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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.

Democratic senators hope to be able to hold up Taft's appointments. Representative Browning introduced a bill for a comprehensive currency system.

Senator McCumber introduced a bill to repeal newspaper publicity law.

The house banking and currency sub-committee decided to take testimony of persons at hearings to begin April 6.

Representative Clayton introduced a bill authorizing the supreme court to regulate procedure in common law cases before federal courts.

Director Stratton, of the bureau of standards, opposed before the house agriculture committee a bill for regulation and tax of oleomargarine.

Senator McCumber introduced a bill to pension former presidents as commanders-in-chief of the army at \$10,000 annually and \$5,000 for former president's widows.

A bill that would establish a free mail delivery in cities having second and third class postoffices was introduced by Representative Grist of Pennsylvania.

The first bill introduced in the house was one by Representative DeForest of New York to pension former presidents and widows of former presidents.

Chairman Clapp of interstate commerce committee, announced an effort would be made to reach an agreement on a report recommending amendments to the anti-trust law.

A voluminous bill that would reorganize the personnel of the naval establishment and the marine corps was introduced by Representative Padgett, chairman of the house committee on naval affairs.

Estimates for running the government during the fiscal year of 1914 was submitted by the secretary of the treasury. They aggregate \$23,415,465, an increase of \$72,978,248 over 1913 and include \$56,766,992 for river and harbor improvements.

Senator Works has prepared for introduction in the senate a bill making it a felony for any person or corporation to interfere with another person or corporation obtaining financial aid in the organization or carrying on of any interstate business.

State and Treasury department officials are prepared to urge upon congress the passage of stringent laws for the suppression of promiscuous traffic in opium, cocaine and other narcotics in accordance with the conclusions of the international conference held at The Hague several months ago.

General.

Congressman Frank P. Woods of the Tenth Iowa district is seriously ill with pneumonia.

Judge Archbald will take no personal part in impeachment proceedings against him.

The customs court decided to hear arguments January 14 regarding the wood pulp and paper case.

American and English volunteers are working energetically against cholera in Constantinople.

The United States supreme court declared the Union Pacific-Southern Pacific merger to be illegal.

Secretary MacVeagh has about completed preparations for a change in size and design of the currency.

An investigation of alleged violations of the internal tax laws in the manufacture of oleomargarine was begun by the federal grand jury at Chicago.

Cameron Forbes, governor-general of the Philippines, in this country for the last nine months convalescing from a severe illness, left Washington for San Francisco to sail for Manila.

A cabinet crisis has arisen in Tokio over the refusal of the minister of war, Lieutenant General Uyebara, to accept a cabinet decision rejecting the scheme for increasing the military forces in Korea.

Religion was declared the most potent agency for the settlement of difficulties between labor and capital before delegates to the meeting of the federal council of churches of Christ in session at Chicago.

Fire in a Muscatine, Iowa, lumber yard caused \$40,000 damage.

The Austro-Hungarian and Italian ministers at Athens protested to the Greek government against the bombardment of the Albanian town of Avlona.

Total contributions for the Taft campaign were close to the million mark.

Col. H. G. Catrow of Dayton, O., of the Third Ohio Infantry, national guard, was chosen commissioner general for the international rifle matches to be held at Camp Perry, Ohio, next September.

While rebels overrun districts of Mexico, property-owners are not allowed to arm for self-protection. An Iowa man who unwittingly furnished an Indian liquor, for which he was fined and imprisoned, was granted pardon by President Taft.

Woodrow Wilson says he is keeping an open mind, and wants advice from anyone.

The Hamilton club of Chicago has undertaken the task of bringing republicans and progressives together.

Lieutenant General Torachi, governor-general of Korea, was appointed premier of Japan.

An armistice was signed between Turkey and the members of the Balkan allies, except Greece.

Congressman Norris objects to secret hearings of federal cases before masters in chancery.

