

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.**  
Senator Cummins announced he would not join the new party movement.  
Senator Works urged investigation of pre-convention campaign contribution and declared war against new party.  
The naval appropriation bill, carrying \$133,609,674 and providing two battleships program passed the senate.  
Passage of a bill which would prohibit interstate shipment of prizefight moving picture films was blocked in the house.  
Representative Norris of Nebraska, progressive republican, introduced a bill which he declared would remedy the evils of presidential primaries.  
The working agreement between democrats and insurgent republicans ended, probably resulting in a strict party vote on sugar, wool and excise bills.  
The campaign expenditures of the socialist party in either 1904 or in 1908 did not exceed \$1,000, according to an affidavit of Paul Augustine, secretary of the socialist party, submitted to the senate committee investigating campaign expenditures in those years.

**General.**  
Senator Works of California declared himself opposed to a new party.  
Twenty-one were killed and thirty injured in a collision of trains near Latrobe, Pa.  
Norman E. Mack says the democratic ticket appeals to both conservative and progressive democrats.  
Minneapolis police are looking for a man who slugged, gagged and bound Guy Hanson, aged 15, in a downtown establishment in broad daylight, and with hundreds of pedestrians nearby.  
Twenty-nine arrests were made and a score of people were hurt following a midnight riot in connection with the street car strike in Boston. The rioting followed a mass meeting of striking car men.  
Bob Hunter, known as "dare devil," was instantly killed in a motorcycle race at Luna park, Cleveland. The riders were speeding seventy-five miles an hour when a collision occurred.  
One man is dying with a bullet in his abdomen, a "score or more are nursing minor injuries and a dozen men are under arrest as a result of rioting by street car men's strike sympathizers in Boston.  
Every common carrier railroad and steamship line in the United States was affected by the suspension by the Interstate Commerce commission of proposed new regulations restricting the dimensions of pieces of personal baggage.  
Three persons were killed and four injured, one possibly fatally, near Kansas City when an automobile of G. W. Strope, a retired merchant, collided with a Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul passenger train. Mrs. Strope is among the dead.  
One of the most disastrous fires that ever visited North Adams, Mass., destroyed a large section of the business district, causing an estimated loss of \$600,000. The Empire theater, Wilson hotel, the Empire apartment house and Sullivan furniture building were destroyed.  
Patrolman William Williams of Chicago shot and killed one man and fatally wounded a second when five men attempted to take two prisoners from Williams. Earl Farrell, 18 years old, was killed, and his brother, Edward J. Farrell, 23 years old, was wounded.  
Marshall E. Sampson of Chicago purchased \$40,000 worth of the \$50,000 capital stock of the Paris Traction company, paying \$115 a share. His plan is said to be to establish a terminal for the Christman-Paris and Charleston-Paris interurban roads. The transfer will be made July 2.  
The navy will supply enlisted men to operate the ships of the Panama railway between New York and Colon, to replace those who joined in the general strike called at New York. The regular service of ships is essential for supplying food and other necessities for the canal workers, as well as material for the canal itself.  
At St. Joseph, Mo., the prosecuting attorney brought suit to have the charters of three local ice manufacturing companies revoked. The officers of the companies recently were indicted on the charge of maintaining a combination to control prices of ice.  
The house passed the army bill in the same form as last February before the senate amendments brought it under the veto of President Taft.  
Several naval officers were retired July 1 on their application, thus reducing to twelve the number of officers who must be compulsorily retired.

