

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.

Representative Sulzer presented his resignation as member, effective December 31.

Senator Hoke Smith spoke in support of the Lever agricultural education extension bill.

Senator Bristow introduced a bill for preference primaries for appointment of postmasters.

The senate passed the bill appropriating \$5,000 for a statue of Pocahontas at Jamestown, Va.

Representative Mott proposed amendments to the newspaper publicly law, virtually repealing it.

The house passed the Barnhart literacy test immigration bill to bar immigrants over 16 who cannot read.

The senate agricultural committee ordered a favorable report on the Lever agricultural education extension bill.

President Taft submitted for approval of the senate nine names for members of commission to industrial relations.

Senator Bourne was elected chairman of joint congressional commission to promote federal aid in highway construction.

The house convened at noon on Thursday and adjourned at 12:17 p. m., owing to lack of quorum, until noon, January 2.

The house agriculture committee by a tie vote deferred action on the Lever bill framed to encourage the oleomargarine industry.

The senate court of impeachment resumed trial of Judge Archbald at 1:39 p. m. Thursday, and adjourned at 3:46 p. m. until January 3.

A message from President Taft pertaining to postoffice, interior, agriculture and commerce and labor departments was read in the senate.

Senator Smoot entered a motion to provide a president pro-tempore by having Senators Bacon and Gallinger alternate, but action was postponed.

William H. Hearst, testifying before the campaign funds investigation committee, produced several new letters bearing on political activities of John D. Archbald and Standard Oil company.

The interior department expenditures committee of the house adopted a report censuring Robert G. Valentine, former commissioner of Indian affairs, for his conduct prior to his resignation.

The house banking and currency subcommittee decided to report unfavorably the Levy bill to relieve stringency in the money market by placing \$50,000,000 from treasury in national banks.

General.

Governor Wilson admits he is at work framing up a cabinet.

Russia is obstructing the negotiations in connection with the loan to China of \$125,000,000.

His majesty King George V of England was elected an honorary member of the New York Yacht club.

Brigadier General Theophilus Francis Rodenbough, U. S. A., retired, died at New York in his seventy-fifth year.

The sale of Red Cross Christmas seals throughout the United States this season will bring between \$400,000 and \$500,000 to aid in the fight against tuberculosis.

Justice Emilin McLane, of the Iowa supreme court, has been invited to fill the temporary vacancy of the Leonard Stanford university, according to an announcement at Iowa City.

Business in general, as reflected in the condition of the banks of the United States has shared in the country's prosperity, according to Lawrence O. Murray in his annual report.

Joseph Lomax, who is said to be the oldest Mason and also the oldest newspaper editor in the world, celebrated his one hundred and third birthday at the home of his daughter in Indianapolis.

The London Standard announces that four of the leading British banking firms will henceforth share with the Hong Kong Shanghai bank, in the representation of the British section of the six powers group.

Aviator Horace Kearney and his companion are believed to be lost in the Pacific ocean.

The directors of the Navy League of the United States have re-elected General Horace Porter president.

According to the final returns canvassed by the state board of canvassers, the equal suffrage amendment lost in Michigan by a majority of 760.

A decision to permit the confirmation of army and navy appointments before the holiday recess was reached by a caucus of democratic senators.

An inspired statement says that in the future Emperor Francis Joseph will grant only collective audiences to the ministers instead of receiving them separately.

Five men terrorized a Missouri town and robbed a bank of \$5,000.

Comptroller Murray says his plan is to make every bank a strong bank. The United States is unlikely to be called upon to mediate in the Balkan troubles.

The first step was taken in the house looking to the inauguration of Mr. Wilson.

John P. White, president of the united miners of America, has been re-elected.

Russia has warned China that there must be an early settlement of the Mongolian question.

John T. Butler, one of the dynamite defendants, was ordered sent to jail for alleged perjury.

Chief of Police McWeeny says Chicago can have a wide open New Year's eve celebration.

