

NEWS OF THE WEEK

COMMEMORATIONS OF GREATER OR
LESSE IMPORTANCE.

A BOILING DOWN OF EVENTS

National, Political, Personal and Other
Matters in Brief Form for All
Classes of Readers.

Congress.

Congress may adjourn August 17, or it may hold one week longer. The house passed wool tariff revision bill over President Taft's veto, 174 to 80. The senate passed the \$160,000,000 pension bill, which now goes to the president. The senate passed the house bill to create a commission on industrial relations. Representative Byrnes introduced a bill appropriating \$50,000 for investigation into pellagra. The senate passed the postoffice appropriation bill containing provision for parcels post. Attempt by the senate to pass the wool tariff revision bill over the president's veto failed. The senate refused to take up several special bills and cleaned the way for appropriation measures. Senator Polerece proposed an amendment to extend interstate commerce act to cover natural gas pipe lines. Senator Kenyon introduced resolution for investigation of operation of Interstate Commerce law since its enactment. The house refused by a vote of 152 to 107 to pass over the president's veto the executive, legislative, judicial appropriation bill. Senator Bacon introduced a bill to prevent use of American troops abroad while congress is in session without its consent. Representative Lloyd, chairman of 1908 democratic congressional committee, testified before campaign fund investigating committee. Representative Legate of South Carolina and Haugen of Iowa, whose places were contested, were declared entitled to their seats. The senate agreed to the house amendments to the proposed law to regulate wireless telegraph. The bill now goes to President Taft. Senator La Follette, speaking on the wool bill, attacked the new progressive party and swore new allegiance to progressive republicans. Legislative-executive-judiciary bill, with commerce court and seven-year tenure civil service provisions eliminated, was reintroduced in the house. The conference report on the Panama canal bill was approved in the senate by a vote of 48 to 18 after a fight against it led by Chairman Brandegee. Senator La Follette, during discussion of the postoffice bill, charged postoffice officials with rigging his mail, a charge which postal officials declared "absurd." Representative Theron E. Catlin, republican, of Missouri, was unseated by a vote of 121 to 70 and Patrick F. Gill, democrat, contestant, seated by a vote of 104 to 79. The Bourne-Bristow parcels post provision in the postoffice appropriation bill was substituted by system of Representative Moon and bill returned to conference. The financial operations of the republican congressional campaign committee were reviewed before campaign funds investigating committee by Chairman McKinley. Majority Leader Underwood of the house appointed committee to investigate speeches, attacking public officials, inserted in Record by Representative Akin under "leave to print." The senate judiciary committee refused to make report on the Pomerene resolution requiring the attorney general to bring criminal prosecution against officers of Standard Oil and American Tobacco companies.

General.
Col. Roosevelt denies that he promised Aldrich a federal judgeship. Democrats of Nebraska have chosen Grand Island as state headquarters. No action will be taken by the senate at this session on the omnibus claims bills. Steps for improving the Missouri river at Decatur, Nebr., will be begun at once. Dr. Theodore Hansmann, who, as a practicing physician of the capital half a century ago, numbered Lincoln and Carl Schurz among his patients, is dead at the age of ninety-one. It is said to be reasonably certain that no further protest will be made by Great Britain on behalf of English mercantile interests against the Panama canal if it finally takes the form reported from the conference committee. Bishop Peter Trimble Rous of Alaska, who has just declined to accept election as coadjutor bishop of Ohio, arrived in Seattle from Alaska. At Springfield, Mo., despondent from worrying over the high price of meat, James N. Stough, a butcher, cut his throat with a razor, dying soon after.

