

# 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.

Representative Rodenberg in a speech attacked Governor Woodrow Wilson.

The general deficiency appropriation bill was reported by Chairman Fitzgerald.

The senate passed the sundry civil appropriation bill carrying approximately \$116,000,000.

In the senate Senator Cummins presented a substitute for the democratic wool tariff revision bill.

Representative Norris concluded his speech attacking the nomination of President Taft at Chicago.

The house agriculture committee recommended \$5,000 appropriation to fight army worm in south.

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

The postoffice appropriation bill, embracing the parcels post system, was reported in the senate.

The house committee considered the house Alaskan legislative assembly bill passed by the senate.

The senate adopted the joint resolution appropriating \$20,000 more to fight the army worm in the south.

The senate passed the joint resolution directing the secretary of war to investigate claims of Americans growng out of Mexican revolution.

Senator Smith of South Carolina introduced a joint resolution for an immediate appropriation of \$25,000 to fight the army worm in the south.

Senate democrats in caucus decided to support the house excise tax bill as against the Borah income tax bill introduced as an amendment.

The house judiciary committee virtually agreed upon an immediate inquiry into the existence and ramifications of the so-called "Beef trust."

The senate passed the house excise tax bill extending the corporation tax law to individuals and copartnerships on incomes in excess of \$5,000 by a vote of thirty-seven to eighteen.

The education and labor committee of the senate endorsed a bill creating a department of labor and a bill creating a commission on industrial relations, both of which have passed the house.

The senate agreed to conference report of naval appropriation bill, with exception of battleship and torpedo boat provisions, which house insisted should be eliminated, and sent it back for further conference.

George R. Sheldon, treasurer of the republican national committee in 1908, gave to committee investigating campaign funds his version of Edward H. Harriman's contribution to the Roosevelt fund in 1904.

### General.

Jack Johnson announces his willingness to meet Joe Jeannette.

Progressives of Vermont held a state convention and nominated a ticket.

In a speech at Chicago Lorimer said he would never again be a candidate for office.

Representative Gardner promises a surprise in the minority report on the steel investigation.

The house agreed to the conference report on the rivers and harbors bill which carried approximately \$33,000,000, an increase over the original measure of about \$7,000,000.

Theoretically the United States lost half a dozen of its biggest battleships in an engagement with submarines at Newport.

The announcement of a sweeping advance in transcontinental freight rates, in some instances amounting to as much as 100 per cent, was made at the general offices of the Southern Pacific and Santa Fe railroads.

The senate and house conferees on the naval appropriation bill failed to reach an agreement on the battleship program, though the senate yielded to the house and dropped the appropriation for navy yards.

Danger of bubonic plague caused the senate to stand by its determination to increase from \$200,000 to \$500,000 an item in the sundry civil bill, to enable the public health service to use every precaution to meet an invasion of the scourge from Cuba or Porto Rico.

The Oregon convention of the national progressive party elected five delegates instructed for Roosevelt.

Two separate delegations were selected by Georgia progressives to the national progressive convention at Chicago, August 5.

Ex-Governor Richards of Wyoming, who was a member of a land-seekers' party, died suddenly of heart failure at Melbourne, Australia.

Interstate Commerce Commissioner Clements gave the interstate commerce committee his views of proposed legislation affecting the commission.

The senate appears to be in no hurry to try Judge Archbald, although setting date for filing pleadings.

The house committee, by strict party vote, recommends the unseating of Catlin of Missouri, whose term is almost out anyway.

Build more warships, is the cry of Great Britain.

New Jersey progressives decided to launch a separate ticket.

President Taft is believed to be willing to repeal Canadian reciprocity.

Roosevelt says there must be full state tickets all along the political line.

The new progressive party has been formally launched in New Jersey.

At this writing Woodrow Wilson is in seclusion, preparing his speech of acceptance.

The tariff board is to stand for another year unless the house determines otherwise.

Governor Deneen's decision to stand with the Taft regulars means a third party ticket in Illinois.

