

NEWS OF THE WEEK

CONDENSATIONS OF GREATER OR LESSER IMPORTANCE.

A BOILING DOWN OF EVENTS

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

Congress.

The house passed the Lever bill for the extension of work.

Conferees on the army appropriation bill reached an agreement.

Conferees on fur seal treaty bill agreed to five-year closed season.

The conference report on the army appropriation bill was adopted by the senate.

The general deficiency appropriation bill, carrying \$11,153,871, reported in the senate.

Senate conferees with house on naval appropriation bill agreed on provision for a \$15,000,000 battleship.

A resolution appropriating \$20,000 to furnish subsistence for refugees from Mexico was adopted in the house.

Senator Bacon discussed the Nicaraguan situation and urged consideration of his resolution calling for an investigation.

Senator Newlands failed in attempt to gain consideration for a joint congressional committee to confer with the president on tariff legislation.

The house re-passed the legislative-executive-judicial bill with provision for abolishing commerce court, but without seven-year tenure civil service provision.

Senator Penrose announced he would make a privileged statement regarding charges in connection with correspondence between him and John D. Archbold.

Senator Penrose renewed his talk on campaign contributions, charging that G. W. Perkins underwrote \$3,000,000 to nominate Colonel Roosevelt for the presidency.

Minority Leader Mann joined with Representative Zellerly in congratulating Chairman Fitzgerald of the appropriation committee on his work during the present session.

Representative Rainey charged Representative Austin with being personally interested in the water power legislation. Representative Austin replying in a heated speech.

John D. Archbold testified before the subcommittee investigating campaign funds contributions concerning Standard Oil company's contributions to the 1904 republican campaign.

The house voted down, 150 to 79, proposal for provision for two battleships in naval appropriation bill and sent bill back to conference with instructions for acceptance of senate's compromise for one vessel.

The house accepted the senate amendment to the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill, retaining provision for abolition of commerce court and sent the bill to the president.

At Friday night's session Representative Murdock of Kansas threatened final adjournment of congress by point of no quorum in a fight against the appropriation in the postoffice bill of \$35,000 for Eads Bridge company at St. Louis.

General.

General Booth of the salvation army died at London.

Ringling circus tent was destroyed by fire at Sterling, Ill. Loss \$25,000.

The senate reached an agreement on the naval program calling for one new battleship.

A senate committee declined to initiate further capal legislation at the request of the president.

By a vote of 151 to 50 the house adopted the conference report on the naval appropriation bill.

Acting Democrat Chairman McAdoo sees no prospect of the presidential election going into the house.

Norris of Nebraska wants light on the killing of Rogers, an American, by British troops in Africa.

A retaliatory step has been taken by maritime powers against the Panama canal free tolls provision.

President Taft appointed a committee of government officials to investigate the board of United States general appraisers to ascertain if there had been neglect of duty, malfeasance in office or inefficiency.

United States Ambassador Leishman's two daughters have been injured in an automobile accident near Heisterhausen. They were returning from Munich to Berlin with their mother at the time.

Radical changes in the regulations governing surveys of lands in Alaska, under which fisheries companies and others have acquired rights to thousands of desirable sites without patenting them, were made known in Seattle.

The national track and field championships of the amateur athletic union of the United States will be held again in Pittsburgh this year.

President Taft signed the naval appropriation bill, carrying \$123,220,707 and providing for one dreadnought to cost not more than \$15,000,000.

Judge Sutton says he will not sit in the second trial of Clarence Darrow.

Thomas E. Brittingham of Madison has resigned as a member of the board of regents of the University of Wisconsin.

Senator Kenyon said he would not join the new progressive party.

General Mena, the Nicaraguan insurgent, is reported to be a captive.

Kansas republicans secured an injunction against Roosevelt electors.

The value of farm products in America shows 83 per cent increase in ten years.

Colonel Roosevelt says the trusts have not been harmed by the Wick-erham prosecutions.

