

FOR THE BUSY MAN

NEWS EPITOME THAT CAN SOON BE COMPASSED.

MANY EVENTS ARE MENTIONED

Home and Foreign Intelligence Condensed into Two and Four Line Paragraphs.

Political Notes.

President Taft predicts victory for republicans party next month.

Supporters of President Taft in California are plainly disfranchised.

Gov. Wilson, it is said, will make no more speeches during the campaign.

Governor Johnson accused Governor Wilson of hedging on the trust question.

Soon after the election, President Taft is contemplating a trip to the Panama canal.

Suit in behalf of Colonel Roosevelt has been started against a Michigan editor for alleged libel.

Governor Marshall twitted Governor Johnson on having such a bad electoral law in California.

Eugene V. Debn, socialist candidate for president, is on a speech-making tour throughout the country.

In a letter to John W. Wainwright, President Taft argued against a change in administrative policies.

In the opinion of Senator Cummins the progressive party principles are merely advanced republican ideas.

Republicans filed an injunction against the secretary of state of Louisiana to prevent him placing progressive electors on the official ballot for the November election.

Representative Henry of Texas announces that in his informal statement of campaign expenses sent to Washington he had certified he did not spend a cent either in the primary or general election.

Governor Wilson and his advocates have misrepresented the attitude of the progressive party toward the trusts was charged by Governor Johnson of California in a speech in the auditorium at Harrisburg, Pa.

Secretary Hester in a statement of the world's visible supply of cotton shows an increase for the week just closed of 319,117 bales against an increase of 32,460 bales last year and an increase of 257,319 bales year before last.

Charles Nagel secretary of commerce and labor, in an address at Canton, Ohio, defended President Taft's policies during his administration with a recounting of various progressive laws which were secured through his activity.

United States Senator La Follette, in a speech at La Crosse, Wis., declared that he would vote for neither Roosevelt, Taft nor Wilson. He compared the suppression of competition through the trusts, to a huge cancer, the removal of which requires great skill.

Making his last address in New Jersey during the present campaign, Governor Johnson sharply criticized Governor Wilson for his failure to do a little trust house cleaning by driving the Standard Oil, Tobacco company and thirty or forty other trusts, of which New Jersey is the mother, out of business.

Contributions to the presidential campaign fund of the democratic party this year totalled \$678,364, according to the sworn statement of Treasurer Rolla C. Wells of St. Louis, filed with the chief clerk of the house of representatives. Expenditures aggregated \$562,618.21, including \$120,000 sent to headquarters at New York, and there are outstanding obligations of \$55,149.

General.

Serious trouble is feared in Cuba in connection with the Cuban election.

The United States will adhere to its policy of non-intervention in Mexico.

Governor Johnson says Roosevelt made rich men his enemies by pleading the cause of the downtrodden.

The men who tried to run a ten million dollar cotton corner have a chance to escape government prosecution.

The London Times understands that both majority and minority reports of the divorce commission will recommend that the sexes be equal before the law in the matter of divorce.

The general election in Norway is going strongly against the government. Out of 123 seats the returns for ninety-five are complete. In the case of forty-seven of these the results are indecisive, requiring another election.

The steamship Asiatic Prince which arrived at New York Friday from Brazilian ports, reported the rescue of thirteen men from the burning steamship Fagundes Varela, off the Brazilian coast October 7. The ship caught fire from chemicals in its hold.

Enough letters will be on hand before the jury in the "dynamite conspiracy" trial to keep witnesses busy for a week identifying them.

The Kimmel claimant again was missing when the suit to recover from an insurance company of New York \$20,000 on-the-life of George A. Kimmel was called in a St. Louis court.

Australian promoters of pugilism will have nothing to do with Jack Johnson.

The conviction of Charles Becker for murder in the first degree is a startling event in American criminal history.

Two military officers, followers of Diaz in Mexico, were shot by court martial order.

The first great battle, in the Balkan states is expected to be fought at Adrianople.

Efforts to evangelize the Mohammedan inhabitants of Mindinao are said to be a failure.