J. P. Morgan told the house committee there could be no such thing as a money trust.

Former Senator Foraker says the letters Hearst read were stolen from the Standard Oil files.

America is addicted to taking opium, according to Prof. H. Hueppe of Dresden, Germany.

Capt. John Watson, of the Eighth cavalry, stationed at Augur barracks, Jolo, was killed by a Moro.

With nothing to gain by delay, Turkey is expected to be willing to resume peace negotiations.

Thirty-five horses were burned in a barn fire at Hastings, Neb., causing a loss of perhaps \$40,000.

Peace negotiations at London were delayed because of Turkey's disinclination to treat with Greece.

Commissioner Dennett, of the general land office, says "professional locaters" prey upon the public.

President Taft will not delay in appointing a successor to Whitelaw Reid as ambassador at London.

A portrait of Benjamin Franklin, painted by Chamberlain in 1762, was sold at auction at London for \$14,000.

President Taft told congress he was not playing politics in placing fourth class postmasters on the classified list.

In a short time the common drinking cup will have been abolished in all the Burlington trains and depots in Nebraska.

The entire male Greek colony of Keokuk, Ia., numbering 100, will sail from New York to take part in the Balkan war.

The board of estimate voted to spend all the money necessary to give New York City one of the largest municipal dock systems in the world.

It is said that President Taft will leave to President-elect Wilson the appointment of a successor to Whitelaw Reid as ambassador to Great Britain.

Clifford Wood, a Des Moines sign painter, chose the exit of a crowded street car as the place to shoot his divorced wife, and there and then kill himself.

A Christmas letter from his 4-year-old daughter in Dayton, O., caused Henry Bumhorst, a laundry employe, to attempt suicide with poison in Los Angeles, Cal.

Secretary MacVeagh has again suspended the Treasury department order, which was to have become effective Friday, imposing a countervailing duty on split peas and flour from Germany.

Eighteen women participated in a conference at Topeka, Kan., of about 200 state leaders of the progressive party, at which a provisional organization was consummated.

Christian R. Easterday of Marengo, Ia., who told the Burlington police a story about having been held up and robbed by St. Louis crooks confessed that his story was a fake.

The Pan-American Society of the United States and the Mexico Society of New York joined in honoring Don Pedro Lascurain, Mexican minister of foreign affairs, at a luncheon.

John D. Rockefeller, who for several years has been a fervent devotee, played the best game of his life, he says, on the links at the Poconto hills, covering the nine-hole course in 43.

Two questions relating to the validity of the Oklahoma "grandfather law," were certified by the United States circuit court of appeals sitting in St. Louis, to the United States supreme court.

One man was killed and two others injured when a runaway freight car, after going two miles at terrific speed, crashed into a caboose of the Kansas City Southern railway at the depot at Neosho, Mo.

The testimony upon which the house managers ask the senate to convict Judge Robert W. Archbald, of the commerce court, of misbehavior and misdemeanors in office was concluded. On Monday attorneys of the accused Judge began presentation of the witnesses for the defense.

Counsel for John Robert W. Archbald made a vain effort on Thursday to conclude examining witnesses for the defense in the impeachment proceedings against him. When it became evident that this could not be accomplished the court adjourned to January 3, when Judge Archbald will take the stand.

President Taft appointed a commission to make a study of air craft.

Judge H. H. Knight of Chicago, who went to Florida to spend the winter, committed suicide.

Robert G. Valentine, former commissioner of Indian affairs, was re-elected in a committee report.

Turkish Admiral Hali Pasha was killed in the recent naval engagement with the Greeks.

President Taft's trip to Panama will keep him away from Washington until December 31st.

CABINET SELECTION

MR. WILSON IN NO HURRY TO ANNOUNCE THE SAME.

CONFERENCE WITH DEMOCRATS

Probability is that No Names Will Be Given Out Until About the First of March.

