

FROM MANY POINTS

EVENTS OF THE DAY HELD TO A FEW LINES.

LATE EVENTS BOILED DOWN

Personal, Political, Foreign and Other Intelligence Interesting to the General Readers.

CONGRESS.

Secretary Bryan has named Prof. T. J. Brooks of the Mississippi agricultural college and Prof. C. W. Pugsley of Lincoln, Neb., to represent the United States at the International Institute on Agriculture at Rome in May.

In keeping with their announced policy of opposition to appointments believed to have been made for political reasons, republican senators have so far held up forty of President Wilson's nominations for small post-offices.

Ben C. Davis, confidential secretary to Secretary of State Bryan, was made chief clerk of the state department. Davis lived in Omaha after completing his course at Carthage college, Illinois. He was Mr. Bryan's secretary when the latter was in congress.

Senator Cummins introduced a resolution to amend the constitution so that when legislatures of sixteen states or 15 per cent of the voters of 74 states petition the president for a constitutional amendment, it may be ratified by two-thirds of the entire states, either through the legislatures or by a direct vote.

The question of who shall succeed General P. H. Barry as a member of the national board of governors of soldiers' homes was resurrected by the decision of the senate appropriations committee which struck out the provision reducing the membership of the board from eleven to five. The house has attempted for several sessions to make this change, to which the senate has not consented. When General Barry resigned to become governor of the San Monica, Cal., home, it was expected his place on the board would be legislated out of existence.

W. V. Allen of Madison, Neb., W. H. Green of Omaha and E. P. Barnes of Grand Island, Neb., were candidates for appointment. W. V. Allen then stood the best chance of being selected and may get the place if the action of the senate committee is upheld.

GENERAL.

The "hunger strike" bill passed its third reading in the House of Lords recently.

Plans for establishing an endowment fund of \$100,000 occupied a recent session of the mid-biennial council of the General Federation of Women's clubs in Washington.

Elmer Rice followed his wife who had left their home near Mella, Neb., recently and shot her, then killed himself. Mrs. Rice will probably recover, being merely wounded in the shoulder.

Two new bills dealing with the question of land ownership by aliens in California each representing the view of a considerable faction in the legislature, will be offered and voted on by the senate.

The Presbyterian parsonage at Toledo, Ill., was dynamited recently. The Rev. W. H. Wilson and his wife, who were in the house at the time, escaped with slight bruises. Wilson has been a vigorous foe of saloons.

William E. Lochner, once a wealthy cattle dealer of Kincaid, Kas., arrested at Kansas City on the charge of stealing 101 cattle valued at \$7,000 in Washington county, Colorado, is on the way to Akron, Colo., in the custody of a sheriff. Lochner agreed to go without extradition papers.

Three United States senators, a former vice president of the United States, the governor of Illinois, three former governors, nearly the entire membership of the Illinois legislature and many prominent citizens of the state joined in Springfield in paying tribute to the memory of Stephen A. Douglas on the one hundredth anniversary of his birthday.

Thirty-two of the thirty-six states which have ratified the constitutional amendment for direct election of United States senators had given formal notice of their action. When Secretary Bryan receives similar notices from his home state, Nebraska, and Oklahoma, he will be ready to proclaim that the seventeenth amendment to the constitution is operative.

Three million six hundred and ten thousand dollars was the amount of the damage sustained by the Pennsylvania Railroad company through the recent floods in the middle west, according to a statement issued by the company recently.

More than half the Belgian workers who took part in the strike for equal suffrage returned to their employment.

An agreement has been reached between the partisans of General Felix Diaz and President Huerta and his cabinet to make fresh efforts to have a general election called.

The Paris auto bandits, Monier, Callemia and Soudy, were executed at dawn Monday.

Secretary Bryan's "grape juice" dinner received attention from all over the world. English papers now refer to "Wishy Washington."

Total appropriations made by the last Nebraska legislature beat the record by \$1,430,000.

Postmaster General Burleson had ordered that unpaid, misdirected unmailable and unclaimed postal cards, as well as postcards deposited for local delivery be returned to sender.

"The navigation of the Panama canal should be free and open to all and ought to be exercised on equal terms for all." This was the declaration of George W. Gram, minister of state of Norway.

Nearly half a hundred men knelt and prayed before the bar of a saloon at Plainfield, Wis., while a revival meeting was being conducted by three ministers.

By direction of Lindley M. Garrison, secretary of war, the Panama canal zone will be without saloons during the coming fiscal year. At the present time there are thirty-five saloons in zone towns.