Yeggmen blew open the safe in the Grump grocery store in Richland, Iowa, securing \$175.

Bulgarians captured the important Turkish city of Kirk-Killessen after a three days' battle.

The United States has placed an order for navy shells abroad at a considerable saving.

Police Lieutenant Charles Becker who found guilty of murder in the first degree at New York.

Fire which swept a portion of the business district of Hanley, Sask., caused a loss of \$100,000.

Rebels at Vera Cruz, Mexico, were led to believe the federal forces intended to join their standard.

Secretary of Agriculture James Wilson declared the tariff was the only issue in the present campaign.

George W. Perkins, as a witness before the senate committee, became vehement in his denial of charges.

Important witnesses wanted in the prosecution of the Jack Johnson-Lucile Cameron affair have disappeared.

Fight thousand dollars in pay checks were stolen from a messenger boy and partly cashed at Minneapolis.

A national marketing association for farmers was advocated by B. F. Yoakum at Dallas, Texas, in an address before the convention of Southwestern growers.

Miss Mildred Kelly, a young white woman, was shot in New York and probably fatally wounded by Charles E. Lee, a negro, who was formerly her chauffeur. Lee then killed himself.

Women of republican headquarters in New York are exhibiting the protective tariff doll, in lace and flery, to show that the average woman can have such an outfit, in spite of tariffs, for \$25.

Jack Johnson, pugilist, will not be allowed to appear on any vaudeville stage in Kansas City, if Mayor Jost can prevent it, because of his part in the alleged abduction of Lucile Cameron.

Attorney General Wickersham has asked the supreme court to decide which branch of the United States courts shall enforce the recent decree in favor of the government in the St. Louis terminal case.

One million tickets printed in preparation for a proposed "progressive tag day" in New York City, probably will be wasted because the authorities ruled that tagging is technically begging on the streets.

Joseph Watson Ingalls, boatswain of the liner Sonoma, en route to Australia, was washed overboard and drowned when a huge sea broke over the ship's bow in a gale met from San Francisco.

A police woman's conference opened its sessions in Portland, Ore., with representatives of Washington, Oregon and California cities in attendance. The delegates to the conference are women actually in police work.

J. C. Merceraus, president of the Merceraus Bridge and Construction company, and George West, a civil engineer, were killed when a motor car in which they were riding dropped 150 feet off a declivity in the Malibu mountains seven miles from Calabasas, Cal.

Findings of the general court martial acquitting Captains Jewitt and Henderson and five enlisted men of the State National Guard of charges growing out of the killing of three citizens during the Augusta street car strike were approved by Governor Brown of Georgia.

Rear Admiral Southerland has reported to the Navy department that the mounted American marines and blue-jackets making excursions through the sections of Nicaragua recently torn by the revolutionists, found that good order prevails as the date for the election, November 3, approaches.

There may be some reasons for anonymous authorship in special cases, but there seems to be no good reason for anonymous manufacturing, yet, notwithstanding, it appears to be practised a great deal, so much so that a bill was introduced in the last congress which provides that every article placed upon the market for interstate or foreign commerce shall bear the name and address of the manufacturer under a penalty of a fine not exceeding \$1,000.00, or six months' imprisonment, or both. Why should not that also be a wholesome provision for domestic commerce to protect our own people, as so many articles are now being offered under private brands without the maker's name, and therefore cannot be determined to what class they belong?

Infantile paralysis has appeared among the Eskimos of Alaska for the first time of which there is known record.

Personal.

Vice President Sherman made a contribution to the campaign.

Attorney General Wickersham opened his four days' speaking tour of Ohio.

President Taft and family have returned to Washington.

Woodrow Wilson expects to make a few more campaign speeches.

A DEAL IN POLITICS

STATE SUPREME COURT HANDS DOWN TWO DECISIONS.

RIGHTS OF VARIOUS PARTIES

Taft Men Placed as Republicans and Roosevelt Admirers Will Be on the Ticket as Progressives.