The state department having given the word, the navy department ordered the return to America of 850 of the marines now in the neighborhood of Guantanamo, Cuba.

Colonel Augustine Estrada former commander of the Madero government garrison in Juarez was released from the custody of the United States commissioner's court.

Appointment of a receiver for the Big Ax Pochontas Coal company, whose property is in Buchanan county, Virginia and valued at \$1,759,000 is asked in a bill filed in the circuit court at Chicago.

The house territories committee considered the Alaska civil government bill and refused to agree to the senate's elimination of the proposed Alaskan senate.

Rev. Lauritz Carlson, head of a Scandinavian mission in San Francisco, received word that he had been decorated by King Haakon of Norway with the cross of the Order of St. Olaf, in recognition of his services as a missionary among the Scandinavians in this country.

Arthur P. Bittner of St. Louis, a meat dealer, while driving his auto truck to a wholesale market was shot twice in the head and is in a serious condition at a hospital.

The police arrested Bittner's son, Arthur P. Bittner, Jr., near the auto truck. The father and son had been estranged.

The army council, called by Secretary Stimson to determine the needs of the army, completed its two weeks of sessions. Secretary Stimson expressed himself as gratified with the work of the council, which reviewed the condition of the army and formulated suggestions for bettering the service.

Colonel George Andrews, according to present plans, probably will be nominated by President Taft to succeed Brigadier General William H. Hall, retired, as adjutant general of the army.

Colonel Andrews has been connected with the adjutant general's office for fourteen years and only Colonel Henry A. S. Heistand outranks him there.

Eight aldermen and the secretary of the common council committees of Detroit were placed under arrest on charges of accepting bribes and conspiracy to accept bribes for votes and influence in the passing of a measure affecting city property recently transferred to the Wabash railroad.

At least six other arrests of aldermen are expected.

William D. Miles, former general manager of the Armour Packing company at Kansas City and one of the chief witnesses of the government's recent packer trial, charged that he has been defrauded out of \$129,848.74 in a bill for an accounting filed in the circuit court against J. Ogden Armour, Charles W. Armour and the Armour Packing company.

At Munich, Bavaria, a German aviator named Fischer and a mechanic named Kugler, were instantly killed when the aeroplane in which they were riding fell from a considerable height. The aeroplane was smashed so that the cause of the accident could not be ascertained.

Fischer passed his aerial pilot's examination only a fortnight ago.

Mrs. Nellie Gibson jumped from a passenger train as it was crossing the bridge over the Blue river about eight miles north of Nelson, Neb. Her clothing caught on some bridge timbers and held her until the train had backed up to within a few feet of where she was hanging, when she tore loose and fell into the river. Her right shoulder was broken and she was badly bruised.

Chauncey Olcott, the actor, has filed suit for annulment of his marriage to his first wife, Mrs. Cora E. James-Striker-Moran-Olcott. The suit discloses a matrimonial tangle which involves titles to valuable property.

The case will come up in supreme court in Albany. Olcott married his first wife in 1883 and divorced her in 1893. In 1897 he married Miss Margaret O'Donovan, who is still living with him.

The senate postoffice bill is shorn of the good roads provision.

### Personal.

Senate democrats and progressives united and passed the excise bill.

Colonel Roosevelt has completed what he calls his confession of faith.

Congressman Humphrey replied to Congressman Norris in bitter words.

Maryland progressives decided on an independent set of electors.

Charged with bribery, a number of councilmen at Detroit have been arrested.

## VALUES ARE HIGHER

ALL BUT TWO COUNTIES SEND REPORTS TO BOARD.

## THE LEVY RAISES MUCH CASH

Should Reduction Be Made By Half Mill, Returns Would Equal Previous Years.

All but two counties have now reported to the secretary of the state board of assessment. These two counties are Box Butte and Custer.

Dodge county reported last week, showing an increase of over \$1,000,000, the assessed valuation this year being \$9,538,824 as against \$8,491,441 last year, making an increase of \$1,047,383.