Progressive congressmen declare opposition to a third party.  
Senator Cummins is uncertain which way he will jump politically.  
By action of the referee Ad Wol-gast, although plainly outfought, was awarded the decision over Rivers.  
Jack Johnson got \$35,000 out of the Las Vegas fight.  
The heat wave in Chicago killed seven in one day.  
Gov. Osborne of Michigan now says he will stay with the old party.  
Omaha has taken over the city water plant at a cost of \$6,500,000.  
The senate passed the naval bill with provision for two new battleships.  
Flynn says he would have bested Johnson if the police had not interfered.  
Mr. Bryan was given a welcome by citizens of Lincoln on his return from the east.  
Harriet Quimby and a male passenger were killed by a fall from an airplane near Boston.  
Receipts of hogs at the Sioux City market for June total 207,000, establishing a new high mark.  
A youthful Iowa bandit held up and shot a bank cashier, escaped with money, but was shot and killed.  
At Bowling Green, Mo., Champ Clark's "home folks" received with regret news that Governor Wilson was the democratic nominee.  
It is the consensus of public opinion that the outcome of the Baltimore convention makes the third party a logical absurdity.  
President and Mrs. Taft left Washington for Boston to spend the remainder of the week at the summer home near Beverly.  
Captain E. B. Loraine and Sergeant Major Wilson of the English army flying corps were killed while flying over the great military encampment.  
The national convention of the progressive party will be held at Chicago on or about August 1, it was announced by Senator Dixon.  
William J. Bryan, in a statement, said that the nomination of Woodrow Wilson on a progressive platform meant an overwhelming victory for the democratic ticket next fall.  
At San Jose, Cal., two motorcycle racers were killed and two others seriously injured while riding faster than a mile a minute at the race meet at the San Jose driving park.  
Miss Blanche Stuart Scott has the distinction of being the first woman to fly an airplane in New England at the opening of the aviation meet at Squantum, Mass. She used a biplane.  
President Taft sent to the senate the nomination of William Marshall Bullett of Louisville, Ky., to be solicitor general of the United States, to succeed Frederick H. Lehmann of St. Louis, resigned.  
Pursuit of the "money trust" probably will be virtually abandoned until after the elections in November, as the result of the conference of the subcommittee of the house banking and currency committee.  
The names of twelve navy officers by the plucking board for involuntary retirement were made public at the navy department. There are three captains, four commanders and five lieutenant-commanders in the list.  
At Minneapolis President C. B. Goodrich of the Twin City Rapid Transit company announced an increase of wages of 2,000 trainmen amounting to practically 10 per cent. Increase was made voluntarily and as a surprise to the men.  
Cecil Brunswick Smith, one of the best known railway and hydro-electrical engineers in the world, is dead at his home in Toronto of cancer. He was 48 years old. Nearly every hydro-electric plant in America was either designed or built by Mr. Smith.  
A coroner's jury in Chicago recommended that Mrs. Louise Lindoff be held to the grand jury without bail for the alleged murder of her son, Arthur Lindoff, 15 years old. She is suspected of causing the deaths of four other members of her family.  
A row in the United States treasury of more than a year's standing between Secretary MacVeagh and Assistant Secretary A. Platt Andrew culminated in Andrew's resignation and proposal for a congressional investigation of Secretary MacVeagh's administration.  
The Pekin correspondent of the London Daily Telegraph says that China absolutely rejects the demands of the six-power group, which were that the loan must be \$300,000,000; that three European financial supervisors must be appointed, and that the group must have its financial agents in China for five months.

THE LAND IS GOOD

COMMISSIONER GUYE LOOKING OVER GOVERNMENT ACRES.  
MUCH HAS BEEN TAKEN UP  
Still There Yet Remains a Goody Amount that is Subject to Homestead Entry.

Labor Commissioner Guye returned from a trip through Cherry, Thomas, Hooker, Grant, Box Butte, Dawson and Sheridan counties, where he investigated the matter of vacant government lands open to homestead entry.  
He says that in visiting the land offices he discovered that about 50 per cent of the land which was open at the time of the last report has been taken up, but that there is plenty of good land left. A little later he will issue a statement which will cover fully the ground regarding the vacant land.  
"When one first alights from the train in the section where this land is located," said Mr. Guye, "he is struck with the idea that he would not give 15 cents for all the vacant land in that part of the country. But as one gets out and sees what is being done he is convinced that those who have settled upon this land are the ones who have solved the problem of making a living easily. They depend upon the increase in their cattle and horses for the profits on the farm. They have plenty of fine water, easily accessible, plenty of grass for feed at all seasons of the year and they seem to be in a most prosperous condition, for failure of crops does not affect them. If the general public knew the real facts in regard to homesteads on this land I do not believe very much of it would remain untaken very long.  
Mr. Guye is intensely interested in seeing settlers on this vacant land and in his letter, which he will soon publish, he hopes that those interested will take advantage of the facts in the case which will be shown therein and hasten to possess themselves of a home of their own.