Secretary Fisher has a plan to allot government coal lands to cities. Governor Wilson is getting ideas of reform on expenditures of congress. LaFollette stirred the senate by charging that his mail had been tampered with. Unexpected opposition developed in the house to the amended canal bill. Peace negotiations in Mexico are off so far as General Orozo is concerned. Theron E. Catlin, republican member from Missouri, was ousted from the house. The senate refused to pass the wool and metal bills over the president's veto. New York bankers have promised Proctor Whitman assistance in uprooting graft. The Martin eight-hour bill was favorably reported by the house commerce committee. Colonel Roosevelt wants a week of rest, and promises then that something will be doing. Governor Wilson said he did not want or expect campaign contributions from corporations. Mexican rebels laid a trap for a federal troop train and killed soldiers and passengers aboard. Assistant Secretary of Agriculture Hayes is criticized for his part in the Florida everglades affair. There are signs of an ugly spat with Great Britain over the free tolls provision of the canal bill. Pioneers of Bellevue, Nebr., helped Judge James Gow, a citizen celebrate his one hundredth birthday. The state department was accused in the house of being careless and imprudent in expenditures. Representative Gardner says the way to solve the trust problem is to make the big combines behave. Colonel Roosevelt denounced as fictitious an Omaha dispatch that he was pledging offices in advance. Nineteen negro miners were killed by an explosion in the Abernath Coal company's mine at Abernath. A fight between unionist and non-unionist longshoremen at Tilbury docks, London, resulted in eleven men being injured. The Alsop claims, which several years ago threatened the friendly relations of the United States and Chile, are about to be paid. Nearly 800 telegraph operators of the Canadian Pacific railroad service will receive an increase of \$5 a month, dating from July 1 last. Guillermo Billingham, mayor of Lima, Peru, was elected president of Peru in succession to Augusto Lugia, whose term expires Sept. 24, 1912. The senate committee on resolutions refused to report the Pomerene resolutions calling for the prosecution of the Standard Oil and Tobacco company. The American Bible house has finally obtained permission from the Turkish government to construct a school at Koritza, in southern Albania. The nomination of Jacob Gould Schurman, president of Cornell university, as minister to Greece and Montenegro, was confirmed by the senate. Brigadier General George S. Anderson will be placed on the retired list of the army October 15, upon his own application. General Anderson was born in New Jersey in 1849. United States Judge Cushman in Seattle denied citizenship to John M. Manos, a Greek, who has lived in the United States twelve years and who refused to bring his wife and daughter to this country. The agricultural appropriation bill more than a month overdue in taking effect, was signed by President Taft and released for field work a small army of employes held up during the delay on the measure in congress. President Taft told several callers that he expected to sign the Panama canal bill passed by the senate carrying provisions against the use of the canal by railroad owned ships and granting free tolls to American vessels. With the declaration that they would have a clear majority of 100 in the next house, the managers of the democratic congressional campaign committee announced that they would open headquarters at once in Chicago. Increased freight rates for the transportation of petroleum and by-products from points in New York to Cincinnati, Ohio, and other destinations in the Ohio and Mississippi valleys, were suspended by the interstate commerce commission. Mrs. Alva Cave, daughter-in-law of Rev. R. Lin Cave, chaplain-general of the United confederate veterans, was murdered at Nashville, Tenn., and Mrs. J. G. Jones, aged twenty-four, is in jail accused of the killing, which is said to have been impelled by jealousy. It is stated unofficially, but on good authority that arrangements are being made for the prince of Wales and his brother Albert to pay a private visit to the duke of Connaught in Canada during the summer vacation next year, under the charge of his tutor, Henry P. Hansell. Testimony in the government's suit to dissolve the "sugar trust" was concluded in Denver, and the special examining board will meet in New York on September 16. Attorneys for the government declared that they had proved everything they expected to show in Colorado.

Personal.
Governor Wilson discussed the tariff from the farmer's standpoint. Mayor Harrison is offering his help in settling street car striking difficulties.

HARD LUCK STORIES

TOLD IN MATTER OF EQUALIZING FARM LAND VALUES.

STATE BANKING BOARD ACTS

Governor Says State Board Must Raise Enough Revenue to Pay Legislative Appropriations.

