

# THE SEMI-WEEKLY TRIBUNE

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## FROM MANY POINTS

EVENTS OF THE DAY HELD TO A FEW LINES.

## DAY'S EVENTS BOILED DOWN

Personal, Political, Foreign and Other Intelligence Interesting to the General Reader.

### Congress.

The house elections committee ordered reports setting Representatives Bartholdt and Legare.

The senate adopted resolutions to inquire into the purchase of Monticello, Jefferson's old home.

The senate agricultural committee authorized favorable report on the bill to create a horticultural commission.

Representative Buckley introduced resolution directing the senate to cause a thorough investigation of the pension bureau.

The house passed the Clayton contempt bill, providing jury trial for persons accused of indirect contempt of a federal court.

The house elections committee voted to declare Representative Catlin's election illegal and seat Patrick F. Gill, the contestant.

Senator Overman introduced resolution for an exhaustive investigation of expenditures in the forest service by a special committee.

August Belmont testified before campaign funds investigating committee he contributed \$250,000 to the 1904 democratic campaign.

The house military affairs committee favorably reported the bill to transfer Fort Thomas, Ky., to the navy for marine garrison.

Senator Bailey introduced a resolution condemning attempts of the president to influence votes of senators upon any question of any senator's right to a seat.

The senate foreign relations committee authorized favorable report on resolution to investigate the fomenting of encouraging of Mexican revolution or in Cuba.

Representative Hull introduced a bill to amend the Sherman anti-trust law so as to provide as a fixed penalty for violation a fine of one-half mill on every dollar of the capital stock for every violation.

Secretary Wilson categorically denied before the agricultural committee Representative Aiken's charges that his son was connected with an irrigation project because of the secretary's official position.

The impeachment case of Judge Robert W. Archbald was called and Archbald ordered to answer the charges July 29, the house to present its rebuttal answer August 1, and supplementary answers to be in by August 3, when the case is required to be complete.

The senate by a vote of 40 to 34 ordered the Panama canal bill placed in the calendar as the unfinished business. Great Britain had requested that the measure be delayed until it had an opportunity of presenting its note protesting against free tolls on American ships. The senate refused to hold up the measure.

### General.

The flood loss at Denver amounts to over two million dollars.

August Belmont admitted contributing \$250,000 to the democratic campaign fund in 1904.

A protest has been made on the majority report of the house steel trust investigating committee.

Representative Sabath introduced a bill to prohibit transmission of racing news by telegraph, mail or otherwise.

Grand Rapids was hit by a tornado that injured forty or more persons and did thousands of dollars worth of damage.

The national convention of the progressive party will be held at Chicago on or about August 1, it was announced by Senator Dixon.

The senate postoffice committee, finishing postoffice appropriation bill, agreed to a parcels post provision and to bar sending any second class mail by freight.

The Tennessee adherents of Theodore Roosevelt called a convention to take place August 2 and to nominate candidates for governor and railroad commissioners.

Near Cherokee, Ia., John Hardy, an aged man, was killed, and his grandson, Harold Dougherty, aged 10 years, seriously injured in an automobile accident.

Heavy penalties for gambling in cotton "futures" are provided in the Beall bill passed by the house by a vote of 95 to 25. The bill yet must go to the senate.

The president bkg bkg qb qkvqb b It is President Taft's wish that he be notified of his nomination at the white house in Washington.

More than eighty democratic members of the house signified their intention of joining the official house pilgrimage to Seagirt, N. J., to call upon Governor Woodrow Wilson.

The flagman and dead engineer are held jointly responsible for the Burlington wreck at Chicago.

Two white men and four negroes were killed in an explosion in the mines of the Gayton Coal company, fifteen miles from Richmond, Va.

William L. Bullock of Corsicana, Tex., a midshipman of six weeks' standing at the naval academy at Annapolis, was killed by falling from the top of the mainmast of the Hartford to the deck. His neck was broken and he died instantly.