Eight were killed and a number injured in a wreck on the Pennsylvania road in Ohio.

Democratic senators may oppose confirmation of recent nominations of President Taft.

The Great Northern railway has increased its capital stock from \$210,000,000 to \$231,000,000.

Mayor Fitzgerald of Boston says the government may be compelled to own the coal mines.

It cost the democratic committee more than a million dollars to elect Wilson and Marshall.

The design has been accepted for a magnificent monument at Washington to Lincoln.

Attorney General Wickersham says the Sherman anti-trust law is effective in criminal cases.

Governor Blease of South Carolina a second time proclaimed his belief in the law of lynching.

Implement dealers, one a Nebraskan, testified against the International Harvester company.

The house, without a dissenting vote, passed the bill providing for a physical valuation of roads.

Railroad men have evolved no plan for the divorcement of the Union and Southern Pacific properties.

Setting as a court of impeachment, the senate began the trial of Federal Judge Robert W. Archbald.

A bill looking to Philippine independence was reintroduced in the house.

An agent of the International Harvester company admitted the expenditure of money to kill a bill.

Germany stands ready to go to the aid of her ally, Austro-Hungary, if conditions become threatening.

President Taft's attention may be called to what is declared a violation of neutrality on the Mexican border.

Phoebe Davis, known to playgrowers the country over for her long time impersonation of the role of Anna Moore in "Way Down East," died at her home in Larchmont, N. Y.

Peter Pravata, who escaped from the Houston, Tex., penitentiary last December, after serving seven years of a ninety-nine year sentence for murder, is locked up at Yonkers, N. Y.

Two masked highwaymen, armed with revolvers, entered the depot in Salt Lake City, compelled the ticket agent to open the safe and robbed it of about \$300.

An endowment of \$500,000 for the big sisters' movement for the care of the homeless and wayward girls of the Protestant religion is expected from Mrs. William K. Vanderbilt.

Foreign Minister Sazanoff introduced a bill in the Russian council of ministers for the establishment of Russian consulates at Pittsburgh, Seattle, Nome, Honolulu and other places.

Mrs. Minnie Laduque of Dallas, Tex., was acquitted of the charge of murdering her husband, W. H. Laduque, last summer because of his attentions to other women. Her's was a straight case of "unwritten law."

President Taft is seriously considering making a fifth trip of inspection to the Panama canal zone. The president is greatly interested in the construction of the canal and it is known that he would like very much to see the progress that has been made since his last visit there.

"There is no danger of a panic but the exorbitant price of money is tightening up business," declared Representative Jefferson Levy before the house banking and currency committee, which took up his resolution directing the secretary of the treasury to deposit \$50,000,000 of government funds in national banks.

Albert S. Gillett, founder and for sixty-five years the president of the Girard Fire Insurance company of Philadelphia, died in Washington, aged 94 years. Mr. Gillett had been a resident of Washington for nineteen years, although he retained his business connections in Philadelphia. His death was due to old age.

Five hundred and seventy-six thousand eggs are reported to have been thrown on the market at a loss of 2 cents a dozen by Chicago dealers. Thousands more were offered with no takers. Commission merchants say the price of storage eggs is not near the bottom yet and predict that with more than a million and a half cases in storage eggs will drop nearly 10 cents a dozen before the new year.

Personal.

Lucile Cameron (white) and Jack Johnson (black) were married at Chicago.

Governor Blease of South Carolina reiterated and emphasized his belief in lynch law.

President Taft, in a second message to congress, said he was done with tariff tinkering.

Representative Norris introduced a bill providing for publicity at government anti-trust hearings.

A. C. French of Elmdale, N. D., under indictment for embezzlement, was arrested in New York.

AS TO MONEY TRUST

HOUSE COMMITTEE WILL CONTINUE INVESTIGATION.

THOSE SUMMONED TO APPEAR

Impeachment Trial in the Senate and Other Matters in the Two Houses of Congress.