The proposal of the state board of assessment to equalize farm land values between counties by increasing the assessed values of lands in fifty-one counties and reducing values in seven counties, resulted in the biggest row-over ever held before a state board in Nebraska, says the Lincoln Journal. The state board proposes to increase the assessed values in fifty-one counties from 5 to 20 per cent. The objections that poured in upon the board were almost as numerous as the counties in the list and some of the seven counties whose valuations are to be reduced from 5 to 10 asked for greater reduction. It was one continual round of hard luck stories and oceans of worthless land. "I never knew that Nebraska was such a poverty stricken state, and that it contained so much worthless land," said one who heard the assessors object to an increase in assessed valuations. "I am almost afraid to remain longer in the state after hearing of the amount of worthless land and crop failures. And to think that one can buy in Richardson county for from \$1 to \$10 an acre land that is covered with timber and is suitable for fruit growing." Occasionally an assessor or county attorney or county commissioner would admit that much of the land in their counties had been valued for assessment at \$125 or \$150, but the general tenor of their remarks was "poor land," and opposition to an increased valuation. The stories were in contrast to those told by witnesses called by railroad companies before the state railway commission's physical valuation department. Before that department, where railroads desire to boost the value of their right of way witnesses state that there is no poor land in sight and that values run considerably over \$100. Almost in vain did Governor Aldrich preach to the county officers present the theory that the state board must equalize to obtain anything like equality in counties and that if assessed values are increased, the state board will decrease the state levy one mill and county boards can decrease the percentage of levy so that taxpayers need not pay any more money on their lands than they paid last year. Some assessors contended that county boards would be to blame if they did not reduce levies in the face of an increased assessed valuation, but asserted that many local assessing boards would fail to do so and the result would be an increase in the amount of money collected for taxes. Governor Aldrich said the state board must raise enough revenue to pay the appropriations made by the legislature and county boards must look after the needs of counties and school districts, but that with an increased valuation the tax levies could be reduced and only enough money raised to pay the expenses of the state and local governments and nobody would be hurt. He said if levies are not reduced in the face of an increased valuation of lands, the local boards and not the state board will be to blame. Griff Evans, county assessor of Adams county, objecting to an increase of 10 per cent in land values in his county, which would bring the average per acre up to \$61.03, plainly said when the political effect was mentioned that he felt that if he was responsible for the increase in his county he would expect to be wiped from the political map.

Second Regiment Camp.
Orders have been issued from the office of the adjutant general for the encampment of the companies of the Second regiment at Grand Island on August 21, to remain until August 28. All companies of that regiment except G of Omaha and K of Schuyler will comprise the camp.

Prominent Educator Dead.
C. M. Penny, a member of the teachers' state examination board and a prominent Nebraska educator, died at his home in Lincoln. He had been ill for several months and was unable to attend to his duties for eleven weeks preceding his death.

The Green Bug Pest.
According to Assistant State Entomologist Myron H. Swenk, the green bugs said to be destroying the corn crops in the vicinity of Fremont, belong in all probability to a species of plant lice which has been known in Nebraska for some time. Reports from Fremont are to the effect that the pests are killing off the corn at an alarming rate. Small green bugs attacked the wheat in some parts of Nebraska in the spring of 1907, but it is believed that they were of a different species than present pests.

ROAD MAKES APPEAL.

Union Pacific Seeks Reversal of Shippers' Damages.

