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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.

The territories committee members have announced an agreement on government Alaskan railway.

Chairman Palmer of democratic caucus has announced that an investigation will be made of patronage in the house.

The Senate Budget committee has begun consideration of plans to reform methods of framing appropriation bills.

The banking and currency committee has appointed a sub-committee to consider open hearings on currency legislation.

Representative Broussard has introduced a bill for the continuance of the commerce court and extension of its powers.

Senator Martin introduced concurrent resolution to suspend until action by congress, customs' district consolidation order.

The House in an executive session, decided to postpone renewal of limited arbitration treaties with Great Britain, Italy and Spain.

The immigration committee has voted to report favorably the nomination of Anthony Caminetti as commissioner general of immigration.

Representative Graham has introduced a bill to authorize three battleships and appropriating \$15,000,000 immediately for that purpose.

The Senate Commerce committee has voted to favorably report a bill to delay customs service reorganization until January 1, 1914.

The judiciary committee has acted favorably on O'Gorman bill allowing chief justice to assign federal judges to circuits other than their own.

Representative Murdock has introduced a bill for a naturalization commission to investigate, recommend and redraft bills in interest of admitted aliens.

Senator O'Gorman has introduced a bill to create a national commission on prison labor to study prison labor question and recommend uniform legislation.

Senator Hitchcock has introduced an amendment to the tariff bill to levy additional excise on production of larger tobacco factories, to prevent monopoly.

Senator Kenyon has introduced a resolution instructing the interstate commerce commission to investigate the acquisition of the Chicago & Eastern railroad by St. Louis & San Francisco railroad, and the subsequent receivership.

The foreign relations committee has approved renewal of arbitration treaty with Great Britain, Italy and Spain, extradition treaty with Paraguay; bills for elevation of legation to Spain to an embassy; independent legations in Uruguay and Paraguay.

Domestic.

The Illinois state senate is considering a bill appropriating \$300,000 for the Panama-Pacific exposition.

Edward M. Campbell of Birmingham, Ala., has been sworn in as chief justice of the United States court of claims.

Thaddeus Austin Thomson of Austin, Tex., has been nominated by President Wilson to be minister to Colombia.

John E. Wilkie, former chief of the United States secret service in Washington, has been elected vice president of the Chicago Railways company.

Joe Sun, Korean employed by the government in running down opium smugglers, was stabbed and fatally wounded in the Santa Barbara, Cal., Chinatown.

Prof. N. E. Hanson of the South Dakota experimental station has been commissioned by the Department of Agriculture to go to Siberia to gather seeds and plants of the kind which will thrive in a dry land.

Secretary Daniels plans to increase the plants in the Norfolk and New York navy yards.

Joseph R. Wilson, brother of the president, has accepted a position with a leading bonding company with headquarters in Baltimore.

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

Negotiations by the Mexican government of a foreign loan of approximately \$100,000,000 have been completed.

John P. Donahoe, a former national commander of the Union Veteran legion, died at Wilmington, Del. He was 75 years old.

Meats and flour will not go on the free list in the democratic tariff law if the recommendation of the senate finance subcommittee in charge of the agricultural schedule, is accepted.

There are 2,490 certificated aviators in the world.

Over \$33,500,000 are on deposit in United States postal savings banks.

Chicago is to put up 10,000 new street signs at crossings in September.

Maine has 79,955 wage earners employed in 3,546 factories.

New Jersey has a baby born on the thirteenth of the month, in 1913, and is the thirteenth child of its parents.

Rum is now imported into prohibition Maine in powder form, the consignee preparing the drink by the addition of fluid.

Plans for reorganizing the republican congressional committee early in July are being considered by the committee's officers.

Announcement was made recently that the fifth National Conservation congress would be held at Washington November 18-20.

Secretary Lane has announced that hereafter all contractors engaged upon reclamation work would be prosecuted for violations of the eight-hour law.

Charles H. Cramp, former head of the ship-building firm of William Cramp & Sons, died at Philadelphia after a lingering illness. He was 85 years old.

United States immigration officials at Key West, Fla., are investigating a rumor that Cipriano Castro arrived from Havana in the guise of a Cuban merchant.

There are ninety vacancies in the incoming class of cadets at the military academy at West Point, occasioned by the failure of candidate previously examined.

Edward V. Doyle, commissioner of the state banking department of Michigan, was elected president of the National Association of Supervisors of State Banks.

Robert J. Rubin, convicted recently as head of the "arson trust" has been sentenced by Justice Goff at New York City, to serve six to ten years in Sing Sing prison.

Practically the entire time of President Wilson and the cabinet at the regular semi-weekly meeting was given over to a discussion of the recent dissolution of the so-called tobacco trust.