Since the tornado, 2,000 changes in address have been filed at the post-office in Omaha, showing that more than 5,000 people have been compelled to abandon their homes on account of the storm.

A decree ordering the continuance of the obligatory teaching of Christianity in the Spanish public schools, but exempting the children of non-Catholics from compulsion, was signed by King Alfonso at Madrid.

Testifying for the defense in the trial of Arthur B. Smith, charged with the murder of his wife, Florence C. Smith, by poisoning, Dr. Ellis R. Schilling of Columbus, O., a pathologist, declared that Mrs. Smith's death was due to natural causes.

Definite plans for the construction of one of the biggest and most expensive hotels in the world are said to have been completed for Chicago's downtown district. The new hotel is to cost \$9,000,000, and will be built at the southeast corner of Clark and Madison streets.

In a letter to Milwaukee authorities recently, John Schrank, now confined in the Northern hospital for the insane near Oshkosh, Wis., asks to have sent to him the revolver he used in his attempt to assassinate Theodore Roosevelt last October.

A demurrer in the case of the federal government against the late J. A. Wayland, Fred D. Warren and C. D. Phifer, owners and editors of a socialist paper at Girard, Kan., was sustained recently by Judge John C. Pollock of the federal court at Topeka.

Failure to show one case in which he had investigated home conditions to which an adopted baby was to be assigned, featured the testimony of Dr. L. D. Rogers, head of a maternity hospital at Chicago, when the legislative committee investigating treatment of orphans was resumed.

Coal mine accidents took a death toll last year of 2,360 men, according to a statement made public recently by the United States bureau of mines. The statement adds, however, that these figures represent a death rate of only 3.15 in every thousand men employed, the smallest rate of mortality since 1889. The number of tons of coal mined in proportion to the number of lives sacrificed was the greatest on record. There are at present, according to the statement, a total of 750,000 men employed in the industry.

Hotel men say the new Nebraska hotel law will prevent assignation houses from masquerading as hotels. Omaha, Lincoln and other cities have numbers of such "hotels," and more than ever since the Albert law went into effect. The new law is aimed at this distinction through requiring that any place holding itself out to the public as a hotel and using the name "hotel" shall be a place with one or more dining rooms or cafes, serving meals to transient guests all in the same building and under the same management.

SPORT.

STANDING OF TEAMS.

Table with columns: Team, W., L., Pct. Rows include Lincoln, Denver, Omaha, St. Joseph, Slou City, Topeka, Des Moines, Wichita.

Two Australian tennis champions have arrived to take part in the Davis International meet.

"Kid" Wheelock of Beatrice won over Tommy Murphy of Denver in a seven-round match recently.

Frank Chance, the peerless leader of New York Americans, was again injured and is out of the game.

Polo players are practicing on the George Gould grounds in anticipation of the international match in June.

Director Porter of the department of public safety has issued an order that "Jack" Britton, the Chicago lightweight pugilist, and "Pal" Moore, a Philadelphia boxer, shall be barred from appearing in boxing matches in that city in the future.

All of the classic events of former horse racing days, the Suburban Metropolitan and Brooklyn handicaps, the Lawrence realization and other features, are to be renewed during the eighteen days racing, which will be tried at Belmont park, New York, beginning on Decoration day.

MONTENEGRO TO DEFEY THE POWERS

UNDERSTOOD THAT SCUTARI WILL NOT BE EVACUATED.

RUSSIA PROTESTS TO AUSTRIA

Essad Pasha, Defender of the Captured City Proclaims Himself Albanian King.

London.—Monday was considered the fateful day in the history of the Balkans problem, in which new and difficult complications have arisen. The ambassadorial conference has to decide whether the European concert shall coerce Montenegro or whether Austria shall be left to act alone in compelling the evacuation of Scutari.

The ambassadors of the powers presented a note at Cetinje, formally demanding the evacuation of the city, but the Montenegrin ministers excused themselves from consideration of the note until after the Easter festivities.

It is understood that the reply when given will be an emphatic negative.

In the meantime King Nicholas has issued a proclamation at Scutari formally taking possession of the town. The report that an Austrian expedition left Trieste has not yet been officially confirmed, but there is great warlike activity in Austria, and Archduke Franz, heir to the throne, who is regarded as the leader of the military party, has returned unexpectedly to Vienna from a holiday. He had a long conference recently with Emperor Francis Joseph.

Essad Pasha, the hero of Scutari, who had a picturesque and adventurous career, made a dramatic move in proclaiming himself king of Albania, and is said to be marching into the interior of Albania with 40,000 men. He was received with enthusiasm at Alessio and is proceeding to Tirana to be proclaimed and to take possession.