**State Can Cash Warrants.**  
The monthly report of State Treasurer George shows a total of \$680,007.18 on hand, of which \$5,981.97 is cash on hand and \$674,025.21 cash on deposit in depository banks. One month ago the amount in the treasurer's custody was \$740,029.13. Large remittances from county treasurers have swelled the general fund to \$134,688.82. In addition to this fund the treasurer has on hand \$292,567.13 of uninvested trust funds, or funds in the permanent school, permanent university, agricultural college endowment and normal endowment fund, with which to cash state warrants.

**Railway Commission Hearings.**  
The State Railway commission will hear complaints on several days of this month. On July 12 the members will go to Minden, where they will listen to appeals for a new passenger station on the Burlington at that point. On the same day they will hear a similar appeal from the residents of Newark, Neb. On July 23 better station facilities at Gandy and Logan and the request for a sidetrack at Gandy will also be considered.

**Collections for June.**  
The secretary of state collected a total of \$18,385.20 in fees during the month of June, the fees being derived as follows: Articles of incorporation, 10; notarial commissions, \$74; motor vehicles, \$87; brands, \$88; certified copies of records, \$67; annual corporation payments, \$13,060.10.

DOUBLE VALUATIONS.

Dual Reports on Union Pacific Right-of-Way.  
Double valuations upon the right-of-way of the Union Pacific in this state have been reported to the State Railway commission by the physical valuation department of that body. One valuation list figures upon the regular 200-foot right-of-way and the other lists, in addition, the value of 200 feet more, a total of 400 feet of right-of-way. The filing of the double report is occasioned by the dispute at present existing between settlers along the main line of the road and the company. The former claim that the act of 1854, under which they say the road was built through this state, gave the company only 200 feet right-of-way. The company contends that the act of 1862, granting it a full 400 feet right-of-way, was the measure under which it was built through the state. Practically all of the territory from within a few miles of Omaha to the Wyoming state line is concerned in the double report, only that land being excluded which the company was forced to purchase outright.  
The one report fixing a valuation upon the 200-foot right-of-way sets the figures at several times the value of surrounding town or country property, as the case may be. The 400-foot right-of-way valuation values half the amount upon the regular basis for such property, while the other 200 feet is valued at the same price as adjoining property. Which of the valuations is accepted by the commission will depend upon the action taken by congress upon the Norris bill or by the federal courts in adjudicating present contentions between the settlers and the company.  
The Norris bill, introduced at the instance of the organized farmers' associations, seeks to settle the difficulty by granting the company only the 200-foot right-of-way. If this bill passes the Nebraska commission will accept the small main line right-of-way valuation reported by its valuation department.

NEW PARTY CALLED

TO ASSEMBLE IN CHICAGO  
Nominees for President and Vice President Will Be Placed Before the People August 5th.

