

NEWS BRIEFLY TOLD

INTELLIGENCE HERE GATHERED COVERS WIDE AREA.

GREATER OR LESSER IMPORT

Includes What is Going On at Washington and in Other Sections of the Country.

CONGRESS.

The nomination of George W. Guthrie as ambassador to Japan has been reported favorably by committee.

The bill for an appropriation for the expenses of delegates to the international congress on alcoholism at Milan has been favorably reported.

The Works bill to direct geological survey to locate water supplies in deserts and arid lands has been reported by public lands committee.

The woman suffrage committee has ordered a favorable report on the Chamberlain resolution for constitutional amendment to give women the right to vote.

Senator Owen made a futile attempt before the senate Indian affairs committee to abolish the Board of Indian Commissioners. The board is appointed by the president and its members serve without compensation.

Congress will be asked next year to appropriate for one battleship, a mammoth dreadnought, displacing 40,000 tons and costing about twenty billion dollars, according to tentative plans of the navy general board.

Senate republicans began their first big fight on President Wilson's nominations when the appointment of W. J. Harris of Georgia as director of the census, succeeding E. Dana Durand, was taken up in executive session.

The Interstate Commerce commission, by rescinding in part its recent ruling on the issuance of free transportation, held that nurses employed by a family entitled to passes might be considered as a member of such family.

GENERAL.

Last year's sugar beet crop was worth \$10,000,000 to Colorado farmers.

The school children of Clinton, Mo., dug up 10,747 pounds of dandelions last week.

Charles A. Fullaway of Philadelphia, has been appointed assistant director of postal savings.

Dr. Eusebio Morales, the newly accredited minister from Panama has arrived in Washington.

Wisconsin expects to collect \$1,750,000 from the first application of the state income tax law.

In ordinary times the rose gardens of Bulgaria occupy 18,000 acres of land and yield 40,000,000 pounds of flowers annually.

The national peace congress adopted a lengthy program, which it demanded the French government should support at The Hague in 1915.

Mrs. Woodrow Wilson went "slumming" with a party of local social workers and visited "Goat alley," "Snow court," "Ragland alley" and other squalid spots of the capital.

The peerless speller of Missouri, Miss Opal Mitchell of Texas county, pled up a score of 197 out of a possible 200. Can you beat it? If not, beat it.

John Mitchell, former president of the United Mine Workers of America, has been appointed by Governor Sulzer as state labor commissioner at a salary of \$8,000.

The Brazilian government has by decree extended until the end of the current year the preferential treatment of American flour, cement and other articles.

Mrs. Helen D. Longstreet, widow of the noted Confederate general and former postmaster at Galvanville, Ga., will have a hearing before the senate postoffice committee.

R. A. Thompson, chief engineer of the California railroad commission, has resigned his position to accept a place on the advisory valuation board of the Interstate Commerce Commission.

Jack Harris, a coal miner of Philadelphia, Ia., and father of twenty-three children, witnessed the marriage recently of his daughter, Lora Harris, 13 thirteen years old to enter upon matrimony.

A proposal that an interval of at least three months be required between the filing of a divorce suit in Jackson county and its trial has met with opposition from several of the circuit judges of Kansas City.

A bill in the Illinois legislature provides a penalty of from one to ten years for stealing an automobile.

The United States sent a new ambassador to the court of St. James when Walter Hines Page sailed for his post in London.

Construction of railroads and opening of coal mines was asked of congress in a memorial from the Alaska legislature laid before the senate.

Representative Francis of Ohio recently re-introduced his resolution of the last congress proposing an investigation of the American Woolen company.

Miss Frances A. Shaw, for thirty years a resident of Minneapolis and widely known as an author, is dead.

The "freak" legislature of California is seriously considering a bill to pay wages to prisoners in state penitentiaries.

Mrs. John Woodrow, 81, an aunt of President Wilson by marriage, is critically ill at her home at Denver.

