.

The assessment board of the state met in the governor's office and completed the assessment of the railroads of Nebraska. The total valuation of all roads is \$275,248,842.75.

Discarding Short Cars.

The railway commission has authorized the Union Pacific to discard all cars less than thirty-six feet, six inches long, and hereafter that road will have the same standard for stock cars as the Burlington.

BURNED BY REBELS

CUBAN INSURGENTS DESTROY VILLAGE OF LA MAYA.

ESTONEZ GETS AWAY SAFELY

Regular Troops Sally Forth in Search of Insurgents When Damage is Done.

Santiago, Cuba.—The insurgents have burned the postoffice, telegraph office, barracks of the rural guard and several houses at La Maya, thirty miles from Santiago.

Eugenie La Coste, one of the rebel leaders, has proclaimed himself governor of Tartaros, north of Guantamo. He has issued a proclamation ordering all planters and proprietors in that district to contribute \$6,000 each and also arms and ammunition on penalty of having their estates burned.

Lieutenant Colonel Consuegra is reported to have engaged the rebels in the vicinity of Daiquiri, killing five of them.

The rebel trooper captured Saturday near El Cobre turns out to be a person of no less importance than Luna, chief of staff of General Ivonet, the rebel commander.

Havana.—General Estonez, the real leader of the negro insurgents, has captured and burned the town of La Maya, on the branch line of the Cuba railroad, thirty miles from Santiago. The government gave out this information Sunday night.

A column of regulars, commanded by Major Sanguly, had occupied La Maya for the last two days, but sallied forth Sunday evening in search of insurgents. Hardly had the regulars left when Estonez with 800 men attacked the handful of rurales. Citizens armed themselves and attempted to oppose the insurgents, but were compelled to retreat, losing several wounded. Estonez then entered the town, which was sacked and burned.

The flames were seen by Major Sanguly's command, which hastened back, but found the town destroyed. The insurgents retired into the hills. La Maya was a small place composed of about seventy houses, the inhabitants of which were mostly negroes.

The general forward movement of the Cuban troops apparently is still deferred, pending completion of the disposition of the troops ordered by General Montague.

Reports from the scene say that the rebel leaders continue to exact contributions of arms and money from property owners, who are mostly foreigners, under threat of applying the torch. The government is making strong efforts to supply plantation guards, but seemingly lacks sufficient men without depleting the ranks of the troops in active service.

DIES UNDER A BIPLANE.

Philip O. Parmalee Becomes Victim in Brief Flight.

North Yakima, Wash.—With a smile and a wave of his hand to the thousands who watched him, Philip O. Parmalee, until recently one of the Wright aviators, took the air in the teeth of a gusty wind here Saturday afternoon. Three minutes later, his broken and lifeless body was dragged from beneath the wreckage of his biplane in an apple orchard in the lower end of the Moxey valley, two miles from his starting point. The exact cause of the disaster that plunged him to his death probably never will be known.

Hot Weather in California.

San Francisco.—Sunday was the hottest day San Francisco has known for three years, and in the history of the weather bureau only two higher temperatures have been recorded. At noon it was 93 degrees in the shade. The heat was all in the northern end of the state. At Fresno the mercury touched 106 degrees.

Last Wild Man Dead.

Boston.—Plutano, the last of the famous pair of "wild men of Borneo," died at the home of Mrs. H. A. Warner in Waltham Sunday. Plutano is believed to have been about 92 years old and with his brother, Wano, who died in 1905, had traveled all over the world.

Mrs. Quinn Cleared.

Chicago.—Mrs. Jane Quinn, accused of shooting and killing her third husband, John M. Quinn, last December in his bed, was found not guilty by a jury before Criminal Court Judge Kerstein.

Aged Skeleton Mounted.

Chicago, Ill.—The skeleton of an ophiacodonmirus, a reptile, supposed to have lived 10,000,000 years ago, was mounted at the Walker museum of the Chicago university.

Dirigible on Long Trip.

Friedrichshaven, Germany.—The new military airship Zeppelin III started from here on its maiden trip over Basel, Frankfurt-on-the-Main, Goettingen and Bremen to Hamburg, about 450 miles distant. Count Zeppelin is pilot.

Tossed Into the Lake.

Chicago, Ill.—Six theological students of Northwestern university were taken from their beds by twenty-five other students and tossed into Lake Michigan, an annual custom.