New York.—A call to the people of the United States who are in sympathy with the "national progressive movement" to send delegates to a national convention to open in Chicago August 5 was given out Sunday by United States Senator Dixon of Montana, the colonel's manager. The call is signed by members of the committee chosen at a meeting held in Chicago, and also bore signatures of Roosevelt followers in forty states.  
"The territories have no place in a national convention and will not be considered," declared Senator Dixon in commenting upon the signatures.  
"As for the missing eight states, the most of them probably will send delegates, although they have not taken part in the call. Maine, for instance, postponed any definite action because there is now a strong fight on in the primaries, with the sympathy running in favor of the progressive movement. Delaware, North Carolina, Arkansas and Nevada probably will take part in the convention. Mississippi and South Carolina may possibly be unrepresented.  
"The call lays no rules as to the methods of choosing delegates, since each state will be expected to select its delegates by its own paraphernalia. The representation will be cut down to just one-half of the previous convention. This was deemed advisable since this convention is to be notably a deliberative body and will certainly be composed of a class of men altogether different from those who usually attend conventions.  
"In all probability the convention will adopt the name 'national progressives' for the new party, but I cannot say definitely what will be done. Thus far no issues have been authoritatively stated and of course the platform itself will have to be decided upon by the delegates."  
The text of the call is: "To the people of the United States without regard to past differences, who, through repeated betrayals realize that today the power of the crooked political bosses and of the privileged classes behind them is so strong in the two old party organizations that no helpful movement in the real interest of our country can come out of either.  
"Who believe that the time has come for a national progressive movement—a nation wide movement—on non-sectional lines, so that the people may be served in sincerity and truth by an organization, unfettered by obligation to conflicting interests.  
"Who believe in the right and capacity of the people to rule themselves and effectively to control all the agencies of their government, and who hold that only through social and industrial justice, thus secured, can honest property find permanent protection.  
"To all in accord with views here set forth a call is hereby issued by the provisional committee under the resolution of the mass meeting held in Chicago on June 22 last to each state to send a number of delegates to the convention at Chicago on the fifth day of August, 1912, for the purpose of nominating candidates to be supported for the positions of president and vice president of the United States."

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**Collections Will Cease.**  
Governor Aldrich issued the following: "I am directed by E. P. Bicknell, national director of the American Red Cross association, to announce that the time has now come for a discontinuance of the collections for the relief of the flood sufferers of the Mississippi floods, as it is believed that there is now sufficient to meet all demands."

**Resigned to His Fate.**  
Convict Albert Prince, the negro murderer of Deputy Warden Davis, who is under sentence of death at the penitentiary, is resigned to his fate and is waiting until the August day when he will march to the scaffold and pay the penalty for his crime. Prince is well behaved, the prison officials say, and he has become very religious.

**Piper Elected Secretary.**  
Clerk Piper of the board of charities and corrections returned from Cleveland, Ohio, where he attended the annual meeting of the national association. He was elected corresponding secretary of the national organization which will hold its meeting in Seattle next year.

**Dedicate New Building.**  
Governor Aldrich, State Treasurer George, State Superintendent Delzell and Dr. I. F. Roach of Lincoln attended a meeting of the State Normal board at Kearney and participated in the dedication of a new building at the Kearney State Normal school.

**Work Suspended.**  
Chemist Redfern of the state food department, who does some work for the agricultural department, has received notice from the Bureau of Chemistry not to incur any expense or do any work after July 1 until further instructed. This notice has been sent to all chemists owing to the uncertainty as to whether congress will pass appropriation bills.

**Protest Against Rate Raise.**  
The Northeast Lancaster County Farmers' club held its monthly meeting at E. Samuelson's place and a very interesting program was rendered. Among the various subjects discussed was that of the present telephone question as to the raise in rates. The discussion was very spirited and an organization was started and money raised for the purpose of remonstrating against any raise in rates. W. B. Cook of Waverly was elected president and M. M. Malone of Havelock treasurer.

**Nebraskan Killed in Cuba.**  
Fred M. Vandervoort, a son of the late Paul Vandervoort of Nebraska, was shot and instantly killed June 21 at Canaqua, Cuba, by a Cuban street car conductor whom he had discharged in the morning.

**Capital Stock Validated.**  
By a vote of two to one, the state railway commission has validated the \$20,000 of capital stock of the St. Edward Electric company and authorizes the company to issue \$13,000 in bonds.

**Vital Statistics.**  
Dr. W. H. Wilson, state health inspector, has completed a compilation of deaths and births in the state for the six months ending June 1. There were 5,617 deaths. During the year ending December 1, 1911, there were 11,499 deaths. During the six months there were 12,983 births, divided 6,695 males and 6,288 females. There were 69 colored children in the number. The births are classified: American, 10,824; German, 1,958; Scandinavian, 413; British, 207; Bohemian, 292; unclassified, 689.

NEBRASKA IN BRIEF.