Trenton, N. J.—Whether William J. Bryan or any of the other prominent democrats being mentioned by politicians generally for places in the cabinet of President-elect Wilson will be appointed to portfolios probably will not be definitely known until a few days before inauguration day. Governor Wilson said that very likely he would not make a single announcement of importance until about the first of March.

Within the next twenty-four hours he will talk with Mr. Bryan and before New Year's he expects to see Speaker Clark, Representative Underwood, Senators O'Gorman, Hoke Smith, Gore and other prominent democratic leaders; but he indicated that he meant to keep strict silence about appointments until ready to make a general statement on the subject.

"Scattering announcements would be foolish," he said, "even if I had them to make. I'll wait until pretty late. The time will depend somewhat on the number of written communications. All these letters recommending individuals for office are being grouped and will be taken up separately."

Mr. Wilson indicated that he would not feel at liberty to make final decision until the merits of all possible candidates had been set forth to him. "What I am sincerely trying to do," he added, "is to see the field of choice and to try to get as many opinions as possible that are worth while."

The president-elect likewise made it clear that though gossip may be heard far and wide, he would maintain a policy of silence and nothing would be definitely established until he made the announcements over his own signature.

Mr. Wilson was asked if he believed he would encounter any difficulty in getting the men desired for cabinet portfolios to accept. It had been suggested that in the case of the attorney generalship noted lawyers often had a reluctance to leave their practice and for this reason many able men were not pushed by their friends.

"That has not been my experience thus far," replied the governor with a smile. "I've asked some people and they have been quite ready with their names."

The governor received a call from Rolka Wells, treasurer of the national democratic committee and former mayor of St. Louis, who brought a bound volume showing campaign contributions and expenditures, a facsimile of which recently was filed with the clerk of the house of representatives.

The governor pointed with evident pride to the neat tabulation of expenditures and contributions with the thousands of names and items. "I venture to say," he said, "that it's a better looking report than the other two fellows filed."

A YALE PROFESSORSHIP.

President Taft Will Take Up Residence in New Haven.

New Haven, Conn.—President Taft will make his permanent residence in this city when he takes up the duties of the Kent professorship at Yale college next spring. He has requested a friend to find him a house. In connection with the professorship, it is understood at the next meeting of the corporation the tender of it will be formally made and be accepted by President Taft. Besides filling the duties of Kent professorship, the president will lecture on international and constitutional law in the law school and university, ranking as a faculty member and full professor and will be entitled to a salary to be fixed hereafter aside from the income from the Kent foundation.

Memorial Service for Reid.

London.—The memorial service for the late Ambassador Whitelaw Reid, celebrated Friday in Westminster abbey, was an impressive ceremony. The honor of such a service in Great Britain's most historic chapel has on only few occasions been accorded to any but British subjects of great distinction.

Army Sergeant Suicides.

Leavenworth, Kas.—Sergeant T. B. Cox, Company L, Seventh Infantry, U. S. A., committed suicide by shooting himself with an army rifle. He had served 14 years in the army.

Split in Orthodox Church.

St. Petersburg.—A split in the Russian orthodox church is threatened through the unroking of the monk, Helidorus, by the holy synod. Helidorus caused a sensation a few days ago by announcing his withdrawal from the orthodox church.

Mrs. Truesdale Dead.

San Francisco, Cal.—Mrs. Amelia Woodward Truesdale, one of the best known club women in California, is dead at her home in Oakland at the age of 74.

NEBRASKA IN BRIEF.

In a lively stable fire in Hastings forty horses perished.

At the thorough-bred shorthorn cattle sale held at Franklin the average price per head was nearly \$100.

Judge Doan, long a resident of the state and prominent in legal circles, died at Omaha last week.

The barn of Luther Hall, two miles west of Elmwood, burned to the ground. About 800 bushels of wheat was consumed.