Senator Works says it is not the time for the organization of a third party.

American residents of Mexico may be warned to leave the country.

President Taft will not compromise with Roosevelt on electors in any of the states.

Postmaster General Hitchcock told of contributions to the Taft campaign fund in 1908.

New York authorities have adopted a new line of inquiry into the murder of Gambler Rosenthal.

The senate river and harbor appropriation bill, carrying \$33,000,000, agreed to in conference.

Senators took a bold stand on the right of the United States to run the Panama canal as it pleased.

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In a cloudburst at Reno, Nevada, twenty people were drowned. Not all of the bodies have yet been recovered.

Sweeping reductions in express rates will follow an investigation by the interstate commerce commission.

The civil service reform committee of the house favorably reported a bill to prevent political activity on the part of postmasters and federal officeholders.

Democrats in the senate were defeated in an attempt to have the wool tariff bill considered and began a filibuster against the sundry civil appropriation bill.

Fire at Akron, O., destroyed the Schumacher block on Main street, causing a loss estimated at between \$300,000 and \$400,000. Several firemen were injured.

At Havana no further cases of bubonic plague have been reported, and the sanitary authorities are encouraged especially because no infected rats have been discovered.

With a view to utilizing every minute of the remaining time before adjournment the house adopted a special rule providing for an ambitious program of legislation.

Present class freight rates from Galveston to Wichita and Oklahoma City were ordered by the interstate commerce commission to be materially reduced by September 1 next.

Jacob Datsenau, a wealthy farmer, and his wife were killed instantly and three children were slightly injured when their automobile turned over near Fowler, Indiana, as they were returning home from church.

The conference report on the new wireless law, framed from the lessons of the Titanic disaster, requiring wireless operators on duty constantly aboard ships, was adopted by the house and now requires only the president's signature to make it law.

Sentence upon John Mitchell, convicted of contempt of court with Samuel Gompers and Frank Morrison of the American Federation of Labor for violation of an injunction in the Buck's Store and Range boycott case, was again postponed in the district supreme court.

The detailed answer which President Taft's advisers will make to charges that his nomination at Chicago was obtained in illegal fashion was one of the first subjects that greeted Carmel A. Thompson of Ohio when he assumed the post of secretary to the president.

Marked division appeared between the house and senate over the time for conducting the impeachment trial of Judge Robert W. Archbald of the commerce court. While senate leaders have virtually agreed to delay the case until November, Chairman Clayton of the house managers, reiterated his intention to insist upon an immediate hearing.

Three deaths occurred Sunday in the suburbs of San Juan from bubonic plague. One suspect has been found. These cases were not reported. Since the outbreak of the plague there have been thirty-seven cases and twenty-six deaths throughout Porto Rico. The Hoffman vaccine has been administered to all persons residing in the infected districts.

Robert Kinsella was drowned on the top of a twelve story building in which he lived in East Sixteenth street, New York. He had gone to the roof of the building and found a foot and a half of water which had collected there after the drain pipe became clogged. He ran his right arm down into the drain pipe and as he released the rubbish the suction of the rushing water caught him.

President Taft sent a message to the house stating that congress so far had appropriated \$3,451,925 for the Philippine Islands. The house in a resolution had asked to know the total expense resulting from the occupation of the islands. The president stated that aside from the direct appropriations it is impossible to estimate accurately any expenses incurred. He declared it an open question whether the army in the Philippines costs more than it did at home.

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Adjournment of congress may come at an earlier day than expected.

### Personal.

No presidential slate has yet been made up by the prohibitionists.

President Taft is to make a number of appointments in Ohio.

Herbert Knox Smith is to quit the Taft administration and join hands with Colonel Roosevelt.

Republican state candidates in Illinois must declare for whom they stand—Taft or Roosevelt.

## IN FINE CONDITION

SECRETARY ROYSE FINDS NEBRASKA BANKS DOING WELL.