Washington.—The resumption of the "money trust" investigation Monday and a hearing Tuesday on the O'Shaunessy resolution for a congressional investigation of the Grand Trunk & New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad operations in New England promise to divide congressional attention this week, with the Archbald impeachment trial and the consideration of general legislation in the two houses.

Before the end of the week it is expected two inquiries will be under way, the campaign expenditures investigation by the Clapp committee and the "shipping trust" inquiry by the house committee on merchant marine.

Bankers and financial men from New York, Baltimore and Pittsburg are under subpoena to appear before Chairman Pajo's "money trust" investigation committee during the week.

The trial by impeachment of Judge Robert W. Archbald of the commerce court, which began in the senate last Tuesday, wearied a majority of the members of that body by the end of the week. Efforts will be made this week through the medium of longer sessions to hasten the presentation of testimony. With scores of witnesses still to be heard members of the senate are skeptical as to the possibility of concluding the trial before the Christmas recess.

Appropriation legislation will hold the right of way in the house. It is expected that the legislative, executive and judicial bill will be completed and passed during the week and that consideration of the Indian appropriation bill will begin. The senate committee on appropriations has kept ahead of developments in the house on the legislative bill and it is believed the measure can be ready for the senate within a few days after the senate committee receives it. That committee probably will make changes that will add several millions of dollars to the measure.

General legislation, aside from appropriation bills, will receive little attention in either house or senate this week.

PLEADS FILIPINO'S CAUSE.

Secretary of War Condemns Those Who Would Cast Race Off.

Washington.—Unsparring condemnation of those who would from "misplaced sentimentality or lazy self-interest" cast the Filipinos upon the world in the state of helplessness and before they had acquired the full benefits of American civilization, is a strong feature in the annual report of Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson. Many other subjects of interest are treated in the report, such as the relations of the National Guard to the army, the improvement of the army tactical methods, the inadequacy of the present reserve law and the crying need of citizenship for the Porto Ricans.

Bull Moose Special.

New York.—Col Theodore Roosevelt and 150 other progressive party leaders and members left the Grand Central station for Chicago Sunday on a special train of ten cars from the rear of which in electric letters was emblazoned "Bull Moose Special." The occasion of this mid-winter political activity was the proposed solidification of the new party and the laying of plans for future campaigns.

To Free Filipinos.

Washington.—Despite President Taft's vigorous disapproval in his message to congress of the pending bill purposing immediate autonomy for the Philippines and absolute independence in eight years, several prominent democrats are preparing for its consideration in the house.

Wilson Cannot Go.

Washington.—I became known Sunday that President-elect Wilson has declined to accept President Taft's offer to place at his disposal one of the navy's big battleships to make a trip to the Panama canal zone. He is too busy.

Wolves Attacking Cattle.

Steamboat Springs, Colo.—Heavy snows and extreme cold have driven pack of gray wolves out of the timber and many cattle are falling victims to their attacks.

Former Lincoln Teacher Dead.

Grand Rapids, Mich.—Mrs. Mabel Cleveland Hastie, aged thirty-five wife of Dr. J. D. Hastie, died very suddenly after an illness of but three hours. She spent most of her girlhood in Nebraska, being a graduate from the state university in 1899.

Jonathan Scott Hartley Dead.

New York.—Jonathan Scott Hartley, sculptor of the Daguerre monument in Washington and of monuments and statues in many other cities, died of appendicitis, aged sixty-seven.

NEBRASKA IN BRIEF.

Hastings had two suicides last week, both by swallowing carbolic acid.

By the overturning of a vehicle in which she was riding, Miss Mansler of Elkhorn had her arm broken.

The reunion of the class of 1910 of the Scottsbluff High school was held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Williams.

Secretary E. Royle of the state banking board has issued a call to the state and private banks for reports on their condition at the close of business November 26.