The fire in the general postoffice at London was the cause of much disruption of the mails.

There was a wordy battle in the house between Rainey of Illinois and Austin of Tennessee.

James Ward Rogers, an American outlaw, was shot dead in an African jungle by a British posse.

Willie Leonard Clahan, widely known poet and humorist, died in St. Louis, age forty-five years.

President Taft is anxious to sign the canal bill, but wants it possible for foreign nations to appeal.

A favorable report was made on the bill of Representative Kinkaid to open Fort Niobrara reservation.

Senator Penrose of Pennsylvania rapped Roosevelt and Plinn in a statement made in the senate.

The American Meat Packers' association will hold its annual convention in Chicago on October 14-16.

Alderman Louis Brozo of Detroit was bound over to stand trial on the charge of having accepted a bribe of \$100.

Russia, the London Daily News correspondent at Odessa declares, is contemplating the repudiation of the Brussels sugar convention.

At a meeting of the Arkansas state central committee of the progressive party it was decided not to nominate candidates for state or county offices.

The war department has disapproved plans for a grand review at San Jose of regulars and militia who have been engaged in maneuvers in California.

The eighty-second birthday of Emperor Francis Joseph was celebrated with enthusiasm throughout the country. His majesty is in good health.

Rebels in Mexico are said to have captured, looted and burned Ladura and have seized the ship Benito Juarez and the gunboat General Guerrero.

Railway officials believe train wreckers were responsible for the derailment of Southern Pacific east-bound passenger train No. 42 near Lenoir City, Tenn.

The senate has passed the Pomerene uniform bill of lading measure, holding railroads responsible for all goods where a bill of lading has been issued before delivery.

Governor Oswald West served notice on the authorities of the city of Portland and Multnomah county that he purposed to institute a moral "house cleaning" in Portland.

Anna Held, the musical comedy actress, has been granted an interlocutory decree of divorce from Florence Ziegfeld, jr. The court's order will become effective in three months.

The Union Pacific railroad has filed application with the Nebraska railroad commission for permission to raise its minimum carload rate on canned goods from 30,000 to 36,000 pounds.

The date for the execution of George Engel, who was convicted for the triple murder of his wife and unborn child and his sister-in-law, has been set for October 18, at Pinckerville, Ill.

One woman was seriously injured and two women and a man a slightly hurt in Minneapolis when an automobile filled with Kansas City tourists skidded on the pavement and struck the curb.

Alderman Glinnan, leader of the Detroit council, has been bound over for trial on a charge of grafting. Examination of twelve other aldermen was continued Friday. Five had their cases postponed.

Characterizing certain amendments in the Indian appropriation as "bold" steals, Minority Leader Mann told the house that if the measure was reported out of conference with the provisions objectionable to him retained, he would urge President Taft to veto it.

At the trial of eight seamen and firemen, charged with rioting on the steamship St. Louis, the prosecution declared that terror prevails on trans-Atlantic liners on account of the New York seamen's strike. Four prisoners got two months' imprisonment, and one twenty-one days.

Details of an inspection of the battlefield near Mangaua, where government troops and rebels fought the recent grueling contest, Sunday reached the state department in a dispatch from United States Minister Wetzel. Instead of finding mangled bodies on the field, the charred bones of burned victims were to be seen, according to the dispatch. In the hospitals forty women were found.

Personal.

Woodrow Wilson likes campaigning as far as it has gone.

Colonel Roosevelt said the progressive party was constructive.

Secretary of State Knox has called for Japan.

Progressives of Nebraska will nominate a full ticket.

The body of Gen. Booth lay in state two days before burial.

Nathaniel B. Johns, known as the oldest actor, who in his day was known throughout the country, died at Scituate, Mass.

SOME COUNTY LINES

ARE FOUND ON INVESTIGATION TO BE INCORRECT.

THE SPECIAL SETTLER'S TRAIN

Land Commissioner Guye Issues Information as to Its Movements on the 3d of September.