Farmers and elevator managers in convention at Omaha say there is 40 per cent of the last wheat crop in the farmers' hands in their territory in Nebraska.

T. N. Hartzell, county assessor-elect of Buffalo county and whose office was vetoed out of existence at the state election, has announced his intention of contesting the election.

W. J. Swanson of Surprise returned from a ten days' trip to the state of Washington. While there he bought ten acres of land, paying \$375 an acre.

William Sargent, who recently resigned his position as postmaster at Elmwood, left with his family to go by auto to Florida, where the future home will be made.

Thousands of trees along the north bank of the Platte river are dying as a result of the turning of the channel by the Fremont dike operations, which have been undertaken to protect the south part of Fremont.

The Congregational club of Crete held their annual Forefathers' day banquet at the Congregational church with about seventy-five attending. This is always one of the big affairs of the year for the club.

The Central school building on Box Butte avenue, in Alliance, was totally destroyed by fire. The blaze, aided by a stiff north wind, was beyond control when the department arrived, a few minutes later.

Arthur Wampler, a 13-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Wampler of Cass county, who disappeared from home three weeks ago, was discovered at Falls City, where he was making his home with a colored family.

The case of L. S. Loomer of York county against the Northwestern railway for damages for delay in getting his cattle shipment to the Chicago market on schedule time has been settled out of court, Mr. Loomer settling with the company for \$400.

The Bellevue foot ball team and coach were entertained at a six-course dinner by Mrs. Patrick, one of the local supporters of Bellevue athletics, at her home in the village. The rooms were tastefully decorated in purple and gold, the college colors. A number of speeches were made.

L. J. Segrist, Colonel M. W. Harding and others are making arrangements to enter the banking business in Humboldt, and work will commence soon in transforming the southwest corner of the llama building into a bank.

Wards of the state to the number of 4,423 had their bills footed at the public treasury during the six months just past, the total cost amounting to \$440,092. The per capita expense therefore was \$101.06 for the half year.

The Nebraska Sheriffs' association, in session at Fremont, elected John A. Jones of Nelson, president; T. W. Carroll of Alma, vice president; W. C. Condit of Fremont, secretary. Betatrice was chosen for the convention in 1913.

T. V. Powderly of the federal Department of Commerce and Labor has asked Deputy State Labor Commissioner Guye for further information on the recommendation made by the latter relative to the purchase of five and ten-acre tracts of land by workmen for them to farm after they have become too old to follow their trades.

The government has added to this prospective demand the likelihood of a demand for small farms on the part of foreign-born residents who have neither the inclination or means to buy larger farms.

The bond of Fred Beckmann, elected land commissioner at the last election, was filed with the secretary of state. The bond is for \$10,000. The bond of Deputy Secretary of State George W. Marsh, was filed with the governor Thursday. This bond is for \$5,000.

Roy Hamilton and Arthur Burger of Ord saved 6-year-old Sadie Houska from drowning in the swift current of the North Loup river. The boys were skating when they saw the little one, who was sliding on the ice near the wagon bridge, go through a hole. They hurried to her rescue, and while one boy held to the pier of the bridge, the other grabbed his skate and reached down after her.

Word was received in Schuyler from Denver telling of an attempt to blackmail Rudolph Becker, a former resident of Schuyler and a brother of a local business man. Mr. Becker conducts a large grocery store in Denver and recently received a threatening letter from a competitor. The Denver police were notified and the alleged blackmailer was arrested there.

Horace M. Davis of Ord, W. P. Horgan and Jacob North of Lincoln are anxious to serve the state in the capacity of secretary of the printing board, subject to the approval of Governor John Morehead. L. E. Fetwitch would like to be deputy food inspector, subject to the same conditions.

J. Ferer of Falls City made a fire in his cook stove, and soon thereafter it exploded, wrecking the stove and injuring Mrs. Ferer. The cause of the explosion is attributed to a workman who on the previous evening cut the water pipes in an alley near the house.