Scarlet fever has made its appearance in the vicinity of Aurora. It has been confined to the country, the first family to be quarantined living northeast of the town.

Frank Kralik was committed to the dipomanic asylum from Wahoo.

An impressive memorial service was held at the Grand Island Bartenbach opera house by the order of Elks.

The Hamilton county farmers' institute will be held at Aurora, December 18 and 19. W. C. Adress and C. G. Marshall of Lincoln and Miss Mary Pascoe of Fremont are to appear on the program.

Rev. W. O. Harper, pastor of the Presbyterian church at Aurora, received a call from Wolfe, Ia., but a large majority of his congregation voted to retain him in his present place.

J. W. Morley of Payette, Ida., has been selected by the Aurora Y. M. C. A. as its general secretary for the next year at a salary of \$1,300. Mr. Morley is a graduate of the Chicago Training school.

Spring steer calves brought \$21.75 and spring heifer calves \$17.72 at August Edner's farm sale in Nemaha county. Auctioneer Whitaker says this is the highest price ever paid at a sale he has cried.

H. H. Philpott, a former newspaper man, who has been editing and publishing the Francitas (Tex.) Bee for the past two years, was stricken with partial paralysis according to a report received in Lincoln.

George D. Follmer of Oak, former state land commissioner, is a candidate for appointment to the state board of control, created by the constitutional amendment approved by the people at the late election.

The five amendments to the state constitution voted upon and passed by the voters of Nebraska are now a part of the constitution of the state. Governor Aldrich has issued a proclamation to that effect.

The finest monument in Nemaha county is being erected at the grave of Henry Bohlen in the cemetery at the Stone church, about ten miles northwest of Stella. The monument cost \$1,500, and weighs 28,400.

Harold Dobbs, the 20-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. John Dobbs of Virginia, was found dead in the bath room at his home. Death is supposed to have been caused by apoplexy. He had been in poor health for some time.

F. T. Frankson of Gage county was attacked by two strange young men while he was in the field shucking corn. He was knocked down with a club and badly beaten, but was able to rise and beat off his assailants with a stay chain which was on the wagon. The assailants made their escape.

Mrs. Ella B. Larsh died at the home of her son, John, eight miles southeast of Murray from heart disease after a three weeks' illness. Mrs. Larsh was the widow of Dr. N. B. Larsh, a pioneer physician of Nebraska City, also a territorial legislator and surgeon for the First Nebraska regiment in 1862.

Sheriff New of Sheridan county brought Raymond Johns to the penitentiary to serve from one to five years on a charge of obtaining money under false pretenses. He borrowed \$40 from a bank, it being understood that he owned two horses. When the bank learned that he did not own any live stock, it became nervous about the loan.

An order made by the supreme court gives Harry Forbes and John Evans, convicted with "Shorty" Gray and sentenced to serve twenty-eight years for the bank robbery at Giltner, Hamilton county, a chance to appeal from the judgment pronounced against them. They are now in the penitentiary.

Superintendent Lydia McMahon of the girls' industrial school at Geneva, who has held that position under both republican and democratic state administrations, has filed a biennial report with the governor. In the report she asks for \$50,000 for a new building for the coming year. She says that additional dormitory and dining room facilities should be provided.

Alfred Goodhard of Elkhorn, Taylor county, aged about 50 years, was found by his sister lying in a pool of blood in his home. She summoned aid and Dr. Burke found a bullet had entered his body about four inches below the heart. Goodhard told his sister he shot himself accidentally while cleaning a gun, but others say he had expressed himself as not caring to live since the death of his mother a few weeks ago.

The report of the secretary of the board of regents of the University of Nebraska shows that the total expenditures for the six months ending November 30 amounts to \$527,725.17 and that the total sum received in cash by the department amounts to \$102,772.256.