Pittsburghers have started a noise-suppressing crusade chiefly aimed at yelling hucksters and store "barkers." "Coff-Oil Johnny" is reported visiting his boyhood friends in Pennsylvania. Johnny is now in his seventieth year.

In 1912 the commonwealth government of Australia distributed \$11,176,055 by way of old age and invalid pensions.

John S. Kennedy, warden of Sing Sing, demands an investigation of certain charges which have been made against him.

James J. Hill and Governor Cox of Ohio, were guests of honor at a luncheon given at the capitol by Speaker and Mrs. Clark.

The Wisconsin legislature has approved the proposed constitutional amendment providing for the initiative and referendum.

Paul Aiken, a mine foreman and Dr. C. B. Jones are dead at Johnston, Pa., the result of an electric feed wire crossing a telephone line.

The Sultan of Turkey has been refused any special favors in the American courts. He must take same stand as any other litigant.

A special session of the New York legislature is scheduled for June 18, to act on a direct primary measure defeated at the regular session.

An international naval force commanded by Vice Admiral Cecil Burney of the British navy has taken possession of the fortress of Scutari.

Governor Johnson has replied to Bryan's message regarding the alien land bill and declares the state's interests demand that he sign the measure.

A notable record is possessed by Mrs. Thelma M. de Beer, of Victoria, Ga. At the age of seventy-eight she recently became a widow for the tenth time.

The native population of Pitcairn Island, famed in history and romance of the South seas, has been reduced over 30 per cent by an epidemic of measles.

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Atwater Moore, of Hartford, Conn., have just celebrated their seventieth wedding anniversary. Both are in their ninety-first year.

Every San Francisco policeman who has patrolled the downtown trolley in the last two years will be subpoenaed for the next meeting of the grand jury.

Miss Floretta Vining, a Boston editress, shifts from a siff to an anti "because," she says, "women are not yet ready for voting, nor to have an opinion of events."

After being nearly totally blind for ten years, Hiram Fry of Lincoln, Pa., had an operation performed on his eyes and the same proved so successful that he is able to see.

William Steele, Jr., and his father-in-law, William Hale were arrested recently at Springfield, Mo., charged with shooting and killing William Steele, sr., in order to get possession of the latter's \$100,000 estate.

The hearing before Special Examiner R. S. Taylor of the government's suit to dissolve the International Harvester company under the Sherman anti-trust law, which has been in progress at St. Paul has closed.

W. J. Bryan halted in the diplomatic negotiations with Japan long enough to receive a local troupe of boy scouts, who warmly endorsed his "grape juice banquet" and urged him to wage war upon and dethrone "king alcohol."

Secretary Lane has refused to grant a temporary permit to sheep and cattle interests in southern and central California to graze their stock in Yosemite national park. Application was made because of the drought conditions.

A verdict of not guilty was returned in the United States court at Norfolk, Va., recently in the cases of Frederick H. Hobbs and William J. Hunt, charged with bribing a naval commissary steward to falsify provision delivery receipt slips and with the making of false bills to the government.

SPORT.

If the bases were full, do you think the janitor would clean up? Erickson and Woodruff are going like a tornado at Kearney, Neb.

Cleveland is leading the American League in batting and is sixth in fielding. The Athletics are first in fielding and second in batting. The Highlanders are last in both and also in the league standing.

It is not necessary to go to electrical supply houses for dry batteries, because some of our pitchers and catchers get thirsty occasionally.

Subscriptions have been generously made by the business men of Ord to insure a first-class salaried ball team for the season and Manager McMinden is busy in securing contracts.

Owing to the strike of barbers in Brooklyn, the cultivation of beards is becoming quite fashionable.

Lewis and Engle of Boston are now way above the 300 mark, which shows that the world's champions are hitting pretty good.

George Stovall of the Browns is in the 300 class, which is one of the reasons Colonel Hedges is so anxious to have his manager reinstated.