## DEPOSITS ARE MUCH LARGER

Totals in Report Submitted for the First Time Run Over the Hundred Million Mark.

The secretary of the State Banking board has made his report for the month ending June 14, 1912, which shows a commendable increase in the right direction. For the first time in the history of the banking board the totals have run over the hundred million mark. Following is the report:

"Number of banks reporting, 681.  
"Number of depositors, 256,188.  
"Average reserve, 30 per cent."

### RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts	\$71,250,086.26
Overdrafts	595,210.38
Bonds, securities, judgments, claims, etc.	830,941.54
Due from national and state banks	20,925,722.29
Banking house, furniture and fixtures	2,694,656.85
Other real estate	273,698.15
Current expenses, taxes and interest paid	1,288,037.21
Cash items	36,517.32
Cash	4,605,589.66

Total \$102,416,459.66

### LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in	\$13,169,740.00
Surplus fund	2,800,846.74
Undivided profits	2,825,525.31
Deposits	82,825,356.02
Notes and bills rediscounted	69,769.23
Bills payable	348,140.54
Depositors' guaranty fund	367,081.82

Total \$102,416,459.66

"Since the report of March 16, 1912, deposits have increased \$2,496,380.26 and loans have increased \$1,474,104.94 and there has been a gain of ten in the number of banks. The reserve is the same, being 30 per cent, double the amount required by law."

"Compared with a year ago, June 1, 1911, the increase in deposits is \$10,948,872.86 and the increase in loans amounts to \$8,254,076.58, and an increase of twenty-three in the number of banks reporting."

"With deposits the highest in the history of the state, an average reserve double the amount required by law and a reduction of \$63,000 in notes and bills rediscounted and bills payable during the last year, a very satisfactory showing for the banks of Nebraska is presented at this time, and indicates a most safe and sound condition, a substantial growth in business, and the careful and conservative lines upon which they are being operated."

### Unveiling Lincoln Statue.

The members of the Abraham Lincoln monument committee met and discussed the program for the unveiling which is to take place September 2. As that is Labor day and a legal holiday and the first day of the state fair, a big parade of civic societies and labor unions may precede the unveiling ceremonies.

### Charged With Cattle Stealing.

On information received from an Oklahoma sheriff, Detective Schmitt arrested Crockett McHenry, colored, on the charge of cattle stealing. McHenry had been employed for the past week at the Commercial club dining room.

### Legislative Reference Bureau.

Assistant Director Hannan of the legislative reference bureau is collecting election data and figures from state records for publication in the blue book which is to be ready for members when they arrive in Lincoln early in January for the 1912 session. Primary and general election figures for several years past will be given by counties and for all of the offices voted upon at each election. The information will be a small part of general data relating to the operation of the state government and designed to give the incoming legislators ready reference to matters which are likely to come up during the session.

### Headquarters at Lincoln.

Lincoln will have the democratic state headquarters during the coming campaign. A decision to that effect has been arrived at by candidates on the democratic state ticket and their wishes in the matter will be followed by the new state central committee to be chosen at the coming convention at Grand Island.

### Bids for Printing.

Secretary Thomas of the state printing bureau has advertised for bids for the printing of fifteen biennial and annual reports of state departments. Bids will be received up to noon of July 29. This is the annual letting of printing contracts that formerly took place in the month of April. The fiscal year of the state closes November 30 and reports of departments will close on that date, but contracts can be awarded this month and much of the copy can be sent immediately to the printers.

### AS TO VACANT LAND.

Deputy Labor Commissioner Sends Out Circulars.

Louis V. Guye, deputy labor commissioner, after a personal investigation of the lands open to homestead entry in Nebraska, has issued the following circular letter, which is being sent out to all who have made inquiry, regarding the matter of homesteads.