With the two counties to hear from this makes the assessed valuation of the state \$456,437,517. Counting the two counties yet to hear from same as last year the assessed valuation of the state this year will be \$456,703,405. A 5-12 mills levy, same as last year, would raise a revenue of \$2,887,361 against \$2,577,154 last year.

The increased valuation of the state may result in a lower levy and the board may cut off the one-fifth part. Should it decide to go even farther than that and make the levy one-half cent, lower the state would still have a larger income than was received last year.

Later, Custer county has now reported to the board of assessment, leaving but one county now to complete the state. Custer shows a falling-off from last year of \$17,765, the assessment for this year being \$7,295,484 against \$7,313,240 last year.

### Pardon Is Denied.

Clarence Gathright, serving a sentence of twenty years for complicity in the murder of Joe Flury, an Omaha street car conductor, has been turned down by the state board of pardons. He asked for a pardon, but the board submitted a report to Governor Aldrich recommending that no clemency be shown Gathright.

Clark, a negro who was alleged to be the prime mover in the murder, was hanged. Governor Sheldon refusing to commute his sentence to life imprisonment. Wain, the third man convicted of the same crime, is serving a life sentence. Gathright according to a letter of the prosecuting attorney, testified in regard to the killing of the conductor and on account of his testimony the state was able to convict.

### Pardon for Whitney.

Charles Allen Whitney, sent to the penitentiary on a charge of bigamy committed in Plattsmouth and other places, and who had his trial before Judge Travis, has been granted a pardon by Governor Aldrich on recommendation of the judge who sentenced him. Whitney deserted his wife and two children and went to Nebraska City, where he married a Mrs. Backus.

### Rate on Canned Goods.

The state railway commission has authorized a rate of 14 cents on canned goods from Kearney to Lincoln and Omaha, minimum weight 30,000 pounds. The rate is established for the benefit of a new canning factory soon to begin business.

### Seeking Information.

Four hundred and fifty municipalities of the state have received letters sent by Director Sheldon of the legislative reference bureau and asking for detailed information with regard to local problems and the solution of difficulties presented to officials.

### Toll Rates at Grand Island.

The railway commission has issued an order authorizing the Nebraska Telephone company to reduce its toll rates between Grand Island and Chapman from 15 cents to 10 cents and to establish a flat rate of 25 cents a month to all subscribers of either the Grand Island or Chapman exchange for toll service.

### Would Leave Dipeo Ward.

Albert Paulson of Pierce, and W. A. Simmons of Cass county, were before the county judge of Lancaster county Thursday on an application to be released from the asylum. Both men are serving short terms in the dipeo ward and claim that they have been obliged to occupy the same ward with insane patients.

### Hansen Gets Busy.

Food Commissioner Hansen will begin proceedings on some of the food powder companies which have not paid their annual license fee for two years. These delinquent companies have been waiting to hear from the courts as to the constitutionality of the law.

### Highlanders Appeal.

The Royal Highlanders have appealed to the supreme court against a decision of the district court of Webster county which gave judgment against the order in favor of Sarah A. Smith, wife of Rufus E. Smith, who held a policy in that organization and afterward died. The judgment was for \$1,500, but the organization claims that Smith committed suicide and therefore the policy was void.

The jury decided that there was no evidence that Smith suicided and rendered its verdict accordingly.

### AS TO LAND VALUES.

Railroads Have Some Complaints to Make.

The hearing held recently, says the Lincoln Journal, by the state board of assessment was intended to be for railroad tax commissioners who desired to protest against increases in the valuation of railroad property in cities and villages, listed for local taxation under the terminal taxation law, but the railroad men took occasion to protest against the under valuation of farm lands listed under the general taxation law. The railroad men thus killed two birds with one stone. A long list of counties was thus added to the list complained of by County Assessor Blessing of Nemaha county and County Assessor Bernecker of Seward county who had complained that twenty-five or more counties had under valued lands for assessment and who asked the state board to increase values in the counties complained of or reduce taxable values in Seward and Nemaha.