H. C. Richmond of Omaha was in Lincoln on his way to Texas, to which place he accompanies a party of sixty Nebraskans. Mr. Richmond declared that he has enough pledges from members of the lower house of the incoming legislature to assure him of the chief clerkship of that body.

WORK FOR CONVICTS

SENATOR PLACEK IS PLANNING FOR THEIR EMPLOYMENT.

SET THEM TO MAKING BRICKS

He Would Also Have Dipomanics' Systems "Sweated Out" by Steady and Honest Labor.

A solution of the vexatious convict labor problem which has worried many past legislatures is to be proposed at the coming session by Senator Placek of Saunders county. He has made a thorough study of the fundamentals of the prison labor problem and declares he believes in the making of brick by a certain per cent of the convicts. The results sought for, both in a financial way and in a moral way, will be better achieved than by the purchase of any other plan thus far suggested by legislators.

Senator Placek proposes to have the state establish its own brickyard at which the product may be made for the state direct for use in erecting additional buildings at various institutions. In the event that there is no need for this, Senator Placek believes that the men could be kept at work manufacturing paving brick for use in constructing better highways over the state.

Nor does Senator Placek provide alone for convicts. He declared that dipomanics sent to the state hospital for treatment should be worked in the plant, and that the "sweating out" would do more to relieve their systems of the effects of liquor than many of the cures now utilized for that purpose. In detailing the plan which he now has in mind and which he will incorporate into a bill at the coming session, Senator Placek said:

"A modern brick yard, employing from fifty to seventy-five convicts, can produce 60,000 paving brick or 80,000 building brick per day. Sixty thousand paving brick per day for 300 days would produce 18,000,000, and at \$15 per thousand make a total money value of \$270,000 per annum. Eighty thousand building brick per day for 300 days would produce 24,000,000 brick at \$10 per 1,000, or a money value of \$240,000 per annum. The state should make its own brick for state buildings. One can safely estimate that the state can use 5,000,000 brick annually for extending the various state institutions and thereby save \$35,000 annually on that item alone.

"Only seventy-five convicts would be necessary to produce this enormous amount of money, and the balance of 450 convicts can be used for laying brick in building paved roads over the state. At present only about 200 convicts are steadily employed by contractors at 55 cents per day, earning the state about \$30,000, which sum does not cover the maintenance, and the state is compelled to pay a deficiency of \$15,000 to \$25,000 every two years, and in addition thereto pay for machinery, improvements and additions.

"For the past ten years bills have been introduced asking for an appropriation of \$50,000 to \$75,000 in cash and providing for issuing of bonds to the extent of \$200,000, payable in from ten to twenty years, and drawing interest at 5 per cent, while a modern brick plant, including land, and buildings for housing the convicts can be established for from \$75,000 to \$100,000. There is just as good shale in a certain part of Nebraska as anywhere, and we can make just as good paving brick as at Galesburg or Purrington. I have in mind a tract of land having the very best shale, which can be purchased for \$200 per acre, and it would take seventy-five to one hundred years to exhaust it. We have also about sixty dipomanics confined at the hospital for the insane who spend their time in idleness, and, if necessary, put them to work also; and I believe that the sweating process is the best remedy for driving liquor out of the system yet discovered.

Martin Files Bond.

The bond of Attorney General Grant Martin is the first of the state officers' bonds to be filed with the secretary of state. It is for \$50,000 and is in favor of the American Surety company of New York.

Lumbermen Are to Visit Panama.

Colon and the Panama canal will be the destination of the Nebraska lumbermen when they make their annual trip following their convention to be held next January. They will leave Lincoln January 21 and arrive in New Orleans over the Illinois Central January 25, sailing the following day. They expect to be absent three weeks. Reservations have already been made for seventy-five and it is expected that there will be one hundred in the party.

Bonds for Equipment.