The state supreme court handed down a unanimous decision holding that the six Taft electors chosen by the republican state committee, together with the two republican electors chosen at the spring primaries who remained loyal to Taft are entitled to the designation "republican" on the ballot in the general election and to a place at the top of the ballot. The decision of the district court in a case brought by the Taft men seeking to deny the Roosevelt men the uses of the name "republican" was upheld by the supreme court. Secretary of State Watt ordered the county clerks of the various counties to proceed with the printing of the ballots for the general election and place the names of the Taft electors at the head of the list with the designation, "republican." The Roosevelt electors chosen in the state primaries go at the bottom and are labeled "progressive."

The Morrissey Case.

The court also handed down a decision in the Morrissey case. The lower court is upheld and the right given to the third party for a place on the November ballot. Thus all parties will now be given opportunity to vote for those who will represent their wishes in regard to the presidency of the nation.

Signers of Statement No. 1.

Of the candidates of the two big parties for the legislature, 233 have signed statement No. 1, agreeing to vote for the popular choice for United States senator. Where the other thirty stand is not known, according to information from the office of secretary of state, state legislative reference bureau and headquarters of the two political parties.

Of the thirty thus denoted only two members are in the list of candidates for the state senate, T. T. Linkhart of Coleridge and Peter Jansen of Beatrice. The latter was in the last session of the state legislature and went through his campaign without signing this statement. When Senator Hitchcock was formally elected he voted for one of his fellow townsmen for the place. Both of the senatorial candidates who have not signed, are republicans.

In the list of candidates for the house there are sixteen republicans who have failed to notify any of the local sources of their action upon the statement. Eleven democrats are in a similar position. Of the total of thirty who have not yet set in their decisions, there are twenty-four seats represented, or nine districts where both candidates have failed to give wide-spread expression to their views of the senatorial statement.

Union Pacific's Report.

The annual report of the Union Pacific railroad for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1912, just filed with the state railway commission, shows that Nebraska business of this road fell off considerably over the fiscal year of 1911. Total passenger earnings for the year reached the sum of \$5,188,137, as compared to \$5,264,881 for the previous year. Freight earnings on state business fell off from \$12,511,955 to \$12,098,367. Total operating revenue was reduced from \$19,059,477 to \$17,554,540.

Shubert Wants New Station.

The people of Shubert have petitioned the railway commission for better station facilities at that town, which is situated on the Burlington railway. They also want two passenger trains each way. They complain that there is no agent on duty when freight trains arrive in the night.

Memorial Services.

Memorial services were held in the supreme court in memory of E. C. Calkins, a former supreme court commissioner, who died recently at his home in Kearney. Judge Calkins was appointed supreme court commissioner April 16, 1907, and served in that capacity about two years.

Upholds Thrasher Case.

The supreme court handed down an opinion in the case of Thrasher against State, the case having been appealed from the district court of Scott's Bluff county, where Thrasher had been convicted for the murder of a 17-year-old girl who had died from the effects of a criminal operation. The case was affirmed.

Adjusting Telephone Rates.

The readjustment of telephone rates, following the elimination of competition in this state has set the railway commissioners to the particularly arduous task of finding a basis upon which they may determine the investment returns to be allowed companies. The companies assert that they have been pared to a point where the returns were too meager—while the citizens of many of the communities believe they have been sufficiently recompensed for what they have provided.

NEBRASKA A LEADER.

What Secretary Mellor Says of the Commonwealth.

W. R. Mellor, secretary of the Nebraska State Board of Agriculture, has the following to say of Nebraska: The census figures reveal some striking facts about agricultural progress in Nebraska. During the last decade Nebraska has leaped to fourth in rank in the total amount of farm property, now being exceeded only by Illinois, Iowa and Texas. In its per capita wealth for the people resident on the farms Nebraska is now second in rank, being led only by Iowa, which has \$2,425 per capita, while Nebraska has \$2,360. When compared with other states, Nebraska's farm wealth assumes astounding proportions.