The counties now complained of by assessors and railroad tax commissioners on account of low land values, are Adams, York, Fillmore, Polk, Otoe, Jefferson, Pawnee, Sarpy, Nuckolls, Wayne, Cuming, Colfax, Butler, Saline, Lancaster, Hamilton, Cass, Thayer, Johnson, Richardson, Clay, Dixon, Dakota, Platte, Boone, Knox, Pierce, Keith, Lincoln, Deuel, Cheyenne and Box Butte.

This will not end the list because the state board will go over the entire list of ninety-two counties and select others which may be deemed to have under assessed lands or other property and the assessor or county boards of each county in the list will be cited to appear before the state board and explain why their assessed values should not be increased.

An increase of assessed valuation imposed upon a county does not necessarily mean that people in the county will pay more taxes than last year. If assessed values are increased, the county levies may be reduced so that taxpayers may possibly not pay more taxes than they did last year.

If the increase reported by county assessing officers is sufficient to justify the state board in reducing the state levy it will do so and cut down the levy of 6-15 mills of last year for state purposes.

The state board desires to have property assessed as near the full value as possible. Then levies can be made accordingly.

### File Incorporation Articles.

The Coleman Aviation association of Omaha has filed articles of incorporation with the secretary of state. The association is incorporated by Rupert F. Coleman and Peter Lock and has a paid up capital stock of \$5,000. The object of the association is to buy flying crafts and to give exhibitions.

### Second Regiment Encampment.

Adjutant General Phelps returned from Grand Island after holding a conference with the Grand Island people regarding the location of the annual encampment of the Second regiment of the Nebraska guard this year. He was met at Grand Island by Colonel Paul of the Second and he inspected the grounds which the people there are offering free of charge. The grounds lie two miles northwest of the city on a horse ranch which contains an auto speed track, and is on the Platte valley bottom. Plenty of good water can be secured and a good field for the maneuvers. The encampment will be held August 23 and the hospital corps of Lincoln will participate in the encampment.

### Dull Court Season.

The summer is a decidedly dull time of year in United States district court. With all judges of Lincoln district on their vacations and a large number of lawyers also out of the city, there is only an occasional filing in the clerk's office. Court will not convene until about the first of October.

### New Station Ordered.

The railway commission has ordered the Burlington road to enlarge its station at Crawford and rearrange its station ground and tracks in such a manner as to provide safe and convenient approaches to its station for the traveling public. The decision of the commission was prepared by Commissioner H. J. Winnett. The railroad company is required to file plans for a new enlarged station and required to complete the improvements by June 1, 1913.

### New Rail Company Formed.

Articles of incorporation of a new railroad to be known as the Hastings & Northwestern Railway company were filed in the office of the secretary of state. The road will run from Hastings to Gibbon, about thirty miles, and will connect with the Union Pacific at the latter place. The Union Pacific is supposed to be back of the move.

The Cudahy Packing company will put up a \$350,000 meat house in South Omaha.

### Hansen Back on Job.

Food Commissioner Hansen and Chemist Redfern, returned from their trip to Seattle Saturday, where they attended the meeting of the food inspectors of the country. Mr. Hansen reports an especially interesting session and expects a much better system of laws throughout the country as a result of the meeting. He was especially pleased with a well prepared paper read by Mr. Wallis of Idaho, a newspaper man, on the "Press," and says that it will be published later.

## FOR CHEAPER SUGAR

SENATE VOTES 52 TO 3 TO REDUCE TARIFF THEREON.

## LOUISIANA SENATORS OPPOSE

Lodge-Bristow Measure Cuts the Duty From \$1.90 per Hundred to \$1.60.

Washington.—With only three senators dissenting, the Lodge-Bristow bill, reducing the duty on sugar passed the senate Saturday by a vote of 52 to 3. Those who opposed the bill were Senators Foster and Thornton of Louisiana, democrats, and Heyburn of Idaho, republican.