E. L. King of the state reclassification commission has been making a special study of the statutes defining county boundaries and in so doing has discovered many inaccuracies in descriptions of county lines. A glaring conflict in the description of the line between Thurston and Dakota counties has been unearthed in this way. It appears that due to the inaccuracy on this line that a wide strip of "no man's" land is left, this amounting to a considerable acreage between the two counties.

It has also been found, according to the descriptions of the statutes, that one corner of Perkins county is over in Lincoln county. E. C. Simmons, an old surveyor, reports in this connection that he found a civil engineer named Alt who moved the west line of Grant county nearly the length of one chain to the eastward. This error was checked out by the government only recently, however, and the line was placed back where it belonged, though it had not yet been figured out definitely whether the description of the statutes tallies with the boundary line's new location.

Special Settlers' Train.

Labor Commissioner Guye is so badly swamped with letters regarding the special train which will leave Chicago with tourists who desire to take up the Kinkaid lands vacant in Nebraska that he cannot answer them all before he leaves to take charge of the train and so issues the following information as to where the train can be reached by those who wish to take the trip.

Burlington train No. 9 will leave Chicago at 9:45 o'clock on Tuesday morning, September 3, and will reach the following places: Aurora, Ill., 10:40 a. m.; Mendota, 11:40; Princeton, 12:09 p. m.; Kewanee, 12:45; Galesburg, 1:28, all in Illinois. The train will stop at the following towns in Iowa: Burlington, 2:33 p. m.; Mt. Pleasant, 3:20; Fairfield, 3:55; Ottumwa, 4:25; Albion, 5:04; Sheridan, 5:50; Osceola, 6:25; Creston, 7:22, and will reach Omaha at 11:15 p. m. and Lincoln at 1:05 a. m. A change will then be made to train No. 43, leaving Lincoln at 1:50 a. m.; Seward, 2:50; York, 3:33; Aurora, 4:11; Grand Island, 4:45; Ravenna, 5:45; Broken Bow, 7:22, and Seneca, 9:50.

Since Commissioner Guye has taken hold of the matter of getting the vacant lands of Nebraska taken up by actual settlers, thousands of acres have been homesteaded under the Kinkaid act, and he hopes that this train will be the means of placing a great many good settlers in Nebraska.

State Tests Coal.

The state will not buy Sprague steam coal for state institutions. This has been determined by tests which the state board made of the Sprague coal which is from Missouri mines and which is said to be of the same quality of the vein in Kansas where it is called Pittsburg coal. A test of the Sprague coal at the institute for feeble minded at Beatrice showed 27.8 per cent refuse, while the Pittsburg slack at the Lincoln asylum showed 16.03 per cent, 14 per cent at the penitentiary and 19.325 per cent at the soldiers home at Grand Island.

Jane Addams at Fair.

Secretary Mellor of the state fair received word that Jane Addams of Chicago had accepted an invitation to speak at the fair September 3. Governor Johnson of California is to speak at the fair the same day.

Labor Day Parade.

Four out of the 26 organizations in the central labor union have now voted to participate in Labor day parade.

Paroled Convict Comes Back.

One of the convicts who has been out on parole for the past two months reported at the office of Warden Mellick and asked to have his parole ended so that he can come back and serve the remainder of his sentence.

Corn Crop Will Be Good.

Grain dealers are already beginning to believe that the corn crop of this year will surpass all records. Their reports show that there has been a decided change for the better in the golden cereal within the past three weeks.

Big Cattle Show at Fair.

The cattle department of the state fair is likely to be filled to overflowing this year. Superintendent E. R. Danielson of Osceola reports that his department has stalls with a capacity of 666 head. Stalls for 610 have already been taken, leaving only 25 double stalls not contracted for. Five of the best herds of Red Polled cattle in the west will be shown and the number of this breed and also of Holsteins will exceed the number shown in former years.

TAXES ARE REDUCED.

Land Values Increase, but Most Farmers Pay Less.