Apprehensive that government reclamation work might be withdrawn from Montana, a delegation of citizens of that state called upon Secretary Lane to urge him to continue the projects.

Thirty-eight silk workers who gathered in front of a mill during strike disturbances on April 25 at Patterson, N. J., were convicted of unlawful assemblage by a county court jury.

Fred Nevels, chief clerk of the Waters-Pierce Oil company for five years at Oklahoma City, Okl., was arrested in Los Angeles, Cal., on a charge of having embezzled \$7,500 from that corporation.

Among 108 refugees who arrived in Galveston, Tex., on board the steamship Harry Morse from Tampico, Mexico, was W. I. Volght, who was seriously injured while defending his wife and sister against marauders.

Stricken with convulsions at the lone cable station on Fanning Island, Dr. Herbert Metcalfe, resident surgeon, died in three days in spite of the cabled prescriptions of the nearest physicians, 2,000 miles away at Fiji.

An electrical hail and rainstorm swept the eastern slope of the Rocky Mountains extending as far south as Las Vegas, N. M. The full fury burst over Denver. A bolt darted into the city hall and shocked a clerk in the health department.

About the quickest possible way to lose money in Germany is to buy Zeppelin, according to the annual report of the German Airship company just made public in Berlin. Exactly 50 per cent of the \$750,000 invested by the company took wings with its three big airships in 1912.

A newsboy saw a man scale a stone wall in London the other day. From this trivial circumstance have resulted disclosures of an alliance between certain uniformed members of the London police force and thieves and highwaymen under which the police have not only aided the thieves, but have actually turned thieves themselves in their hours off duty.

Italy raises one-sixth of the entire European corn crop.

Alfred Austin, British poet laureate since 1896, is dead at the age of seventy-seven.

The cutting of queues by the Chinese has greatly stimulated the hat and cap business in Japan.

Serious washouts, due to high water, are reported along the Canadian Pacific railroad in the Rocky mountains.

In China an inferior upon horseback, meeting a superior, dismounts and waits until the other has passed.

The increase in imports into Japan from the United States for 1912 was unprecedented, being upward of \$22,000,000.

Convicted of cannibalism and human sacrifices, forty members of the Leopard society have been hanged in Sierra Leone.

Japan's national debt is \$1,271,145,000 with annual interest of \$70,877,000.

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

Count Alvaro de Romanones, who on May 30 resigned as premier, together with all his ministry, has consented to resume office.

Not since the formation of the German empire in 1871 did so few German citizens emigrate to foreign parts as in 1912. The number was 18,545, compared with 22,690 in 1911, 25,521 in 1910 and 229,902 in 1881.

PROBE GETS DEEPER

LOBBY INVESTIGATION IS BECOMING A DIRECT ISSUE.

MAY RESULT IN NEW LAW

Propose to Require Registration of All "Lobbyists" Coming to Washington.

Washington, D. C.—Neither President Wilson nor the democratic managers of the two branches of congress can estimate what effect the senate's remarkable "lobby investigation" will have upon the progress of the tariff bill, the currency reform plan, or other business of congress.

In the six days of grilling to which it has subjected senators themselves, the investigating committee has secured information and opened up channels of investigation that are likely to have an important influence upon the whole course of legislation in the future. Progress on the tariff bill has not been hindered by the lobby investigation, but it is believed that before the reconstructed Underwood bill finally gets into the senate for debate, the lobby investigation will have become a direct issue in the fight. None of the alleged "lobbyists" have been questioned as yet, but facts brought out by senators on the witness stand and the course the committee has determined upon for the future, make it clear that congress will be urged to consider:

A registration law, requiring every "lobbyist," legislative agent or other person who comes to Washington to influence legislation to at once identify himself and the interests he represents.

The condemnation and possible prohibition of the present system of "manufacturing sentiment" in a state, to influence that state's senators or representatives upon any certain legislative matter.

The chief influence of the lobby inquiry upon the present tariff revision probably will come in connection with the sugar and wool fights, around which will wage much of the forthcoming tariff debate in the senate.

Well organized and extensive campaigns have been shown to exist on both sides of the sugar tariff question; and systematic activity by the wool protective forces has been testified to by many senators.

Huerta's Offer Spurned.
Brownsville, Tex.—A generalship in the federal army in addition to 300,000 pesos was the price offered General Lucio Blanco, commander of the victorious "constitutionalist" forces in Matamoros, if he and his army would join and swear allegiance to the Huerta government, according to Francisco Jose Mujica, chief of staff of General Blanco.

Blanco's staff was offered the same rank in the federal army as now held by them in the constitutionalist army, Mujica says. The offer was made by General Trevino of Monterey, General Fernando Gonzalez, chief of the federal army in Nuevo Leon, and General Juan de Dios Arzamendi, chief of arms of Victoria, according to Mujica. It was made verbally and brought to Matamoros by Captain Bruno Trevino, accompanied by a rurales. Trevino was executed. The rurales is in prison.