The two Louisiana senators opposed the measure on the ground that it seriously affected a home industry.

Under the terms of the bill adopted and which Senator Burton stated in the course of the debate that the president would approve, the duty on pure sugar is reduced from \$1.90 a hundred pounds as in the present law, to \$1.60. The differential, which has given the trust 7 1/2 cents on every pound of sugar is the Dutch standard, under which the trust has been enabled to compel every pound of light colored sugar imported to pass the same duty as refined. The net saving to the consumer may not be visible in these figures, but it is argued that the bill will very materially reduce the enormous profits of the sugar trust in the future.

There is a concession of 20 per cent on sugars imported from Cuba. Senator Bristow, after the bill had been passed, pointed out that the bulk of all sugars imported come from this island, which will bring the rate on Cuban sugars down about \$1.20 per hundred pounds.

Careful computations based upon the importations of 1911 show that a loss in revenue of approximately \$5,500,000 per year will result through these reduced rates, but Senator Bristow asserts that the American consumer will save more than \$25,000,000 annually.

The democrats stood by the Williams bill as long as it had any parliamentary status. It was rejected when it was offered as a substitute for the Lodge-Bristow bill by a vote of 32 to 24. Senators Foster and Thornton again refusing to support the measure.

### As to Taft's Nomination.

Washington.—A statement, approved by President Taft, upholding the validity of his nomination by the Chicago convention, was made public at the White house Sunday. It reviews every contest before the republican national committee and the credentials committee of the convention, and asserts that each contest was settled logically, upon its merits. The statement was submitted to the cabinet at a recent meeting and received the approval of the president's official family.

### No Funds to Move Money.

Washington.—An unprecedented situation confronts the United States treasury. With millions in currency piled in its vaults and a crying demand for it throughout the country, the government has practically no funds with which to pay for its transportation.

There is an urgent call for notes of the smaller denominations which cannot be met during the remaining days of July. The prospects are that thousands of persons will be paid off in coin.

### Youth Kills Father.

St. Louis.—Arthur P. Bittner, Jr., confessed that he shot his father from the rear of an automobile truck in which the elder Bittner, and another son, Edward, were riding. The wounded man is in a hospital with two bullets in his brain. His object was robbery.

### Murder in First Degree.

Cheyenne, Wyo.—Murder in the first degree was the finding of the jury in the case of J. Warren Jenkins, who was charged with killing his wife, Jessie Jenkins, on April 14. It was alleged that Jenkins killed her in order to get possession of her estate, valued at \$50,000.

### Woman Saloon Keeper Shot.

Chicago.—Five masked men entered the saloon of Mrs. Helen Bauman, a widow, Sunday, shot the woman probably fatally, and her daughter. The burglars fired at a son who attempted to defend the place.

### Award of Armor Contract.

Athens, Greece.—The Bethlehem steel company of America was awarded the contract to supply the armor and guns of the new armored cruiser Greece.

### Found Guilty of Contempt.

Denver.—F. G. Bonfils, part owner of a Denver newspaper, was found guilty of contempt of court in proceedings growing out of suits for libel filed by William D. Evans and former Mayor Robert W. Speer, and aggregating more than \$1,000,000.

### Two Men Hung.

Nashville, Tenn.—Two white men, George Sheldon and John Bailey were hanged Friday for the murder of Ben Pettigrew, an old negro, and his two children.

### NEBRASKA IN BRIEF.

News Notes of Interest from Various Sections.

Mr. and Mrs. John Ficke of Seward county celebrated their golden wedding.

A. B. Smith, assistant general freight agent of the Burlington fell dead in his office at Omaha.

Nebraska state bankers will be in Omaha in convention, August 26th and 27th. A big gathering is looked for.

Six thousand people saw the first afternoon program of the nineteenth annual state volunteer firemen's tournament at Norfolk.