The state board of equalization has reduced state taxes by making a lower levy, says the State Journal. If the county boards do not reduce county taxes this year they should not blame the state board if the people have to pay more taxes. This is the sentiment expressed by members of the state board when they completed the work. In spite of a great increase in land values the farmers as a whole will pay no more state tax this year than last, but less.

While the state tax is really an insignificant matter compared with local taxes in counties, cities and school districts, the state board always endeavors to reduce the levy which produces revenue for the running of the state government. This year by reducing the general fund levy from 5 mills to 4 mills the board cut off \$167,520.68 from the total amount of state taxes chargeable to counties as compared with the total amount chargeable to the counties last year. The state board was unable to reduce the levy below 4 mills and provide revenue to pay for the unpaid appropriations made by the last legislature. Otherwise it would have done so.

This year the total amount which counties are called upon to pay for the running of the state government is \$2,409,533.77. Last year the amount was \$2,577,154.45.

The 1-mill levy for the university and the one-fifth of 1 mill levy for state aid bridges cannot be changed by the state board. No levy is made for last year under the law permitting a levy of 1 mill to redeem outstanding state warrants, because none were outstanding. The law still stands, but no levy was made this year for the reason that no state warrants are outstanding.

The following is a comparative statement of the state tax levy last year and this year:

	1911	1912
Gen. fund. . .	\$2,078,350.37	\$1,853,487.55
University . . .	416,670.07	463,371.85
State aid bridge . . .	\$3,154.01	92,674.37

Total . . . \$2,577,154.45 \$2,409,533.77 Slight increases were made in fifteen counties, but the increase is so small that it is not considered. In the other seven counties where an increase is shown it is comparatively small. These seven are the counties of Antelope, Brown, Cedar, Greeley, Holt, Morrill and Nance. In some of these a large amount of land deeded by the government during the past four years has been added to the list of taxable lands, so there is much more land to assess than formerly.

Big Things at the Fair.

Just think what a seat in the grandstand at the State Fair, September 2 to 6, means in the line of attractions this year. Besides \$13,000 for races, which in the olden times constituted the full program, there will be aeroplane flights, concerts by great bands, vaudeville performances by experts, the great Cheyenne Frontier Days Show, which has been induced to move down in its entirety at a "fabulous" expense, with its tribe of real Indians, its cowgirls cowboys, outlaw horses, frontier life on the plains, the only team of buffaloes ever driven, etc. It is the chance of a life time to see such attractions grouped. Let's go.

Loup River Water Matter.

The state board of irrigation met and adjourned the further hearing of the Loup river water matter until September 16. The Commonwealth Power company desired to secure more important testimony and the adjournment seemed to be satisfactory all around.

Many Entries for Races.

Joseph Sheen, superintendent of speed for the state fair, is pleased at the long list of entries for the races. A new rule which allows a three seconds' credit on records made on mile tracks for entrance in half mile track racing has helped to swell the entries.

Lincoln Bank clearings for the week just past ran \$185,159 higher than the same week last year.

Guard Resigns.

C. H. Rogers, guard in the broom shop at the penitentiary, appointed on the recommendation of Major McClaughrey, warden of the federal prison at Leavenworth, has resigned to accept the position of Chinese watchman in the federal prison at Tucson, Ariz. Although having been identified with the Nebraska penitentiary but a short time, Mr. Rogers proved himself a most efficient guard and Warden Mellick deeply regrets his departure, although pleased that Uncle Sam has seen fit to pick one of his best men for a better position.

Responses From Candidates.

Superintendent Carson of the Anti-Saloon league has received responses from 125 candidates for the legislature to a request as to their willingness to repeal the right of trial by jury in police court. A majority of the candidates have replied that they do not thoroughly understand the purport of the law and are therefore unwilling to go on record either as willing or unwilling to repeal it. Practically all of the 125 favor keeping the 8 o'clock law on the statute books.

CONGRESS HOLDS ON

FAILURE TO REACH ADJOURNMENT AT TIME APPOINTED.