NEBRASKA IN BRIEF.

News Notes of Interest from Various Sections.

Miss Lucy Woods, a teacher in the high school at West Point, has tendered her resignation to accept a similar position at Havelock.

All stock cars less than thirty-six and a half feet in length must be discarded by the Union Pacific railroad, according to an order issued by the state railway commission. The same standard has been in effect for some time past on the Burlington and will remain in force hereafter on the Union Pacific.

Systematic stealing of packages from the United States Express company in Omaha has been going on since February, ceased last week, the police believe, when C. H. Dietz, who has been the company's night expressman at the union depot for six years, was arrested. He was apprehended by F. G. Roempler, a company detective, as he was carrying a package from the depot.

The police of Broken Bow are on the lookout for some half-grown boys who have lately been robbing rural mail boxes. Mrs. J. E. Wood, living just east of town, is the latest victim. As she was standing at her window looking toward the foot of the lane, where the mail box is located, a boy about fourteen years old approached the box, lifted out the mail and made off with it.

The cut-worm is playing havoc with the fields of corn in Cuming county. Numerous fields are being replanted. There seems to be no remedy available quickly enough for this pest. The ravages of this insect seem to be more widespread and destructive than in former years. The fields replanted, however, seem to be immune from the attacks of the worm, the insect seeming to be satisfied with its first attempt.

Henry Seymour, secretary of the State Board of Equalization, has completed the task of compiling the mileage of private car lines in the state and the assessment based thereon. The amount of assessment of each of the roads on this account is as follows: Burlington, \$63,315; Union Pacific, \$107,650; Northwestern, \$11,680; St. Paul & Omaha, \$6,280; Rock Island, \$5,220; Missouri Pacific, \$12,920; St. Joseph & Grand Island, \$2,430.

Many farmers, it is said, will have to replant corn because they used seed which did not germinate well. Lincoln dealers who handle seed report a heavy demand for this purpose. One dealer sent eleven miles to obtain a consignment of seed to meet the wants of customers and another shipped in 100 bushels from another county. Those farmers who used seed grown in 1910 have little trouble with replanting. Tests indicated that a very small per cent of the crop of 1911 would germinate properly.

John Wenland and Ray Baker were drowned in a small pond in the McFadden pasture, one and a half miles east of Holbrook. The party consisted of four men, one of them, Will Wenland, a brother of one of the men, drowned. All four of the party were seeking for minnows for bait when the two stepped into a hole which was in the neighborhood of twenty feet deep. The pond was not over twelve feet wide, but neither of the men could swim.

Mrs. Anna Cooper Goebel, heroine of the terrific blizzard of Easter Sunday, 1873, is now an invalid, homeless and destitute, and the historical society of Howard county is asking for aid from the people of Nebraska for the girl who in the early days of Nebraska braved for fifty-eight hours the raging storm in an attempt to get help to her dying mother. Through the death of her husband and the loss of her property, Mrs. Goebel is now in dire need and the society, together with Governor Aldrich, is asking the people of Nebraska to contribute that she may pass her last days in comfort.

J. A. Piper, secretary of the Charities and Corrections board, visited the Kearney industrial school for boys and reports the inmates well cared for and generally contented with their condition. He notes some needed improvements made to the buildings during the last six months and that the meals are well served, well prepared and in plentiful quantity.

John Petrow, the wealthy Fremont Greek who went to his old home near Athens ten months ago, returned last week. Petrow confirms the story that he was seized by the Greek government and forced into the army, where he served for four months before he was able to secure his release. His naturalization papers or the fact that he had not been in the country for twenty years availed him nothing.

A young man giving the name of Will Bohle, and claiming Blue Springs as his home, is in jail at Marysville, Kan., on the charge of stealing a team from A. C. King, a liveryman of that city. One of the horses died shortly before his arrest, two miles from Bennington, Kan.

A. J. Langer, former postmaster of West Point and editor of the West Point Republican and a native son of West Point, has been elected mayor of Davenport, Okl.

State Engineer Price has returned from Wahoo where he went to meet with the county board of Saunders county regarding the letting of contracts for the rebuilding of the North Bend and Fremont bridges which were washed out this spring. There were a large number of bids, running all the way from \$58,735, to \$85,140 for the North Bend bridge and \$59,972 to \$80,590 for the Fremont bridge.