Osmond's system of waterworks is nearly completed. The water will be turned on in less than two weeks unless something unforeseen arises.

Oleria Arnold, 19, a pretty little southern girl who came to from Atlanta, Ga., three years ago, attempted to commit suicide in Omaha. Her lover had deserted her.

Miss Mary Souders was brought before the insanity commission at Beatrice and was adjudged insane and was ordered committed to the asylum at Norfolk.

Letters of inquiry were sent recently to representative fruit growers of Nebraska, and from replies received by the State Horticultural society has tabulated the following: The average apple crop for all parts of the state is 60 per cent of full crop; 100 per cent, compared with the 1911 crop; 110 per cent, compared with the average for the past five years.

Elaborate plans are being made for the annual encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic for the Platte Valley district, which will be held in Central City for the week of August 5 to 10, August 6 will be governor's day when Governor C. H. Aldrich will be present. August 7 there will be an aeroplane flight by a Curtis machine. Some of the leading speakers in the state will fill out the program on the other days.

Moving pictures of Omaha are being shown in twenty moving pictures of Omaha. The pictures are the best that have ever been taken of a city. They are being shown in connection with the Know Omaha campaign which is being waged by the Publicity Bureau and the Know Omaha committee. The movies will be sent out in the state after they have completed the rounds of the city and will give Nebraskans an opportunity to see what the metropolis is like.

Albert Prince, condemned to be hanged for the murder of Deputy Warden Davis at the penitentiary, has appealed to the supreme court. He was convicted in the district court of Lancaster county May 21. The jury fixed the penalty at death and Prince was sentenced to be hanged August 30. An appeal to the supreme court in such cases automatically suspends sentence, so Prince will not be put to death on the date designated by the judge of the district court.

Messenger service for special delivery letters and parcels received at the Omaha postoffice during the fiscal year ending June 10, 1912, cost \$5,867.32. Each special delivery messenger gets 8 cents for delivering a letter. If he carries five letters on a trip, he gets 40 cents for the trip. Thirteen regular messengers are employed at the local office. The total number of special delivery letters that came to the Omaha office was 79,628. Only 3,996 failed of special delivery.

Some time ago two farmer boys, George Seal, aged 27, weight 200 pounds, and Abe Seal, aged 20, weight 190 pounds, began taking wrestling lessons from Logan Champ of Hastings, and developed so rapidly that Farmer Burns was induced to come out and look them over. He arranged a handicap match with them, undertaking to throw both of them in one hour. The match took place before a big crowd of enthusiasts.

Burns won the fall from Abe Seal in two minutes, and from George Seal in eight minutes.

Clyde Benedig, a convict employed in the warehouse outside the penitentiary walls, calmly walked away last week. The warden at once sent out gangs of men as searching parties.

At the dedication of the magnificent new United Brethren church in Aurora over \$5,000 was subscribed to clear the new building of indebtedness. Bishop Weekley of Kansas City presided at the all-day services and in the evening the church would not accommodate the crowd. This is the fourth beautiful church structure to be erected in Aurora within a very few years, and a new Christian church will be built during the summer.

According to the opinion of some of the sheep men of the west the sheep marketed this fall will be a great deal fewer than in the last few years. I. C. Lincoln of Piler, Idaho, who marketed sheep at South Omaha, says that while the sheep crop in Idaho is not much shorter than normal, it is true that Wyoming, one of the greatest sheep states in the union, has suffered a loss of nearly half the normal crop of sheep. Montana also has suffered.

Washington dispatch: Mr. and Mrs. Ed Latta and his mother of Tekamah left Washington in their automobile, accompanied as far as Baltimore by Representative Stephens, whose guests they have been for some days.

Just as the Norfolk passenger on the Union Pacific road was starting to leave Platte Center, I. W. Zavadt of Humphrey, a passenger on the train, fell between the two passenger cars and was cut in two. Several who witnessed the accident were unable to say whether he slipped or was overcome with the heat.