STAR BOARDER COW

SHOWN AS UNPROFITABLE AND SHOULD BE SOLD.

WHAT TESTING HAS REVEALED

Two Hundred Thousand Bovines That Do Not Give Proper Recompense for Their Feed.

Two hundred thousand Nebraska cows do not give enough butter fat in their milk to pay the feed bill and the product of 500,000 more can be easily doubled by proper methods of care and feeding, says Prof. J. H. Frandsen, head of the dairy husbandry department of the University of Nebraska.

This statement is based upon the work of the Douglas county Cow Testing association for the past year. The farmers of this county have been weighing milk and testing for butter fat in co-operation with the experimental station, and valuable data have been obtained. One herd of ten cows shows a net profit of \$1,032.88, while another similar herd of ten shows only \$57.82 profit. The scales and the Babcock tester show the difference and identify the unprofitable cow.

"Sell the Star Boarder," says Frandsen. The creamery butter product of Nebraska is now in excess of 30,000,000 pounds annually and is increasing rapidly. This does not take into account the ordinary product known as "country butter." The dairy experts claim that this amount can be easily doubled without materially increasing the expense of operation, by better methods of feeding and care and the use of the test for butter fat.

The results of the cow testing work in Douglas county have been published in Bulletin No. 129, which may be obtained free by addressing the Nebraska Experiment Station at Lincoln.

Refuses to Build a Depot.

Edson Rich, attorney for the Union Pacific railroad, was at the state house and served notice on the railway commission that the company would refuse to obey the order of the commission to build a depot at the town of Gandy. The Union Pacific line passed by the town, which is the county seat of Logan county, and built its depot at a new town called Stapleton, about three miles away. The business men of Gandy entered a protest before the railway commission with the result that the road was ordered to build a sidetrack and small station at the nearest point to the town about a mile distant. The matter will probably go to the supreme court.

South Omaha Officials Ousted.

For misfeasance and malfeasance in office, Police Commissioners John J. Ryan and Joseph Pivonka of South Omaha were ordered ousted from office in a decision handed down by the state supreme court. The decision took the nature of a confirmation of the opinion of Referee Silas A. Holcomb of Broken Bow and practically marks the close of one of the most bitter fights between the friends of law and order and "gang" politicians of South Omaha.

Big Exhibit for Lincoln.

A big exhibit for Lincoln at the first annual show of the Nebraska manufacturers' association in Omaha next March is to be planned at a meeting of the industrial extension committee of the Lincoln Commercial club. Eight Lincoln manufacturers have rented space at the show and the plan is to consolidate this in one part of the Omaha auditorium.

Governor Prints His Message.

Governor Aldrich will have his message printed in pamphlet form and presented to the members of the legislature, when the session begins. In this way he believes much time will be saved as formerly the legislature has had to wait until after the message was printed before they could get it into their hands.

More Taxes in 1912.

Forty-five counties of the state paid more taxes for the years 1912 and 1911 than for the years 1910 and 1909, according to a report made by State Treasurer George. The remaining forty-seven counties paid less taxes during the same period than for the previous two years.

County Treasurer to Meet.

County treasurers, numbering about one hundred strong, are to gather in Lincoln January 28, 29 and 30, for annual convention. Such was the word sent the Commercial club from P. A. Sommerlad, who is president of the state association.

County Seat Decision.

The act of 1895, providing for removal of county seats, was declared unconstitutional by the state supreme court and the act of 1875 was held to be operative in this state. The opinion was given in the Franklin county seat fight which has been waging for the past year. The void act provided that three-fourths of all the votes cast on the question should be necessary to removal of a county seat where it had been located in one own for ten years or more previous to the passage of the act.

MUCH MONEY WANTED.

Demand for Two Million More Than Last Season.

If the coming session of the legislature listens to all the state departments and state institutions and votes the appropriations the amount will run up to \$6,873,968, according to reports now filed with the governor. This is nearly \$2,000,000 more than the total appropriation of the last session.