Tennis men are warned that if the United States doesn't get back the Davis cup this time, it may as well bid the mug goodbye. All right; just for that, we will set it back.

REMAINING IN LINE

ONLY TWO DEMOCRATS HAVE DISSENTED ON NEW TARIFF.

WILSON'S STAND UNCHANGED

Favors No Compromise on Sugar and Wool and Holds Party Lineup Firm.

Washington.—The effect of President Wilson's public declaration that there would be no compromise on free wool and free sugar in three years in the new tariff bill has been the subject of constant discussion since the chief executive made his pronouncements.

Administration leaders declare that the president's vigorous assertion has served to strengthen the party lineup in the senate.

Before the president came out so strongly in the face of the tremendous lobby influence that completely surrounds the capitol, the legislative air was surcharged with uncertainty.

On every hand was heard the report that the finance committee was planning to put a duty on wool or to cut out the three-year free sugar provision and to leave sugar at the end of a three-year period with a small tariff.

Only Two Break Away. But when the president reaffirmed his determination to stand by the schedules which he virtually dictated into the tariff bill, only Senators Ransdale and Thornton of Louisiana broke through the party lines to remain outside until the end.

The interpretation of the democratic platform as relating to free sugar, given by Senator Ollie James of Kentucky, as the spokesman for the administration, gave a further indication of the exact situation.

Senator James declared that the party did favor free sugar; that it campaigned on that issue and, with the knowledge of the president, he challenged anyone to find a man who could truthfully assert that Woodrow Wilson ever said he opposed free sugar. Again the administration scored.

Seward Relief Work Well in Hand. Seward, Neb.—In the time which elapsed since the tornado at this city much has been done for the relief of the destitute and rebuilding of homes. Seward people have contributed liberally, and the committee having charge of the work is making a careful computation and estimate of the amount that will be necessary.

No appeal has been made for outside aid, but numerous checks have been received from individuals, and notably from wholesale houses through their customers in this city. Assistance coming in this manner has been gratefully received by the committee, and all such funds will be put to the best use.

This community has suffered greatly, but it is believed that in the end, from the work that is being done, a greater part of the material damage will be repaired.

Street Car Strike Near End. Cincinnati, O.—Conferences of street car officials and representatives of the employers' union, which it is believed will result in the ending of the street car strike in this city, have been held without any definite conclusion having been reached.

Walter Knight, president of the Federated Association of Municipal Organizations, acted as intermediary. Although no definite statement was given out, it was believed that only minor differences remain to be adjusted and that a speedy resumption of traffic will take place. It is believed the street car company is willing to arbitrate this point.

Water Let into the Canal. Panama.—The waters of the Pacific ocean have been let into the Panama canal. A giant blast of 32,500 pounds of dynamite was shot, demolishing the dike to the south of the Miraflores locks and allowing the water to flow into an extensive section in which excavation practically has been completed.

Youth's Neck Broken. Rockwell, Ia.—Ed Falk was killed near here in an automobile accident. He lost control of the machine. The car ran off the grade and pinned Falk beneath it. Three young women—Irene and Clara Huff and Ida Goetz—who were with him, were thrown clear of the machine.

Due to Lack of Husbands. New York.—As soon as a majority of the women want to vote, they will get it, but as soon as every woman has a man, the women will be very peaceful," says Mayor Gaynor.

Remembers Nothing of Shooting. Muncie, Ind.—Miss Doris Underwood, the young Hartford city school teacher on trial here with having shot with intent to kill Ollis Fisher, who she alleged had wronged her sister, Ada, declared at her trial she remembers nothing of the shooting.

Two Rob Two Hundred. Tulsa, Okla.—Two masked youths entered the Turf exchange, a gambling house here, and held up the place, taking \$2,500. Two hundred men were in the place.

WATER USERS COMPLAIN.

Scottsbluff Men Think Government Will Help Them.