The per capita wealth of the people on the farm in the United States as a whole is \$530; for the great geographical sub-divisions of the country it is as follows: New England, \$790; middle Atlantic, \$529; east north central, \$1,172; west north central, \$1,743; South Atlantic, \$324; east south central, \$562; mountain states, \$1,042; Pacific states, \$1,536; Nebraska, \$2,360.

As compared with the corn-belt states Nebraska farmers have \$1,455 more per capita than those of Ohio, \$554 more than Illinois, \$1,198 more than Indiana, \$1,083 more than Missouri, and more than twice as much as the farmers of Kansas, who can count but \$1,775 per capita, according to the 1910 census.

Nebraska farmers now have more property than those of all New England with the addition of New Jersey, Maryland and Virginia; during the last ten years Nebraska farmers have increased their wealth 119 per cent more than those of Ohio, 93 per cent more than those of Indiana, 83 per cent more than Illinois, 121 per cent more than Michigan, 104 per cent more than Wisconsin, 90 per cent more than Minnesota, 76 per cent more than Iowa, 80 per cent more than Missouri and 42 per cent more than Kansas.

The census bureau figures the population of all towns under 2,500 as "rural population"; excluding the population of the small towns, Nebraska had 628,408 people on its farms in 1910; the per capita wealth of these people actually on the farms of Nebraska is \$3,600, or \$18,000 per family of five persons. This is \$11,410 per family more than the average wealth of the United States.

The accomplishment of this stupendous result by a little over 500,000 people on the farms of Nebraska is a veritable marvel. The soil of Nebraska is a great reservoir of fertility; the average valuation of farm land is less than \$50 per acre; why should farmers leave Nebraska for Canada, the northwest or southwest in search of opportunity?

Lower Court Upheld.

Arthur M. Nixon, who was convicted in Richardson county of selling liquor without a license, was defeated in his efforts to secure a reversal in the state supreme court. That tribunal upheld the action of the lower court setting out that if the liquor "looked like whisky and tasted like whisky" it was sufficient to sustain a conviction despite the fact that witnesses swore that it had caused no intoxication.

Stallion Registration Board.

The first annual report of the Nebraska stallion registration board has been issued. Under the new law this board inspects animals used for breeding purposes and certifies as to their pedigree and soundness. Dr. Bostrom, state veterinarian, is president; W. R. Mellor, secretary of the state board of agriculture, is secretary, and A. E. Nelson is assistant secretary. The report contains illustrations showing many common blemishes in bones and feet of stallions that are transmissible to offspring and a discussion of the various diseases of animals, etc.

Application has been filed with the State Banking Board for the incorporation of a new bank to be called the State Bank of Omaha, located at Omaha.

Hog Disease Follows Horse Malady.

Farmers in many sections of the state have lost hogs from the epidemic of cholera which is now raging following an outbreak which dates back to the middle of August. Professor Gains of the department of pathology of the state agricultural experiment station has many calls for hog cholera serum and assistants are kept busy sending it to localities where the disease is found. The serum is declared to have proven effective as a preventive. Professor Sturdevant, assistant to Professor Gains, stated that the epidemic is worse this year than for fifteen years. Calls for serum have come from David City, Thompson, Stromburg, Ord, Dodge, York, Beatrice, Cortland, Leigh, Valparaiso, Adams, Seward, Eagle, Wisner, Ames, Fairfield, Eagle, Norfolk, McCool, Weeping Water and many other places.

Fighting Telephone Rates.

Five citizens of York county who are making preparations to fight the raise of telephone rates there called upon the state railway commissioners in an effort to obtain information which will help them in the action. Those who called were C. F. Gilbert, John Doran, A. S. Myers, T. H. Clifford and Charles Myers. They declared that the present rates earn a reasonable return for the owners of the telephone company and that the return will be even better when the proposed consolidation takes effect.

SENTENCE OF DEATH

DAZ, LEADER OF REVOLUTION, MAY BE EXECUTED.

PENALTY AS YET UNCERTAIN

Madero Opposed to Clemency, Saying that Mercy Would Be Regarded as Sign of Weakness.