MANY MEMBERS LEAVE CAPITAL

Neither Senate Nor House Will Have Quorum When They Again Convene on Monday.

Washington.—A few score weary members of congress and an impatient president of the United States Sunday confronted an unprecedented governmental situation, following Saturday night's prolonged and fruitless struggle to adjourn the session of congress. The outlook for Monday's sessions of house and senate promised an even more chaotic legislative condition than obtained in the fight that began Saturday morning and continued until nearly church time Sunday.

Disgusted with adjournment failure many members of the senate took early trains for their homes. Senator Penrose predicted that there would be much less than a quorum in the senate when it meets at noon Monday and house leaders were satisfied that that body would be nearly forty members short of the number necessary to transact business.

The double filibuster which compelled the abandonment of the plan to end the session of congress is expected to be renewed when the house reconvenes. Senator La Follette made known to friends Sunday that he would insist upon a record vote on the adoption of the Penrose resolution for an investigation of campaign contributions of the Standard Oil company in 1904, and of the correspondence between John D. Archbold, George W. Perkins and members of congress.

Senator Chamberlain, who led the other senate filibuster, the object of which was to force the house to agree to the payment of \$600,000 of old state claims, will have the support of many senate democrats if he renews his insistence to hold congress until these claims are paid. The house leaders are determined to fight the claims "until December" if necessary.

Either of the senate filibusters holds trouble for any plan of adjournment. If Senator La Follette should insist on a record vote, it would become necessary to secure a quorum. In such an event he could hold the senate indefinitely, because it would again be unable to make an adjournment agreement with the house.

The general deficiency appropriation bill is agreed to on all points except the \$600,000 of claims demanded by Virginia, Maryland, Oregon and Texas, and the extra month's pay for employes of the house and senate. Chairman Fitzgerald of the house conferees, renewed his declaration that in no circumstances would the house concede the payment of any of these.

"If the senate insists on these items in the bill it will force the measure to go over until the December session," he said. "The house announced its attitude firmly and sooner than see it yield on the items, I will raise the point of no quorum. Members know that it would be almost impossible to secure a quorum now, except by the physical arrest of absent members."

Senate leaders were hopeful that the senate might be induced to yield on these claims.

Will Not Hear Roosevelt.

Washington.—Colonel Roosevelt will not have an opportunity to answer John D. Archbold's statements before the senate committee investigating campaign expenditures until late in September. Senator Clapp, chairman of the sub-committee before which Mr. Archbold told his story of having contributed \$100,000 to the Roosevelt fund in 1904, telegraphed that the committee would not be able to hear him Monday as the colonel desired.

Secretary Stimson Coming West.

Washington.—Secretary Stimson of the war department left Washington Sunday for a tour of inspection of western military posts, going by way of New York.

Tally-Ho Turns Over.

Duluth, Minn.—A tally-ho carrying a load of eastern tourists, turned over while on the boulevard drive here Sunday, severely injuring several persons. None of them was fatally hurt.

Petition for Suffragettes.

London.—Suffragettes started a monster petition in behalf of Mrs. Mary Leigh and Miss Gladys Evans, who were sentenced to five years' imprisonment for attempted arson.

Imprisonment Under Ground.

Peoria, Ill.—After having been imprisoned for twenty-five and one-half hours at the bottom of a thirty-five foot caisson, beneath the surface of the Illinois river, F. J. Schmidt was hauled to the surface and expired in five minutes.

There'll Be No Strike.

Chicago.—There will be no strike on Chicago transportation lines, according to Mayor Harrison, who has conferred with employers and employes regarding matters.

NEBRASKA IN BRIEF.

Douglas county has 1,322 automobiles and Lancaster county 809.

The total assessed valuation of all counties in Nebraska is \$463,371,889. Chief of Police Donahue of Omaha died last week from blood poisoning. Democrats of Nebraska will have their state headquarters at Grand Island.