The Union Pacific railway company has filed in the office of the clerk of the supreme court an appeal from the district court of Dawson county in a case wherein Robert W. Ralston, a stock shipper, had obtained two judgments against the company for injuries to stock shipped from Utah. Mr. Ralston sets forth in district court that he shipped two cars of live stock, one to Lexington and the other to Willow Island, in Nebraska. That the usual amount of time required to carry the stock from Denver to Lexington is twenty-five hours but that the stock was kept on the road sixty-one hours. He says that on account of a hole under the door of the car six of the cattle had caught their legs therein and had them broken, while seven others were seriously injured because of the rough handling of the cars. He asked damages in the sum of \$500. The second car was en route from Denver to Willow Island, fifty-eight hours, when twenty-four hours was the usual time consumed. Three head of cattle in that car were killed and one had a hip broken, besides other damages. He asked for \$500 damages in that case. In the first case the jury awarded Mr. Ralston the full amount asked, with interest, which made the judgment \$536.64, while in the second case they gave him in all \$164.40. The company appeals to the supreme court.

Special Sunday Rates.
In answer to a letter sent by Secretary of State Wait to L. W. Wakeley asking for special service or cheap rates on Sunday before the opening of the state fair so that people coming to the fair can get there in time to attend the unveiling of the Abraham Lincoln statue, Mr. Wait received the following letter from Mr. Wakeley: "Mr. Melor and I had a talk about train service. As the result of this I have added more specials from the state into Lincoln Tuesday. You understand that people can come to Lincoln on as cheap railroad fare on Sunday as on Monday, or subsequent days; the rate every day is 2 cents a mile in each direction. Our regular train service into Lincoln on Sunday is ample from all populous territory. We have Sunday trains on all main lines into Lincoln from every direction. There is only certain branch line territory not served by Sunday trains into Lincoln. The only section from which passengers cannot reach Lincoln before Monday is from north of Aurora, but that country is so distant that I would have to start special trains from up there long before daylight in order to reach Lincoln in the forenoon. We do not initiate Sunday special excursions; we desire to give our crews their Sunday rest. But in the case at hand, there is practically no need of our running Sunday trains as our many regular trains into Lincoln will take care of over 90 per cent of any possible Sunday travel."

Close Call for Metcalfe.
According to J. L. McBrien of Lincoln, who returned from the progressive convention at Chicago, R. L. Metcalfe of Lincoln might have been considered as Colonel Roosevelt's running mate had his consent been obtained.

Adjutant General Back.
Lieutenant F. C. Test and Adjutant General Phelps returned from the Pole Mountain maneuvers with the guard. The trip was a successful one and very beneficial to the guard. The march of eighteen miles from Pole Mountain to Laramie, where the guard took the train, was made in five hours and forty minutes. The boys stood it pretty well, only six men falling out and taking the ambulance. However, some of the boys had their feet somewhat blistered.

Banking Board Acts.
The state banking board has taken official notice that in some states professional promoters are going about organizing new banks on the commission plan and then departing for new fields to earn more commissions for getting stock subscriptions. No such instances in Nebraska have come to the notice of the board, but at its last meeting it adopted a resolution instructing Secretary Royce to withhold charters where it is found that their organization has been effected by methods incompatible with safe banking.

No Troops at County Fairs.
The county fairs of the state of Nebraska will not be supplied with cavalry troops for exhibitions this fall, as many of them have expected. A recent order from Washington orders the cavalry troops of Fort Robinson and Fort Meade to take part in the maneuvers at Hot Springs during the first week in September. These are the two forts from which the various county fairs had been expecting to secure detachments.

Pardon Denied.
J. W. Connell, alias W. T. Dorson, sent up from Douglas county on a charge of robbery in April, 1909, has made application to the Board of Pardons for a pardon and the same has been denied. Connell is a brother-in-law of Charles Morley, connected with the outbreak at the penitentiary last spring, and was sent up for holding up Louis Parsley at his place of business in Omaha. Parsley was forced at the point of a gun to hand over \$120 in cash, and in addition an overcoat which was identified.

READY FOR SIGNING

PANAMA BILL NOW IN HANDS OF PRESIDENT.

CONFERENCE MEASURE PASSED

Provides for Free Passage of American Coastwise Vessels and Material Free to the Zone.