In reply I wish to say that my delay in answering has been caused owing to the fact that I have been making a personal investigation of the entire district having lands open to homestead entry. I have pursued this plan as the means of furnishing to those interested in taking up lands reliable information based upon actual observations.

Generally speaking, I find this land to be quite sandy, well adapted to stock raising, dairying and poultry raising with the valleys fairly good farming lands, especially for the root crops, potatoes, etc.

The majority of the land is under fence, being used as range by the large ranches. The land yet open to settlement is equally as good as that which is taken, but, naturally, it is farther from the railroads, ranging from five to twenty-five miles. Each claim, which consists of 640 acres, is capable of caring for from fifty to 100 head of stock. The rancher very readily leases all land, not pastured by the homesteader, paying about 25c per acre per year. Deeded sections are selling for \$2,000 to \$4,000.

Rural mail delivery and telephone lines extend in all directions. Schools are rarely found outside of the small towns, and I would advise only that class to make settlements who have no children of the school age, or who may be able to place their children in the town schools.

The climate is very healthful; water good; an inexhaustible supply being found at from ten to fifteen feet. Cattle and horses live on the range the entire year round without shelter or food, although, in my judgment, such is necessary as a guarantee of perpetual success.

As a class the homesteaders of this section appear to be exceptionally prosperous, their success being obtained with but slight effort. The ranchers as a rule seem to be very willing to assist the earnest homesteader in making a success by selling him stock on time, etc. One should be possessed of a few hundred dollars to invest in stock as a means of assuring success, otherwise help will be necessary or his progress will be slow.

The chief drawback to the pioneer life in the sandhill country under the Kinkaid law is its monotony, isolation and desolation made certain owing to the fact that the minimum sized farm is 640 acres, which places neighbors one mile apart. To those who can adjust themselves to the conditions of pioneer life I can cheerfully recommend this country as affording opportunities never again to be secured under the homestead laws of this or other states.

### Four Pins Cause Disturbance.

Four common pins were the cause of a great disturbance at the state university convocation. During a piano recital by Prof. Johannes Magendanz of the music faculty the pins began to make know their presence on the inside wires of the instrument whenever a high note was struck. The discords caused quite a little amusement, and the obstructions had to be removed before the recital could proceed.

### For Maneuver Camp.

About 500 Nebraska National guardsmen start July 29, for their maneuver camp at Pole Mountain, Wyo. They land at Laramie and march eighteen miles northeast to the camp. They will be away from home ten days. The first regiment and companies G and K of the Second will go.

### Wheat on State Farm.

Land Commissioner Cowles has received a report showing that the seventy-five acres of wheat on the state farm at the soldiers' home at Grand Island will yield about thirty bushels to the acre. It is being sold as fast as it is threshed for 88 cents a bushel. The crop may bring nearly \$2,000 to the state institution. The state pays \$175 a month for farm help, but the men employed do other work besides raise wheat.

### Burlington Prepares Ballast.

The Burlington railroad is preparing to ballast 100 miles of track with burned gumbo, manufactured from soil to be taken near its track close to Havelock, about six or eight miles from Lincoln. The railroad company purchased the land several years ago.

### Barton Goes West.

Auditor Barton left for Seattle, where he will attend the annual meeting of the state insurance commissioners of the United States. He will advocate a reduction of fire insurance rates and a more uniform set of laws throughout the country.

### Treasurer Buys Bonds.

State Treasurer George has bought \$18,000 of municipal bonds from Cambridge, \$8,000 from Rosalie and \$7,000 from Beatrice and has notified several other towns and school districts that are on the waiting list that he is ready to buy their bonds. The bonds which he is prepared to buy are as follows: Benson, \$23,000; Bristol school district No. 30, \$1,500; Superior, \$4,500; Hebron school district, \$20,000; Hayes Center, \$2,000; school district No. 10, Scottsbluff county, \$1,500.

## MEXICAN BUTCHERY

ATTACK ON A TRAIN FILLED WITH HORRORS.