Essad Pasha is an Albanian chieftain of the type which earned for the Albanians a reputation for barbaric simplicity approaching savagery. He was always opposed to the young Turks' repressive measures in Albania. In Vienna and Paris his surrender of Scutari is regarded as having been an arranged matter with King Nicholas, who approved his plan to proclaim himself independent prince of Albania.

The whole scheme of the alleged storming of Scutari and the marching out of Essad Pasha's army with their arms is now regarded as a coup d'etat to deceive Europe. Essad is said to have joined Djavid's army of 9,000 men and if he has the support of Serbia and Montenegro it will be a severe blow for Austria.

A Belgrade dispatch to the Daily Mail asserts that Essad Pasha's Albanian standing assures his success and that he has an alliance with King Nicholas. The dispatch adds that Essad is approaching Tirana with 26,000 troops and that Djavid Pasha will become his minister of war.

A Balkan correspondent of the Times thinks the occupation of Albania by the powers may become necessary.

According to the Vienna correspondent of the Times Austria is prepared to wait until Wednesday or Thursday for the powers' reply.

The Russian ambassador has made verbal representations to the Austrian government, deprecating precipitate action and pointing out that the powers have not yet exhausted their means of pressure and persuasion on Montenegro.

Levee Breaks at Ferriday, La.

Natchez, Miss.—A long-threatened break in the main line Mississippi river levees along the west bank in upper Louisiana came early Sunday when Lake St. John levee, twelve miles north of Ferriday, La., went out, turning the flood waters loose upon fine farming lands and villages of lower Texas and Concordia parishes. Approximately 20,000 persons will be driven from their homes in a region of about 900 square miles. The property damage will total several hundred thousand dollars.

People living nearby were warned fully two hours before the crash came. Most of the live-stock had been moved to the hills on the Mississippi side of the river.

Federals Attacked by Rebels.

Laredo, Tex.—Five hundred rebels, followers of Venustiano Carranza, made an unsuccessful attempt to dislodge General Trucey Aubert's federal troops at Lampazos.

Pardoned By President.

Washington.—President Wilson released Charles F. Hamilton, sentenced at Phoenix, Ariz., October 22, 1912, to ten months in the federal prison for bigamy. Hamilton would lose his claim to an entry in Arkansas unless he returned to the land before May 1.

Millionaire to be Vice Witness.

Los Angeles, Cal.—George H. Bixby, the Long Beach capitalist, wanted as a witness in the county grand jury white slavery investigation, will appear in court soon.

NEBRASKA IN BRIEF.

Coming Events in Nebraska. May 8 to 10—Annual Convention Mississippi Valley Historical Association, Omaha. May 20, 21 and 22—Thirty-seventh Encampment G. A. R., Fremont.

A new telephone exchange is being built in Holdrege.

Patrick Murray, an old pioneer of Washington county, died recently at Blair.

The city council of Wymore in regular session swore in the newly elected city officials.

G. A. Swanson of Surprise killed an old wolf and captured four little ones Thursday.

The convention of the State Letter Carriers' association was held in Beatrice and closed with a banquet.

Fire destroyed buildings, stock and silos of the Dorsey ranch, five miles east of Fremont, causing a loss of \$20,000.

An attempted jail break at Fremont was nipped by the sheriff. Two convicts had sawed their way out only to be confronted by the official. O'Neill is enjoying a building boom. A new hotel is ready to open, a school house and public library are contracted for.

Group Two of the Nebraska Bankers association met in Fremont with the largest attendance in its history—151 members.

The Rock Island mechanics and helpers in the locomotive shops at Fairbury have been favored with an increase of 2 cents per hour in wages.

Frank Tracy of Norfolk, assistant in the office of the city engineer, accidentally cut the tip of his nose off while shaving recently.

Her educational facilities are good, but will be much bettered with the coming of the new school houses. Nebraska Central College has a large enrollment every year.

The fight on the Hastings brewery securing a license was the warmest ever experienced in that city, though it is but a repetition of what occurs almost every spring.

Ira Bidwell of Kansas City has arrived at Beatrice and will make an effort to put a ball team in the Mink league this season to represent Wymore and Beatrice.

There are more dollars invested in automobiles in the county than in farm machinery. Yet the people are thrifty, and the bank deposits aggregate a large figure.

Central City is the county seat of one of the nine counties of the state which have farm demonstrators, and the best methods of farming are tested by the county's best agriculturalists.

Appropriations of the 1913 session of the legislature run up to \$5,247,905. This amount is divided into \$61,321 for claims, \$162,568 for deficiencies, \$962,310 for salaries and \$3,075,36 for maintenance.