News Notes of Interest from Various Sections.  
A state tennis tournament will be held in Norfolk during the week beginning July 15th.  
Stella, 4-year-old daughter of Thomas Curran of the York Daily News, was drowned in Beaver creek. She was playing in the park when she strayed away from her parents.  
Barn Struck by Lightning.  
Harlan County.—During an electric storm the barn of A. G. Harding was struck by lightning and the entire contents were burned; loss, \$1,000; insurance, \$500.  
A terrific rainstorm closely approaching a cloudburst swept over Box Butte county doing considerable damage to small buildings and filling hundreds of cellars in Alliance. The registered rainfall was slightly over four inches.  
A drowning marred the Fourth of July in Norfolk. Mrs. Guy Stockton, aged thirty, wife of a local photographer, while wading with her husband in the Norfolk river, stepped in to a hole twelve feet deep and was drowned. Her husband was unable to swim and could not save her.  
County Clerk Osborne and Assessor Gardner have recently completed a tabulated statement of the personal property of Custer county, and it is interesting to note that the personal assessment of the county has decreased more than \$287,000 over 1911.  
Ignoring instructions as to the use of an electric light a man registering as John Doyle of Jackson, Neb., turned the gas jet wide open in his room at the Mitchell hotel, Sioux City, and was found dead. The body was not discovered until 11 o'clock. Doyle went to the hotel about 11 o'clock at night, apparently under the influence of liquor.  
Word reached Rushville that J. T. Jacobs, Jr., had been killed by his horse near Interior, S. D. His father investigated and from what he found his son had met with foul play at the hands of some Indians and one white man, who carried his unconscious body to a house five miles away and then disappeared. Jacobs died the next morning.  
Indications are now, according to Dr. Johnson, superintendent of the Norfolk insane asylum, that a new addition will have to be built on to that institution to accommodate the increase in patients. About fifty patients now at Norfolk will soon be moved to Lincoln and that will fill the Lincoln institution so that the Norfolk asylum will be the only available place to send new patients.  
Earl Thornburg, a 19 year old convict was missed at the penitentiary when the "trusties" came back from plowing corn on the farm. Thornburg was serving one year for horse stealing and his time would have been up this fall. He was considered one of the most reliable of the trusties, but the longing to get away when a good opportunity presented itself was too much for him.  
A surprise has been sprung on the city council of Kearney. It has been found that the contracts for the light plant are invalid and that the ordinances must govern action. Judge Sinclair in the absence of the city attorney E. C. Calkins, gave his opinion on the matter and stated that a city council in Nebraska must and can only enter into legal contracts by first enacting an ordinance for that specific purpose.  
A full-blooded Indian woman, Nancy Wells, has been received at the penitentiary. She is under sentence of from one to ten years for manslaughter. She broke down completely and was heart-broken when first taken into the prison, but after being turned over to the matron became more calm. The new prisoner is only twenty-three years old and is unmarried. She was convicted of killing her now-born babe, having thrown it into an open-air vault where it remained for about twenty-four hours.  
Fred Psota, a wealthy and prominent Bohemian farmer living three miles west of Ravenna, was found dead in his bed. Not arising at the usual time, his wife went to arouse him and found him lifeless.  
Governor Aldrich appointed Charles Knowles of McCook steward at the state industrial school in Kearney and Mr. Knowles checked in at the institution. For the past year that office at the school has been vacant and the work has been taken care of by the superintendent and his assistant. Mr. and Mrs. Knowles together will also have charge of one of the grade dormitories.  
Lincoln observed its first safe and same fourth according to all the rules of the game, and while there were innumerable traces of the old-time way of celebrating, the advocates of the newer method voted that the day on the whole could hardly have been excelled, as far as the innovation was concerned. Lawrence Lake, a 6-year-old University Place boy, was the only sacrifice to pleasure of the day, he being run over and killed by an automobile.  
The First State Bank of Murphy in Hamilton county has filed its application for organization with the secretary of the state banking board with a capital stock of \$25,000, one-half of which is fully paid up.  
Adjutant General Phelps received word that the army appropriation bill had passed the house and that therefore the Nebraska state guard would be in line for participation in army maneuvers to be held at Pole Mountain, Wyo., next month. Arrangements will now be made by the state officers, to get the various companies in line for that affair.