## INDIGNITIES TO THE SLAIN

The Dead, So Far as Reported, Is Eighty-Four, with Fatalities Yet to Come.

Mexico City.—The dead as a result of an attack by Zapatistas on the Mexican-Cuernavaca train near Parres on the edge of the federal district, now number eighty-four.

A second relief train which reached Mexico City early Sunday brought twenty-three passengers who had escaped the butchery and made their way into Tres Marias, a few miles away. Eleven were accounted for Sunday night.

It is estimated that the train carried approximately seventy-five passengers in addition to the fifty soldiers of the escort. Forty-three soldiers were killed. Nine bodies of passengers were found near the wreck. Of the remaining thirty-two a majority are believed to have been killed or wounded and consumed in the burning cars, which were fired with oil taken from the tank of the locomotive.

Before the attack on the train became known the Zapata horde had routed a small garrison of federals at Parres. Many women of the camp fell into their hands and were subjected to indescribable barbarities. The wife of the chief of the detachment was found disembowled and otherwise horribly mutilated.

Captain Rosendonez, in charge of the escort on the ill-fated train, is said to have fought heroically. After he had received three wounds he continued firing until a fourth bullet pierced his heart.

The Zapatistas robbed the dead and living and looted the express car.

Among the first to fall was the 10-year-old daughter of Captain Hunez. She was sitting near a window and the first volley from the attacking band literally riddled the child with bullets.

"From the time the train stopped until after the attack ended," said one of the soldiers, "there was a veritable rain of bullets. At least 500 were in the first volley and the car in which we were traveling was the target. Most of the bullets came through the roof." The second lieutenant had eighteen bullets through his body. The first lieutenant was also wounded almost at the first shot.

### OMAHA MERCHANT PRINCE DEAD.

Hugo Brandeis Fails to Rally From an Operation.

Omaha.—H. Hugo Brandeis, youngest son of Jonas L. Brandeis, pioneer founder of all the Brandeis mercantile interests in Omaha, succumbed at the Wise Memorial hospital Sunday. His wife, his brother, Arthur D. Brandeis, Mrs. Arthur D. Brandeis, a few close friends and the attending physicians were at his bedside when the grim reaper beckoned.

Mr. Brandeis gradually weakened from the shock of an operation for obstruction of the bowels, performed at the hospital by Drs. Bridges and Jonas last Wednesday, and after several slight turns for the better had a serious setback about 3 o'clock Sunday morning when he grew restless from want of sleep. His condition gradually grew worse and his relatives and friends were hurriedly summoned to the bedside.

### Comes Home to Die.

Minneapolis, Minn.—William D. Washburn sr., former senator from Minnesota, and pioneer in the building of the northwest, arrived Sunday from Europe in a dying condition. A quick trip from New York to Minneapolis was made on a special train.

### Two Million Dollar Fire.

Vancouver, B. C.—Estimates of the loss in the fire at midnight in the Main street warehouse district, placed the damage at nearly \$2,000,000. Three warehouses, each valued at \$250,000, were destroyed as well as a number of other smaller blocks.

### Critic and Poet Dead.

Banchory, Scotland.—Andrew Lang, critic, poet and anthropologist, died here Sunday. Mr. Lang died from heart disease. He arrived at Banchory apparently in good health last Tuesday but suffered a sudden seizure Saturday morning and died soon after midnight.

### One Broken Heart.

Chicago, Ill.—Miss Londa Gowacka, in her breach of promise suit against Adam Kakwiz, submitted an inventory of damages done in which she valued "one broken heart"—\$10.

### The First Contribution.

What is believed to be the first contribution to the Taft campaign fund—a dollar bill enclosed in an envelope addressed to Secretary Hilles, by a country clergyman in New York state was received at the White house on Saturday last.

### A Wholesale Thief.

Chicago, Ill.—Robert McGrath, 17, held on to a burglary charge, is alleged to have stolen a piano, four electric fans, a moving picture machine and a half bushel of films.