George Gaddis, a pioneer resident of Box Butte county and government stock inspector, was found hanging to a hay loader on the Eldred ranch, twenty-five miles southeast of Alliance.

Mrs. Sarah Miller, who makes her home with her son, Lyman Miller, in York, fell down the basement steps, striking on her head. Her neck was broken and she died instantly. She was 86 years of age.

Five new road drags and two graders were received by Franklin county this week. Steps have been taken to put the roads of Ohioa and surrounding territory in the best of condition this summer.

General Hall has chosen the points for mobilization of the National guard battalions next August. Points chosen are: Elk City, Wahoo, Hooper, Fremont, Greenwood, Louisville, Memphis and Gretna.

A proposition to build a pavement road from Fremont to the Platte river bridge is being advanced as a means of finding use for the old cobblestones which are to be removed from Main and Sixth streets in Fremont to make room for new brick paving.

Copies of the code insurance bill, enacted into law at the late session of the legislature, will not be published and distributed by Auditor Howard. The latter was asked by a clerk if he would attend to this formality and he replied with much heat that he "certainly would not."

A move to bring the county boards of Dodge and Washington counties together on the proposition of rebuilding the Magenau steel bridge over the Elkhorn has been launched by the Fremont Commercial club. The bridge was washed out over a year ago, when the river broke up in 1912.

The large dam and reservoir, eight miles west of Kimball, will get its first real test this spring and summer. Most of the land to be irrigated will be cultivated this year and in a short time sufficient water will be stored to meet all demands. A large acreage of beets has been contracted for and a great many families of Russians from Lincoln are coming to tend to the cultivation.

Roscoe Fuller of Fremont is in jail there, charged with passing a check drawn for 50 cents for \$50.

The David City Building and Loan association has filed its articles of incorporation with the state banking board.

That a gang of juvenile burglars is operating in Fairbury is the belief of the city police at this point. Guy Freeman's store was broken into recently and four revolvers and a number of other articles taken. Sheriff Ed Hughes arrested Cal Lenholm on the charge and found the revolvers in his possession.

TO BENEFIT NEBRASKA FARMERS

HOW FARMERS IN DENMARK GET RESULTS IN DAIRYING.

SHOULD USE SAME METHODS

With More Cattle and Smaller Land Areas Denmark Surpasses Nebraska. Comparison is Given.

Denmark is about one-fifth the size of Nebraska, but has twice as many milch cows as this state; the rapidly increasing prosperity of the Danes has attracted the attention of agriculturists all over the world. The following brief account of their methods will be of interest to the farmers of Nebraska:

"There are 1,250,000 milking cows in Denmark. In twenty years they have increased their exports of butter 169 per cent, nearly all of which is attributed to improvement of the individual cow. The extra care of the single cow is very important. It may be more profitable to have ten cows and give them proper individual care than to have twenty-five and not do so.

Revenue From Cows.

"The yearly revenue from the cows of Denmark on small farms is \$120. Seventy thousand persons farm less than eleven acres. There is no dairy commission, the Danish government does not employ any expert to help the people. The experts are employed by the farmers' organizations known as Agricultural associations. The chief one has 800 members who pay \$5 per year each. There are 116 Farmers' associations, with 86,000 members. They study the farming conditions of each locality, and if a man discovers a better way of killing weeds or cultivating roots he informs the association.

"There are three kinds of these associations, county, provincial and national. They hold live stock shows, field experiments and farming competitions. There are also 723 small farmers' associations with 38,900 members. Two-thirds of the entire number of holders belong to one of these associations. They have 1,885 live stock associations. No wonder they have improved their cows, their pigs, their horses and their sheep. The farmers run their immense bacon business themselves. There are 500 associations for special purpose of keeping cow records; 21 creamery associations and 24 butter-makers' associations. There are 1,200 co-operative societies for buying seeds, manures and implements."

Nebraska has ten times as much good agricultural land as Denmark; with the rapidly increasing development of her dairy industry there is opportunity for expansion in agriculture such as no country in the world has ever seen if her farmers will heed and profit by the lesson taught by the thrifty Danes.

Killed By Train.

Elkhorn, Neb.—R. R. Steele, an insurance agent of Valley, Neb., was killed by Train No. 17 near here recently. Steele came to Elkhorn to sell insurance to farmers in this vicinity. He stopped at the hotel and then started to walk out along the track to call on the farmers. Apparently, he did not notice the train and was struck about two miles from here and instantly killed. Steele was walking along beside the track intently studying an application for a life insurance policy when hit.

Sues Saloon Men for Damages.