The Chicago & Northwestern Railway company has made application to the Nebraska State Railway commission for authority to issue equipment trust certificates in the sum of \$10,000. The funds to be used for the purpose of new equipment. These bonds are issued and taken up by an intermediary company, which issues the money to the railway company from time to time as it is needed to buy new equipment and the railway company pays off the bonds in ten installments of \$1,000,000 each.

RATES OF WOODMEN.

Consul Talbot Says Members Will Be Protected.

Head Consul Talbot of the Modern Woodmen issued a statement in Lincoln relative to the return to the future to the insurance rate effective in that order before the head camp sought to readjust the rates. The statement is to be given in full in the current issue of the order's official paper. In part Mr. Talbot says:

"To relieve the members from any undue anxiety or concern with reference to their particular certificate or status, I want to assure every member that it is the determination of the executive council that no member of this society shall suffer injury or injustice because of any transfer that may have been made, or of his present condition in the society brought about by his compliance with the new rate by-law complained of. The head clerk will, as rapidly as possible, take these different conditions up as business will permit, and properly, fairly and equitably adjust them so that no neighbor will have just cause to complain. To this end it is proposed by the executive council that pending said appeal and until further directions, to discontinue writing any new business upon the new table of rates or to receive or to permit transfers of old members to any of the new rates adopted at the Chicago head camp.

"The method of this transfer back to the former condition will be by the neighbor returning to the head clerk, C. C. Hayes, Rock Island, Ill., his new certificate with the request that he be restored to his former status. Those members who have filed with the head clerk their application for transfer to one or more of the new plans and have not yet received a new certificate will have returned to them their old certificate and they will be carried at their former rate. Any member who has been written upon the new plans and joined the society since May 1, has the privilege to return his present certificate to the head clerk and receive in lieu thereof a certificate based upon the old by-law rate."

Senate Good Enough for Hoyt.

Samuel Hoyt of Gordon has issued a circular, which has been received at the state house, in which he calls upon the lower branch of congress to vote itself out of existence. He claims that the United States senate is competent to make any laws necessary and the president should endorse them. He says that the abolition of the lower house of congress would save the country \$5,000,000. He further suggests that three senators be elected from each state and that the country be divided into three districts, with a senator from each district, which would make a body of 144 senators, making a better and more stable form of government. With such a condition "we can trust in God, the president and the senate to enact just laws for all."

Governor Selects Road.

Governor Aldrich has designated the Omaha-Lincoln road by way of Ashland as the one to be improved as a post road under a recent enactment of congress. The government has set aside \$10,000 to aid in the improvement of fifty miles of road in Nebraska, providing that the state or local subdivisions along the selected route will furnish double that amount.

Johnson Visits in Lincoln.

Herbert Johnson, a Lincoln boy, and now cartoonist on the Philadelphia North American, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Johnson of this city. Mr. Johnson is a graduate of the State university and cartooning came to him so naturally that he took it up as a vocation and without any special instruction has made good.

Good Job Awaits Some One.

There is an opportunity for some one who understands birds and office work to get a \$2,500 job from the government. Chief Game Warden Miller has received word that the government desires an administrative assistant in the game preservation department.

Oil Inspector's Report.

The report of the state oil inspector for the last month shows cash on hand at the beginning of October to be \$1,200; receipts of the office for the month, \$5,081.80, making a total on hand at the end of the month of \$6,281.80. The disbursements were \$1,353.04.

Lincoln Democrats Want Peace.

Lancaster county democrats want a place on the new board of control which will be appointed by the new democratic governor. One of the most prominent men mentioned for the place is William Foster, who was a candidate for the legislature and was defeated.

Boys Break Records.

Reports already received at the office of the State Board of Agriculture in the boys' corn contest conducted annually by that board indicate that all records for corn production in Nebraska will be broken by the boys this year. Fifteen reports show an average yield of seventy-nine bushels per acre, which is nearly three times the average yield for the state. Four of the fifteen report over 100 bushels per acre and twelve are over sixty bushels per acre, while the highest yet reported is 126 bushels.