Deputy State Auditor Minor, who comes from the irrigated district of Nebraska, is very much interested in the position the government will take on the irrigation matter, which has been the problem confronting the water users in the Scottsbluff country.

Recently J. T. Whitehead and C. W. Scoville, representing the farmers of the North Platte project and the Nebraska-Wyoming propositions, met with others interested along water lines before Secretary Lane at Washington.

The men stated to the secretary, according to Mr. Minor, that farmers of the North Platte project have no cause for complaint against the supervising engineer, R. F. Walter, or other service officials, but the most pressing difficulty was that of making payments in the time specified. Mr. Whitehead stated that the original estimates have increased from \$30 to \$55 per acre and there is nothing certain that the price may not reach higher. He assured the secretary that the settlers did not want to evade any just debt, but felt that the cost of such work, which was largely of an experimental nature, should not be included in the sum of their debt.

He said that settlers on the North Platte project were confident that with the co-operation of the secretary and the department they would be able to make a great success of the project in the future, but pointed out that to bring that success the settlers should be given more time and it should be extended over a period of twenty-five years.

Asks Architects to Submit Plans. State Superintendent J. E. Delzell is continually receiving letters from school district officials asking for plans for rural school buildings from one to four rooms in size. In order to meet the demand he has sent out the following to all architects of the state which he believes will solve the situation:

In this office we have many calls from school officers for one, two and three-room rural school buildings, also a few calls for a four-room building. The legislature does not furnish funds to pay for these plans, but if the architects of the state will furnish us plans and cuts for these buildings we will print the same in pamphlet form, giving each architect credit by printing his name with the plans. If such plans are definite enough to be of value to the schools of the state.

If this appeals to you, please let us know at once, stating about what time you can furnish the plans. It will be necessary that we get these plans soon, so if you desire to assist in this matter write us at once.

Railroads Join in Protest. The State Board of Assessment listened to a plea of the railroads for a lowering of assessments of railroad property.

The roads contend that they have assessed 100 per cent on valuation, while other property has escaped with about 60 per cent.

All roads in the state were represented at the hearing.

The roads recited that while their property was assessed at 100 per cent of its real worth, other property in Nebraska is assessed at only 50 per cent.

Representatives of the companies presented figures to sustain their contention. Last year real estate was revalued for the first time in four years, and the railroad companies assert that they were singled out for unwarranted increases.

Electric Line for Northeast Nebraska. Interested in the construction of an electric railroad between Niobrara and Sioux City, with possible later extensions to O'Neill and other cities of eastern Nebraska, F. W. Baker of Omaha and H. P. Buhman appeared before the state railway commission to talk over likely action of that body in making a stock and bond grant.

The promoters asked that they be allowed to issue \$7,000,000 in bonds, to be sold at 72 cents on the dollar and a like amount of stock. Commissioner Hall insisted that a showing be made first and that no grant be authorized by the commission until construction estimates had been filed with the commission's engineer.

Awarded Damages. A jury in the district court awarded damages against the Missouri Pacific railroad in the sum of \$2,500 in favor of John Krummack, administrator of the estate of George W. Krummack, deceased. George, a seven-year-old lad, was killed while playing with some other boys on the defendant's tracks. Suit was brought for \$3,000 by the father on the ground that the railroad company had been negligent in not properly guarding the tracks.

Will Give Baby Show. Secretary W. B. Mellor, of the State Board of Agriculture; Hiram Myers, superintendent of concessions; Secretary Marshall, of the Horticultural association, and George W. Klein, of the publicity bureau, have issued a call for a baby show to be pulled off at the state fair this fall. None of the quartet has any babies of his own, but they think they are competent to pull off a good stunt judging other people's babies and have offered good prizes. All babies in the rural class must be over 1 year old and not over 2 years.

HARMAN HAS RULES

FOOD COMMISSIONER ISSUES REGULATIONS TO DEALERS.