Washington.—The Panama canal bill as agreed upon by conferees of the senate and house was passed by the house Saturday, by a vice voce vote. As was expected, the bill, which provides for the government and administration of the canal contains provisions for the passage of American coastwise vessels through the canal free of tolls and the admittance of ship building material to the canal zone free of duty. The bill already has passed the senate and it now goes to the president for his signature. A special rule prohibiting points of order against the measure prevented Representatives Moore and Olmstead of Pennsylvania, republicans, from renewing their attack on the provision for the free admission of ship materials. As a result there was little opposition. Mr. Moore was taken severely to task by Representative Alexander, chairman of the merchant marine committee, for his allegations that the free admission clause would injure American ship yards and work a hardship on American labor. Mr. Alexander held that with free material, shipping would be greatly benefited and that such a provision would in no sense affect the labor situation in American yards. He defended that admission of foreign built ships to American registry on the ground that American shipyards were not building vessels for the foreign trade. The exclusion of railroad or trust-owned ships from using the canal, in the opinion of Representative Sims of Tennessee, was worth all the labor and time taken to mold the bill. He felt, he said, that a long step forward had been taken in the solution of the trust problem.

DARROW IS ACQUITTED.
But He Must Now Stand Trial on Another Charge.
Los Angeles, Cal.—Clarence S. Darrow, the Chicago lawyer, who was found not guilty Saturday of the charge of having bribed a prospective juror in the McNamara case, must stand trial on a second indictment, according to an announcement made by District Attorney Fredericks, immediately after the acquittal. As he sat in a modest cafe, a few blocks from the scene of his notable trial and vindication surrounded by a few intimate friends and finding more relish in the perusal of scores of congratulatory telegrams than in his luncheon, Darrow was apparently unconcerned over the statement of the prosecutor.

Nebraskan Suicides Abroad.
San Francisco, Cal.—Joseph T. Miles, 26 years old, son of Joseph Miles, millionaire stockman and financier, of Falls City, Neb., and heir to a large fortune in his own right, killed himself in Hotel St. Mark, at Oakland Saturday by firing a revolver bullet through his brain. He left the following: "To whom it may concern—J. T. Miles, shot myself and ask that J. H. Miles, 41 West Moreland Place, Los Angeles, be notified. (Joseph T. Miles.)"

Lorimer Bill Referred.
Washington.—The senate committee which investigated William Lorimer's election referred a bill of \$2,500 presented by William J. Burns for detective work in the case to its attorneys for investigation and report. The committee thought the bill was not itemized sufficiently.

Hogs Bring Big Price.
Omaha.—P. Pollard of Schuyler broke all records on the South Omaha market since November of 1910 with a shipment of seventy-nine hogs. They averaged 200 pounds and brought \$8.45.

Congressman Stephens Comes Home.
Washington.—Because of the poor health of his wife, Representative Stephens started for Fremont Saturday. He said he considered the most important business of the session was over and that he should be with his family.

Get Children Out of Way.
Kansas City, Mo.—"Mothers would put their children in the public schools before they could walk if we would let them," says the secretary of the Kansas City school board.

Laid Out by Veto.
Washington.—Failure marked an attempt by the house to pass over President Taft's veto the bill of the senate to pay claims of those who furnished labor and materials in building the Corbett tunnel of the Shoshone irrigation project.

The Feat Duplicated.
Cheyenne, Wyo.—Lafe Lewman, during Frontier day sports here, duplicated the feat of Ursus in "Quo Vadis" by breaking the neck of a Texas steer with his arms.

NEBRASKA IN BRIEF.