Kearney.—Suit has been filed in District court of Buffalo county by Mrs. Fresca Moran of Shelton, Neb., seeking to recover \$10,000 damages, which she alleges she sustained by the death of her husband, who was killed accidentally at Shelton. Mose Kitchner and Martin Slattery, both saloon men of Shelton, are named as defendants, as are their bonding companies, the Massachusetts Bonding company and the Illinois Surety company. The petition is filed by Mrs. Moran and her minor daughter, Alice.

Stockholders Get Dividend.

Fremont, Neb.—The Fremont Power-Canal company divided up the \$20,000 received from the Kountze interests for the Fremont rights and survey. Subscribers and stockholders alike received their money back together with a dividend of 25 per cent. The Fremont company dissolved. It was organized in 1898. L. D. Richards has been its president from the start. Over \$1,200 was spent for surveys alone.

Getting Ready for Convention.

Fremont, Neb.—The Elks' club rooms will be given over to the Commercial clubs of Nebraska when they hold their annual convention in Fremont on May 6 and 7 and the social features of the sessions will be carried out there. The Fremont Commercial club, Ad club and Merchants' association are planning to give the Commercial club men a royal welcome. The organization was perfected in Fremont several years ago and the convention in May will be the first one here since.

ROD THAT LOCATES SPRINGS

Member of Congress of "Spring Seekers" in Paris Has Sensitized Instrument to Find Wells.

Paris, France.—There was recently demonstrated during the congress of "Spring Seekers" in Paris, what ordinarily would be considered magic of the highest order.

With the aid of a sensitized rod, M. Peleprat, a member of the congress, was able to discover a hidden spring that up to that time had been unheard of. The photograph shows M. Peleprat surrounded by members of the press and the congress on the spot on the Bois de Vincennes, where he



Using the Divining Rod.

actually located a spring of pure fresh water.

In America, we have often heard of the magical rod that possesses the power of discovering hidden oil or minerals. These rods, invented by an ingenious "get-rich-quick" genius, were nothing more nor less than a means of separating gullible folks from their ready cash. It is because of this that many Americans, reading of this wonderful divining rod, may be skeptical, yet the truth remains that M. Peleprat discovered not only one spring whose very existence had been unheard of, but a number of them.

The secret is one with which he does not care to part. The rod is of metal; nothing out of the ordinary excepting that it is sensitized. It is suspended from a loop attached to any part of the garment of the wearer, who holds both ends firmly in his hands. When the searcher arrives at a place where a spring is to be found, the rod undergoes a series of violent vibrations, similar to those recorded by a seismograph when an earthquake thousands of miles away takes place.

MINISTER BESTS THE BENCH

Witness Spars With Judge in Dublin Court and Carries Off the Honors.

London.—A little sparring match between the church and the law recently amused Dublin. The case concerned a certain kinematograph film of a Biblical subject which is to be shown in Dublin.

Threatened with an injunction, the kinematograph syndicate produced several clergymen as witnesses to the edifying effect of the film. One of them was a distinguished Irish Jesuit, who has been dubbed "the Father Bernard Vaughan of Ireland."

"Do you approve of actions simulating such scenes in cold blood for the purpose of making money out of it?" he was asked.

"I cannot answer yes or no," was the cautious reply.

"The question is a very plain one," said the judge, a well known lion of the bar a few years back.

"It is not a plain question to me," replied the Jesuit. "If a person asked me did I think it right that a judge on the bench should distribute justice, which is one of the highest virtues, and do it for the sake of his salary—"

"What on earth has that to do with it?" hastily interposed the judge.

"Persons may have several motives," replied the Jesuit. "We cannot live in this world as ethereal beings, and if a person's motives are to do good and en passant he also makes his living by it I see no objection."

Honors rested with the church.

Finds Penny and Gives It Up.

Kalamazoo, Mich.—Kalamazoo lays claim to having the most honest man in Michigan. The man who refused to give his name, walked into police headquarters and pushed a penny over the desk with the remark he had found it on the street and that the police should keep it until the owner called for it. The sergeant in charge still has the penny.

Dentist Pulled Wrong Tooth.

Montclair, N. J.—Miss Florence N. Peck will receive \$284 for the loss of her second upper left bicuspid, which she said, was extracted by Dr. Fred Erick W. Stevens, of Newark, in mistake for the first bicuspid. The dentist offered no defense.

Explosion Skins a Miner.

Locust Gap, Pa.—While Samuel Brazier was at the bottom of a slope he climbed on top of a mine wagon to see what was in it. His lamp ignited a body of gas, causing a terrific explosion and tearing the skin in strips from his body.