PLANS STRICT ENFORCEMENT

Sanitary Laws of Nebraska Are to Be Invoked, to End All Food Stuffs Shall Be Kept in Condition.

Lincoln, Neb.—Pure Food Commissioner Harman has completed a bulletin of instructions to all handlers of foodstuffs of every nature as follows:

Adulteration of food products will be deemed to exist if food in the process of manufacture, preparation, packing, storing, sale, distribution or transportation is not securely protected from flies, dust, dirt or from other foreign or injurious contamination, also if the utensils or receptacles used for handling food are not in a clean and sanitary condition. This particularly applies to soda fountains, restaurants, meat markets and all other places where food and dairy products are kept during the summer months.

Ready-to-Eat Foods. The sanitary laws of Nebraska are such that they demand that all ready-to-eat food products served, prepared or sold in any way must be kept in compliance with the law and at all times must be properly protected in every way. This especially applies to necessary coverings of containers in which said food is kept.

The definition of food as defined in the sanitary law says, "The term 'food' as herein used shall include all articles used for food, drink, confectionery or condiments, whether simple, mixed or compound, and all substances or ingredients used in the preparation thereof."

Protection of Foods. The doors, windows and other opening of food producing or distributing establishments during the fly season shall be fitted with self-closing screen doors and windows screened with screen of a not coarser than a four-teen-mesh wire gauze.

Buildings. All buildings, rooms, basement or cellars occupied or used for the preparation or handling of foods for sale or distribution shall be properly lighted, drained, plumbed and ventilated with strict regard to the influence of such condition upon the health of the employes, clerks or other persons therein employed and the purity and wholesomeness of the food therein produced.

Clean Clothing. All operatives employes, clerks or other persons employed in any place where food is cooked, served, prepared or sold must at all times wear clean clothing.

Sanitary Law. As a matter of protection to their own business interests and to every person engaged in the handling of food products, it is necessary for them to comply with the Nebraska sanitary laws in every way. The public is also entitled to this very necessary consideration and protection, and must have it against all odds and beyond any question. I have found it true by actual demonstration that the best method of enforcing popular law is by a direct appeal to the public, but in this instance am making an appeal to both the purveyor and consumer for a betterment of sanitary conditions on every hand. To the purveyor of food I would say: Look well to your products; to the consumer, look well to your purchases of food products. See that they are properly handled.

The law provides a penalty for a violation of the sanitary law of this state.

Board Hears Last Railroaders. Lincoln, Neb.—The state board of assessment and equalization closed its hearings for railroad tax commissioners after listening to short talks by Thomas Newkirk of Chicago, representing the Rock Island, and J. M. Seibert of St. Louis, representing the Missouri Pacific road.

The board will meet again next Saturday and at that time will assess railroad property. Little change is expected in the assessed valuation as fixed for the roads by the board last year.

Legal Department Makes Ruling. Lincoln, Neb.—According to an opinion rendered by Assistant Attorney General Frank Edgerton, ammonia, bicarbonate of soda, olive oil, cream of tartar, pepper, flavoring extracts, sal-soda, baking powders, dyestuffs and sage may be sold without a druggist's license and not in violation of the law.

The opinion came on account of a letter of inquiry from the county attorney of Hall county.

Presbyterian Minister is Killed By a Train. Lincoln, Neb.—Rev. John M. MacDonald, 80 years old, for many years a prominent minister of the Presbyterian church in Nebraska, was struck and killed by a Rock Island train near Antelope park. He is survived by a family. A son, Gilland MacDonald, once a well-known Nebraska university football player, is now at the head of the forestry department of Ames Agricultural college at Iowa. Another son is a missionary in the Philippine Islands.

NEBRASKA IN BRIEF.

The annual practice shoot of the state militia is now being held.

Government reports show that the alfalfa fields of Nebraska are free from alfalfa weevil.

Willis E. Reed of Madison has been secured to deliver the Memorial day address at Wisner.