Raises Point of Etiquette.
Iowa City, Ia.—Should the commander-in-chief of the military and naval forces of the state of Iowa appear in a straw hat and sack suit at a regimental review and dress parade of part of these forces? That question is being much discussed by the student soldiers at the state university of Iowa since Governor George W. Clarke reviewed the cadet regiment here while clothed as described above. President John G. Bowman and other university officials appeared for the occasion in tall hats and frock coats, and Commandant Hoffman and other dignitaries glittered in military regalia, but the governor put on no such frills, but dressed for comfort. In spite of his lack of warlike attire, he handled his part nicely, presenting commissions to the officers and watching the drill maneuvers with an interesting eye.

Japanese Urge War.
Tokio.—A mass meeting of an organization known as the "Anti-American Youth's association" was very sparsely attended. Belligerent speeches were made by agitators attached to the opposition parties.

Ten-Year Boy Catches 20-lb. Fish.
Joplin, Mo.—Roy Martin, 10 years old, caught a 20-pound catfish in Center creek near Carterville. The lad caught the fish with an ordinary chalk line and crooked pole.

Government Suit Nonsuited.
Chicago.—Suit of the government against the Illinois Retail Lumber Dealer's association with the government general proceeds against the so-called "lumber trust," was nonsuited by the department of justice.

Belgium Wants Big Loan.
Brussels, Belgium.—The Belgium government is carrying on negotiations with a group of bankers in Paris for a loan of about \$120,000,000 at 4 per cent interest.

NEBRASKA IN BRIEF.

Lightning struck the elevator at Scotia, destroying the structure and its contents.

Thayer county bankers met in Deshler and formed a permanent organization.

The Farmers' Creamery company of Hemingford is taxed to its capacity already this season.

The village board granted a license to sell liquor to G. A. Alexander of Falls City, after an extended hearing.

The office of Road master G. Iverson of the Union Pacific has been transferred from Omaha to Fremont.

Harold Starrett, son of S. E. Starrett of Palmer, was drowned while bathing in Burkman lake near that place.

The Burlington has recently ordered material for an additional 495 miles of telephone dispatching circuits.

A new postoffice has been established at Dye, Kimball county, Nebraska, with E. R. Bale as postmaster.

Articles of incorporation of the Beatrice Burial Vault company have been filed and manufacturing of the vaults will begin at once.

The postoffice department has authorized the use of mail cars on Burlington trains No. 9 and 10 between McCook and Denver.

A cloudburst visited the vicinity of Hoag, six miles northwest of Beatrice, and washed away a quarter of a mile of the Burlington tracks.

The largest eighth grade commencement ever held in this county and perhaps in the state took place at Broken Bow when 325 graduates received diplomas.

Reports from Albion say the most beautiful alfalfa harvest in years is upon the farmers and the question of help to handle the crop is staring them in the face.

Jackson, Roebuck & Hauser of Valentine have let the contract for a \$10,000 garage to Dunn & Galloway. The building is to be of cement blocks with a pressed brick front, 60 by 150 feet.

A monster crowd attended the big Modern Woodman picnic at Osmond, held under the auspices of Osmond camp, Modern Woodmen of America.

The twenty-third annual convention of the Kansas-Nebraska district of the Evangelical Lutheran joint synod of Ohio, will be held in Deshler and Hebron.

Miss Claire Schaible of Octavia, Neb., will participate in the graduating concert of the Iowa University School of Music. Only three were thus honored.

Joseph Huffman, who has conducted a printing establishment in York for many years, is moving his plant to Lincoln, where he will continue the business.

Word was received by Mrs. Eud Wittwer of Humboldt that her brother, Orville Wittwer, aged eleven years, was killed in a runaway accident near his home in Oklahoma.

It is said that the western passenger association will adhere to its rule making 2 cents a mile a standard charge in this territory for all fares and big gatherings.

The Beatrice board of education has elected Prof. T. C. Tillotson of Abilene, Kas., supervisor of music in the schools of the city to succeed Prof. L. E. Stoddard, resigned.

At a meeting at North Loup, attended by many people from all over the Loup valley, it was decided to hold the regular annual old settlers' picnic at that place on June 25.

Peter Jansen of Beatrice has returned from a five day auto trip through the southern part of Nebraska and reports that crops in that section of the state are in fine condition.

P. H. Dodge of the bureau of public roads at Washington, D. C., inspected the road work being done by Gage county and said that the dirt roads being built there are better than any he has seen.