No part of Nebraska at the present time is reported as being short on melsture.

Omaha is making great preparations for the Ak-Sar-Ben festivities of 1912.

Nebraska's state fair this year is expected to be the best ever. Many attractions will be in evidence.

Progressives in session at Lincoln issued a call for a state convention to be held in that city September 3.

The Campbell Brothers circus, which went into the hands of receivers at Fairbury, has moved its animals and stock onto their farm south of that city to await sheriff's sale.

It seems doubtful whether the move to abolish the office of county assessor in Dodge county will prove successful. The county board will not consider the petitions unless they contain the names of one-tenth of the voters in the county.

The State Board of Public Lands and Buildings was unable to buy the tract of land under advisement for the deaf and dumb school at Omaha. Land Commissioner Cowles does not think the state needs the land and is opposed to its purchase.

Theodore Roosevelt has written Governor Aldrich that he will be unable to deliver an address at the unveiling of the Lincoln monument September 2. Governor Aldrich, who will preside at the ceremonies, and W. J. Bryan will deliver addresses.

A number of large Nos. 2000 and 1600 engines have been received at Fairbury for freight service on the Nebraska division. These engines came from Silvis shops, Ill., and the Iowa division. For sometime past, there has been a shortage in power.

John Schwartz, rural mail carrier at Virginia, Gage county, was probably fatally injured by being struck by westbound Rock Island train No. 207, two miles west of Virginia, as he attempted to drive across the track. His skull was fractured and his leg was broken in two places.

Principal Roy E. Cochran, head of the Kearney High school for the last three years, was promoted to the city superintendency at a special meeting of the Board of Education held for the purpose of considering the filling of the vacancy created by the resignation of Superintendent Harry E. Bradford.

Fremont firemen resent the charges made in a Norfolk newspaper that the conduct of the firemen's tournament grew boisterous and indecent on the closing night. Letters were mailed to various fire companies throughout the state urging them to make an effort to correct the impression created by the Norfolk statement.

Officials of the Nebraska legislative reference bureau have received copies of the campaign booklets containing proposed constitutional amendments which are to be voted on at a special election to be held in the state of Ohio on September 3. There are forty-one of the proposed enactments and all are the product of the recent constitutional convention which was held in that state.

The fireman's tournament held at Harvard was marked by fine weather and one of the largest crowds ever gathered in Harvard for such a celebration. The day was opened by a band concert in the park by the Harvard military band and concessions, merry-go-rounds and other attractions amused the crowd during the forenoon. In the afternoon the two ball teams, Fairfield and Giltner, paraded the streets and marched to the ball grounds. A closely contested game followed.

Pending the final passage of the navy appropriation bill by congress, the Lincoln recruiting office received orders not to furnish transportation to any recruit.

The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Kauffman of Falls City is not expected to live. The child ran a hair pin into its ear, breaking the ear drum and causing an infection to develop.

The annual camp meeting and conference sessions of the Nebraska Conference of Seventh-Day Adventists began on the Union college campus near Lincoln with religious service. The interior of the large canvas pavilion facing on College avenue, where the sessions will be held, was finished just in time. It will accommodate 1,500.

Sheriff C. D. Quinton of Cass county, and Chief of Police Ben Rainey of Plattsmouth captured a still at the home of Max Herman, a Russian Jew, who for a number of years past has been employed at the Burlington shops as a laborer. Some of the employes had been drinking pretty heavily, and had been discharged by the Burlington, but were promised their places again if they would tell the source of their intoxicants.

A very light vote was polled on the paving bonds proposition at Beatrice, amounting to \$11,000 to pave intersections in downtown districts. Property owners pay for their frontage. Only 645 votes were cast, 513 for and 132 against a majority of 381.

Vigorous protests are being made by the city officials of Ashland and leading citizens over the conditions in Salt creek. Some years ago fish caught out of Salt creek were good and palatable, but since the dam of the old Snell Flouring mill was removed it is alleged the quality of the fish has deteriorated.