J. A. Ollis, sr., father of Senator Ollis, of Ord was found dead in bed. He was 81 years of age.

Lincoln saloonkeepers have opened up for business after a dry period covering three weeks.

Editor Williams of the Stockville Republican-Farber has shortened the name of his paper to the "Farber."

A tennis club has been formed at Shubert with a membership of twelve. C. H. Smiley is treasurer and manager.

Thousands of gallons of petroleum being shipped to Norfolk were lost when the train was wrecked by a defective rail.

State Auditor Howard's office has issued 4,649 state warrants since April 1, a daily average of 125 for thirty-seven days.

The Omaha tornado victims are now about on their feet and few requests are being made to the relief headquarters.

Robert F. Glider of Omaha, has been appointed on the staff of the University of Nebraska museum as archeologist in the field.

The graduating class of the West Point High school will consist this year of thirteen members, of whom eight are girls.

The Peru public school board is contemplating the addition of the ninth and tenth grades to the school's course of study.

A. M. Mann of this city has been appointed a member of the general educational committee of the National Drainage congress.

The Rev. George Batzel and family have arrived at Fremont from Rochester, New York, and are moving into the First Baptist parsonage.

The Custer County Herald of Broken Bow, for twenty-three years the official organ of the county democracy, suspended publication last week.

The Norfolk Daily News is pushing a campaign for the issue of bonds for building a new school house and the purchase of ground for a public park.

There are 235 moving picture shows in Nebraska, which, according to the labor commissioner, entertain on an average 225,000 people every day.

Sam Patterson of Arapahoe, who is seeking the office of auditor of the U. S. treasury, is unanimously backed by the state's representatives at Washington.

John Dohn was elected president, August J. Baumann vice president, and S. E. Sinke, secretary of the Grand Island board of education for the ensuing year.

George Hall, a tinner, at Plattsmouth, fell from the roof of the house of James W. Sage, alighting on his head, his scalp was cut badly and he was otherwise injured.

The friends and patrons of baseball at West have organized an association and elected William Stieren, jr., president; Casimir Zacek, vice president, and A. J. Krause, treasurer.

The following old soldiers of Thayer county were in the battle of Gettysburg: John Hughes of Hebron, W. W. Cameron and Dan Sweeney of Chester and Sam Patten of Hubbell.

J. W. Scattergood, who has been editor of the Beatrice Daily Express has resigned his position and will leave for New Orleans, where he will have charge of the sporting page of a daily.

Joseph Felthouser of Nebraska City has filed a suit against the Star Lumber company of Kansas City and J. J. McCall for \$485.32, which he claims is due him for commissions on the sale of Texas lands handled by this firm.

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A. M. Shubert of Shubert, who is treasurer of the eastern Nebraska Fruit Growers' association, reports that the organization is thriving and that new applications for membership are being received daily.

Judge Pemberton at Beatrice refused to grant the peremptory writ of mandamus compelling the mayor and city council of Wymore to revoke the saloon license granted to Daniel O'Donnell on May 2.

A committee representing the Fremont Commercial club and the Fremont Merchant's association appeared before the state railway commission to present arguments in favor of the proposed new schedule on the Northwestern.

O. H. Barnes of Table Rock, Neb., late editor of the Table Rock Argus, has taken charge of the work of the Commercial club of Belle Fourche, S. D., as secretary and publicity man of the club, succeeding H. O. Cooley, who left there to become secretary of the Aberdeen Commercial club.

Harley G. Moorhead of Omaha has been appointed election commissioner of Douglas county. He is no relation to the governor.

Four firemen were painfully burned at a blaze at the National Oil Refining company's plant at Omaha when about \$3,000 worth of oils was destroyed.

The divorce mill was busy in district court at Seward, when Judge Corcoran granted legal separations to William Thomas from Sarah L. Thomas, Elmer Nye from Emery W. Nye and Fred Welkenmann from Jessie Welkenmann.