### NEBRASKA IN BRIEF.

News Notes of Interest from Various Sections.

Fire at Darr burned the general merchandise store of H. A. Ginn.

Orville Richard White, 19 years old, serving in the United States navy, but at his home in Lincoln on furlough, killed himself by shooting.

J. T. Maddox, agent for the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy at Dalton, was found dead in front of his station. The cause of his death was heart failure.

Mrs. D. W. Sinclair of Hastings, who received an injury to the spine, when she fell from a hammock, has been removed to a sanitarium. Her condition is critical.

State Treasurer George has purchased the following bonds: Cambridge city bonds of \$18,000; Beatrice city bonds of \$7,000 and Rosalie village bonds of \$8,000.

Nels Hanson, one of the earliest pioneer settlers of Burt county, was instantly killed in a runaway. His wife and grandson were so seriously injured neither are expected to live.

At Beatrice Ben Williams has been fined \$50 and costs for furnishing liquor to Charles Schantz, a harness-maker, who was unable to obtain intoxicants at any of the local saloons.

Deposits reached the highest point in the history of the state June 14, according to a report issued by Secretary Royse of the state banking board. The total upon that date was exactly \$82,825,356.02.

A government road expert was in Ord making a preliminary examination of the soil and drainage. He will return in a couple of weeks and spend a fortnight assisting the good roads committee of the Commercial club in building a mile of model road.

More than fifty practicing physicians were in Fremont to attend the midsummer meeting of the Elkhorn Valley Medical association, the largest organization of physicians in the state, with the exception of the state association.

At Shelton a company was organized and purchased the frame public school building and one-half, being the old part, was torn down, and the balance will be moved onto grounds near the railway and made into an alfalfa meal mill.

Peters & Richards of Plattsmouth have been awarded the contract for the construction of the basement and first story of a state building at Glenwood, Ia., for \$19,000. The building when completed will cost the state of Iowa between \$80,000 and \$90,000.

John Dougherty, foreman in charge of the new steel bridge being built at Monroe, Platte county, was drowned in the Loup river at that place. The accident occurred while the men were crossing the river in a boat. Dougherty's body was recovered.

The state printing commission awarded the printing of the modified statutes to the Lincoln State Journal company, the bid of that company being \$1.31 per page. The Hammond printing company of Fremont bid \$2.66 per page; Kiop-Bartlett of Omaha, \$3.09 per page and the Rees printing company of Omaha, \$3.25 per page.

That Merrick county is going to be able to match right up with the best records in the state when the report on the wheat harvest is all in, is very evident from the report which has been sent in by C. Osterman. He finished threshing the wheat from a twenty-five acre field. The whole crop was weighed and showed forty-three and one-half bushels to the acre.

More traveling freight and passenger agents work the territory covered by the Union Pacific in Nebraska than can be found along the lines of any other system. The reason that agents make this territory more frequently is found in the fact that the eastern terminus of this road is the Missouri river, and from that point east the business is sought by many other lines.

Over 200 boosters from West Point made a trip of 103 miles in forty-two automobiles, visiting Pender, Bancroft, Lyons, Oakland, Craig, Tekamah, Uehling, Hooper, Scribner and Snyder.

The body of Harry Williamson, a farm hand, aged 22, was found in a shallow place in Logan creek. Williamson had been missing several days. The fact that there are bruises on the body may lead to an investigation by the Burt county authorities, who have taken charge. A farmer of the neighborhood made the remark that he saw Williamson drown while swimming but that he failed to report the matter.

After an extended illness with diabetes, Charles Browning, one of the prominent Jefferson county farmers, passed away at his home in Fairbury. For many years Mr. Browning had been a progressive farmer in Jefferson county, but last March, owing to failing health, he retired and removed his family to Fairbury. He had been in a precarious condition for several weeks, and his family knew the end was coming.