Vera Cruz.—General Felix Diaz, leader of the recent revolt here, and Major Zerate, Colonel Antonio Migon and Lieutenant Lima, officers under Diaz in his attempt to overthrow the government, were condemned to death by court-martial. Lieutenant Camacho, Captain Mayen of the rural guard, and Captain Hermilio Martinez were sentenced to ten years' imprisonment and Gabriel Ramos, customs collector, and Hernan Arostegui, censor of telegrams, were sentenced to one year's imprisonment. Nine other officers and civilians were allowed to go free.

The court martial, which was presided over by General Davila, sat in secret session from 2 o'clock Saturday morning until 3:15 o'clock Sunday morning. The sentence caused a sensation. A great crowd, including relatives and many friends of the accused men, gathered outside the building, where the court sat, and waited for hours for the findings, notwithstanding a heavy rainstorm.

General Davila refused to acknowledge the orders of the district judge to suspend the proceedings in the case of General Diaz and Major Zerate. General Deltran, military commander of the zone, however, accepted a writ of habeas corpus and suspended the executions, leaving the prisoners temporarily at the disposition of the district court.

It is thought probable that Colonel Migon and Lieutenant Lima will be shot without much more ado. The proceedings of the military court have been criticised generally as being very deficient. Public opinion has been strongly against a military trial for General Diaz. It is openly asserted that the prisoners had an inadequate defense, and no investigations have been made so far as to why the federal troops entered the city with white flags flying and the greeting, "Long live Diaz."

Mexico City.—General Felix Diaz, leader of the revolution recently inaugurated in Vera Cruz, and three of his confederates have been sentenced to death by the court-martial before which they were tried in that city.

At the same time word of the verdict against Diaz was received, came a report that the military court had decided to recognize the order of suspension of sentence upon the revolutionary leader, granted by the district court pending investigation as to whether the trial of Diaz should be by military or civil court.

Nineteen Persons Struck Blind.

Anderson, Ind.—Nineteen persons are reported to have been struck blind as a result of gazing at a light caused by workmen welding electrical appliances on trolley wires, according to local physicians who were called out of bed to treat the cases. Several who saw the light were not stricken until a few hours later.

350 Democratic Speakers.

New York.—The democratic national committee announced that 350 speakers would be put on the stump in New York state this week, for the conclusion of the presidential fight. Each of the three leading parties are to have a demonstration in Madison Square Garden during the week.

President Back at Capital.

Washington.—President Taft got back to Washington after an absence of nearly two months. With the exception of engagements in New York and Newark, and one in Cincinnati, the president has nothing in prospect to take him away from the capital. It is probable he will spend much time here after election in writing his annual message.

General Morris Dead.

Portland, Me.—Brigadier General Charles Morris, U. S. A., retired, died at his home here aged 69 years. He was in command of the Presidio at San Francisco at the time of the earthquake in 1906.

Decision in Merger Case.

Washington.—Decisions in either the Union Pacific merger, hard coal trust or state rate cases are expected soon in the supreme court.

Lipton May Not Challenge.

Chicago.—Sir Thomas Lipton who arrived in Chicago for a short visit among lake yachtsmen, said he would not challenge again for the American cup unless the rule is changed.

Sought to Wreck a Train.

Tulsa, Okl.—An attempt to derail and, it is believed, to rob a north bound Midland Valley passenger train, failed, when the train was brought to a stop within a few feet of an obstruction of railroad ties piled on the track.

Strikers Renew Struggle.

Bingham, Utah.—Sheriff Sharp and his posse of 200 deputies returned to Bingham after a fruitless search for the gang of thirty strikers who fired on a deputy sheriff.

NEBRASKA IN BRIEF.

The Mannerchoir society of Columbus has dedicated their \$15,000 home.

Two children at Republican City were badly burned by the explosion of an oil stove.

Burglars have been breaking into Plattsmouth churches. In one they secured three dollars belonging to the Sunday school.

Hurled through a plate glass window, while wrestling with Joe Norman for a 50-cent bet, John Ryan was so badly cut that he died at St. Joseph's hospital in Omaha.