Among the larger amounts that will be asked for by the different departments are: State University \$1,529,800 Normal training in high schools 125,000 Aid to school districts 125,000 Institution cash fund 245,242 Orthopedic hospital 130,600 Insane hospital, Lincoln 305,000 Insane hospital, Norfolk 166,400 Insane hospital, Hastings 445,200 Institute Feeble Minded 164,500 Boys' Industrial school 163,900 Kearney Normal school 159,200 Peru Normal school 197,300 Wayne Normal school 124,029 Chadron Normal school 96,500 School for the Deaf 97,800 Penitentiary 147,000 Soldiers' home, Grand Island 184,800 Soldiers' home, Milford 66,900 Railway commission 100,500 Supreme court 114,059

The different state officers are asking for amounts as follows: Governor 25,980 Treasurer 26,230 Auditor 37,400 Insurance department 25,580 State superintendent 26,230 Secretary of state 39,300 Land commissioner 26,800 Attorney general 39,680

The increase in appropriations asked in many of the state institutions is due to the fact that they have been enlarged during the biennium just closing, and therefore the expense of conducting them is greater. There are two new institutions which were not in the list two years ago, the tuberculosis hospital at Kearney and the state normal school at Chadron. The Chadron school is asking \$96,500 and the Kearney hospital \$41,240.

Prison Board Reports.

Secretary Joel A. Piper of the state prison board, in his biennial report to the governor, states that the parole law and the indeterminate sentence law have brought good results, and the board is well satisfied with the record made by paroled prisoners. Up to the present time 88 per cent of the prisoners paroled have led good and useful lives. Since July, 1911, the prison board has recommended pardons for twenty-nine prisoners and paroled eighty-three. "Since organization, 375 applications have been filed for their consideration, classified as follows: For pardons, 113; for commutation of sentence, 62, and for parole, 266."

Favors Missouri Plan.

The Wisconsin plan for an amendment to the constitution of the state to better provide for taxation legislation, giving the legislature wider scope in taxation matters, was adopted at a special meeting of the Tax Reform club in Lincoln. This amendment will also be favored by the taxation commission of Nebraska, and a committee from the tax club went to Omaha to urge the Omaha Economic club to get behind the movement for its adoption.

Good Roads Bill Drafted.

Legislative committees representing the state automobile association, county officials' organized good roads association, conservation bodies, organized agriculture and similar interests held an all day meeting in Lincoln last week at which provisions of a good roads law were discussed and agreed upon. Considerable progress was made, but more work is necessary before the bill is shaped for action.

Boys' Corn Samples.

Samples of corn grown by the Nebraska Boys' Corn Clubs in competition for the Union Stock Yards prizes continue to arrive at the general offices of the yard company in South Omaha. Elton Stone of Lyons, who has held the record until now with 103 bushels for an acre yield, has had to give way to two other lads. Paul Kruse of Ullyses, who now holds the enviable record as the best corn farmer in the state, grew on his acre a few pounds more than 112 bushels.

Will Ask For Appropriation.

The board of control of the Home for Dependent Children will ask an appropriation of \$42,000 from the legislature for the next biennium. At the beginning of the biennium there were 281 children under the care of the home and 141 have since that time been admitted. Of those discharged fifty-one have gone out by adoption, seven have died, one married, thirty-three returned to their parents, one attained its majority, nine have been sent to other institutions.

Civil Service Examinations.

The United States civil service commission announces the following examinations to be held at Lincoln, Grand Island, Norfolk, North Platte, Alliance, Nebraska City and Omaha: January 8, assistant agriculturist in farm economics (male); January 8, engineer and plumber (male); January 8, entomological assistant (male); January 8, laboratory assistant in physics (male); January 8, scientific assistant in plant physiology (male); January 8, laboratory helper, candy making (male).