Managers of the Oakland "Fall Festival" invited John F. Plack, president of the City National bank, Omaha, to deliver an address here. He has accepted the invitation. The Fourth of July committee of Pawnee City reported a balance in the treasury of \$141.94, which it proposes to turn over to the Commercial club to assist in securing new street lights. When Al House of Spencer attempted to remove a shotgun from a wagon the weapon was discharged. One rib was torn away and the hip bone was shattered. He may recover unless complications ensue. A coroner's jury found that there was no cause for holding the four men who had been in custody since the dead body of John Crawford was found in the road between Spaulding and Greeley and they were released. Del Cooper, Alfred Bolt Carl Hahlbeck and William Hagerbaum, three young men who reside at Hooper, were more or less bruised when an automobile they were driving collided with a steel bridge on the road between Hooper and Uehling. James C. Christensen, residing eight miles north of Fremont was painfully trampled by a team of horses while hauling bundles in a harvest field. In an effort to quiet the horses which had taken fright at an automobile, Mr. Christensen went to their heads. They leaped upon him. Hastings will get the next convention of the Nebraska Christian Missionary society. It was decided at a business session of the convention at Bethany park to take the next meeting to the Adams county town, providing the Commercial club of that city will make a suitable offer. Edward Delaney, Burlington section boss brought into Wymore a watermelon packed in hailstones. The hailstones fell Wednesday, August 7. Mr. Delaney says that southeast of town there are piles of hailstones containing more than a carload. Some of the stones he brought in measured over two inches in diameter. The Lovitt clothing store at Ravenna was destroyed by fire. A dog belonging to Frank Howard, who lived half a block away first attracted attention to the fire by his loud barking and howling. The stock, valued at \$12,000 was entirely destroyed and the brick building owned by Frank Havlik badly damaged. Both were insured. Rev. J. D. M. Buckner of Aurora received a telegram from his son, Emory R., that he had been appointed counsel to conduct the aldermanic investigation of police conditions in New York city growing out of the Rosenthal case, at a salary of \$1,000 per month. Young Buckner graduated from the University of Nebraska in 1904 and from Harvard in 1907. The Fremont Electric Light company, following recent extensions in Fremont and vicinity, is bidding for a contract to supply the town of Cedar Bluffs in Saunders county, with electric juice. Cedar Bluffs recently voted \$8,000 for a new electric light station, but in view of the offer from Fremont may call another election to rescind the former action. Albe Harold who is employed as cook in the institute for feeble minded at Beatrice, was taken sick on the motor car on his way home from Lincoln. He was removed to the Padlock hotel and immediately lost consciousness. Stimulants were administered and after a few hours' work by the physicians in charge he became much better. When Charles Bunker of Craig and Waldo Hancock and Frank Welch of Tekamah, went over a sixty-foot embankment a few miles from Blair in a motor car, they escaped without a scratch. The machine, however, dropped to the bottom of the precipice. The three men were thrown out when the car bumped against a ledge fifteen feet below the brinks of the cliff. As a result of the equalization by the state board of the present year's state assessment a decrease of \$1,733,422 has been made in the total assessed valuation of all classes of property in the state. The total under the revision amounts to \$463,379,889, which is an increase of about \$48,000,000 over the valuation of last year. In a case tried at Lexington by a special term of district court with Judge Grimes of North Platte presiding, wherein the state was trying a young man by the name of Young for murdering an Indian by the name of Blackhawk the jury was unable to bring in a verdict after being locked up for two days and two nights. The festivities of the closing day of the firemens and baseball tournament at Madison were attended by a large number of visitors. The 100-yard hook and ladder dash was won by Norfolk; time 19 seconds; ladderman, August Kell; Humphrey made the run in 20 1/2 seconds; William Getzen climbing the ladder, and William E. Mader for the Leigh team reached the top round of the ladder in 20 seconds. Purse \$45. Washington dispatch: Cavalry for exhibition purposes at the Custer county fair, to be held at Broken Bow Sept. 10 to 13, cannot be provided by the war department, according to information sent Congressman Kin-kaid. The troops will be in maneuver camp at that time. The people of Holdrege will vote on a proposition to issue bonds for the sum of \$5,000 for the purpose of establishing and maintaining a public park. As yet this city has no park and the matter has been agitated for several years by the Woman's club and the Commercial club.