Charlie Gibson, 8 years old, son of T. L. Gibson of Hastings, was accidentally shot Sunday through the right foot. The bullet passed clear through and may prove serious.

In Blue Springs there was held a good fellowship supper for ministers attending a district conference in that city. The principal dish on the bill of fare was pot pie, in which 115 squirrels were used.

The supreme court of Nebraska has handed down a decision which wins the final battle for the friends of the working girls' home in Omaha, for which Count John A. Creighton left \$50,000 in his will. The decision saves the gift for the girls and what the residuary clause added to it and interest makes the total amount for the home \$175,000.

Charles H. M. Rosecrans of Papillion disappeared in 1903, and has been declared legally dead, and his wife has obtained a judgment of \$2,000 on a life insurance policy in the Modern Woodmen of America. The insurance organization has appealed to the supreme court for a reversal of the judgment. Rosecrans lived at Papillion, but worked at his trade in South Omaha.

Defying the doctor's instructions, that a "75-year-old kid" couldn't fast for more than a day or two, George P. Bemis, ex-mayor of Omaha, fasted for 15 1/2 days, and says that he feels two hundred per cent. better than he did before. "In all that time I did not eat a thing, only drinking water," he said. "I just wanted to get the clinkers out of my system, and I did it all right."

The new St. Francis hospital at Grand Island—an addition which however, is larger than the entire institution as built up for the past twenty-five years—was dedicated last week and thrown open to public inspection. Bishop Thien delivered the dedicatory sermon. The addition was erected at a cost of \$90,000 and the entire institution now represents in buildings an investment of \$145,000.

The Nebraska State bank, the only state financial institution to do business in the metropolis, has been granted a charter by the state banking board. The capital of the bank is given at \$300,000, while \$12,000 in one sum has been set aside for the guaranty deposit fund. A. L. Schantz is president of the new institution, A. S. White the vice president and J. L. Svoboda, cashier. The bank will open its doors November 1.

That oil and natural gas abounds in Scotts Bluff county not far from Gering, was the statement made by letter to the Lincoln Commercial club by George Sowerwine, a ranchman living in that part of the state. Sowerwine is attempting to get Lincoln capital interested in promoting the work of bringing the oil to the surface. This is the second communication received at the club from him within the past few months.

Three staple articles of food are, says the Lincoln Journal, now selling lower than a year ago. They are flour, sugar and potatoes. Flour is 25 cents a sack cheaper. Potatoes, which retailed last year from \$1 to \$1.25 a bushel, are now selling at from 65 to 80 cents a bushel. Sugar was selling for \$2 more a sack twelve months ago. Onions are 25 cents a bushel cheaper, while turnips and cabbage are the same price. Apples are from 25 to 50 cents cheaper. Meat is 1 to 2 cents higher.

Saturday morning the Burlington depot at Shubert was discovered on fire and such progress had it made that nothing was saved. All the books and papers, as well as a large amount of merchandise and express, were burned. Agent Joe Birch cannot account for the origin of the fire, and some think it was of incendiary origin.

L. F. Langhorst, William Langhorst, William Waters and Edwin Jerry, all of Elmwood, had a narrow escape from a serious accident while motoring home from Omaha. The roads were slippery after the recent rains and the car turned entirely around, breaking one of the wheels, which prevented the car from turning turtle with disastrous results.

A man thought to be John F. Kerns of St. Joseph, Mo., was killed beneath the wheels of Union Pacific east train No. 11 in the yards at Valley. The body was so badly mutilated that it was impossible to identify him, but papers in his clothes indicated who he was. His head was severed from his body, which was otherwise badly cut and bruised.

The Wymore volunteer fire department has recommended to the city council that another hose cart be purchased, to be placed in the west part of the city. The city may buy a chemical engine for use in the business district.

E. S. Galloway, under arrest at Tecumseh on the charge of deserting his wife and 18-year-old daughter in Des Moines, Ia., has asked Governor Aldrich to give him a hearing before the governor acts on a requisition by the governor of Iowa. The charge is made that he left his wife and daughter in destitute circumstances.