Bruce, the 15-year-old son of W. H. Beall, of Oxford, was tinkering with a railroad torpedo which he had found when it exploded, tearing the thumb, first and second fingers off his left hand.

The demonstration of traction engine companies heretofore held in Omaha, will be transferred to Fremont, provided the Fremont Commercial club will provide 320 acres of ground for them.

William Dilling of Hemingford was thrown out of his automobile and painfully injured while running without lights. The car was badly wrecked and took fire from the oil lamps, but he extinguished the blaze in time.

The Imperial Land and Cattle company of Wakesha, Wis., has purchased the Charles E. Wiltsey farm of about 3,000 acres, four and one-half miles east of Hemingford, for \$27,500 per acre. The deal approximates \$100,000.

A force of graders are at Ralston building embankments and fills for new passing trackage, freight stock yards and a passenger depot at Ralston, which was nearly obliterated by the Easter tornado.

The Washington county board of supervisors flatly turned down a petition signed by farmers of the northwestern part of the county for a road to lead to the proposed new bridge over the Elkhorn river east of Fremont.

Ernest M. Pollard of Nehawka and Secretary C. G. Marshall of the State Horticultural Society have considered plans for harvesting the unprecedented apple crop expected this fall. One thousand men will be needed. The Nebraska orchardists are eager for assistance and every effort will be made to attract workers to Nebraska.

BANKS SHAVE PAPER

GET ONE PER CENT FOR HANDLING STATE WARRANTS.

MAKE FIVE PER CENT. REVENUE

Agreement Among All Institutions Apparent, and No One is Able to Break It.

Lincoln.—Registered state warrants are making trouble for some of the banks of Lincoln and may result in giving people who have them a chance to get them cashed at their face value at those institutions.

State warrants when registered draw 4 per cent interest. The banks of Lincoln have been charging 1 per cent for cashing the warrants, making a 5 per cent revenue from their purchase.

The other day a prominent official of the state house went to the bank where he has been doing business since coming to Lincoln, with his warrant registered in the regular way and put it in for deposit. He was informed that the warrant would not be accepted without a shave of 1 per cent. He tried to make the banker believe that he was a regular customer, that he ought to be allowed the face of the warrant on a deposit, but the banker demurred, with the result that the gentleman told the bank to go to, and withdrew his deposit.

It is understood that the Lincoln banks have an agreement that no state warrants will be received unless the owner agrees to a 1 per cent shave, thus giving them a 5 per cent revenue on the warrant. Depositors are objecting to paying 1 per cent shave and some of them declare that they will send their warrants to their home town banks for deposit rather than submit to the shave.

Law Soon to Be in Effect.
Lincoln.—Food Commissioner Harman is getting ready to have the weights and measures department of his office in good shape to begin work July 17, when the new weights and measures bill will go into effect.

The old measures have been found to meet the requirements needed, and have been sent to Washington to be tested. There were about a hundred pieces in the assortment. In addition to these, about two hundred other pieces have been bought, which will be divided into two sets and placed in charge of the two deputies who will travel over the country and see that all scales, measures, etc., have the required standard.

Among the bunch are twenty 50-pound weights which will have to be toted around the country by the deputies in their search for dishonest men who have been skinning the public. Mr. Harman says that Nebraska is one of the first states in the union to put in effect a weights and measures law.

Men Score High at Targets.
Lincoln.—Mexico, Japan and other countries who may have chips on their shoulders which they would like to have Uncle Sam try to knock off might just as well take notice right now that the chip is liable to come off is some of the members of Nebraska's national guardsmen get a chance.

Captain Lon Kesterson, who has charge of the rifle practice at the Lincoln range, gathered up a squad from the Geneva company, now shooting there, and went out to the range. The squad was composed of ten men and everyone of them qualified, two as expert riflemen, three as sharpshooters and five as marksmen.

In the 300-yard rapid fire shoot, Private Cusin scored 48 points out of a possible 50, while Private Yates scored 40 out of a possible 50. This is considered something remarkable in rapid fire shooting.

Lobbyist Files An Expense Account.
Lincoln.—For the first time in the memory of civilized man a Nebraska legislative lobbyist has filed an expense account with the secretary of state. Superintendent Bernardine of Atchison, Kas., a Missouri Pacific official, was the man who knocked precedent into smithereens. His filing disclosed expenditures aggregating \$200 for keep of himself and several assistants during the late session.

Will Purify Capital.
Lincoln.—Chief Malone has announced that houses of prostitution must go. Hotels, rooming houses and all places where the Albert law has been violated, are to be wiped out, says the chief. He proposes to cooperate with the county attorney and accomplish what many Lincoln people said he could not—a thorough clean-up of all places of ill-fame.

Veterans Must Send Notice.
Lincoln.—All veteran survivors of the battle of Gettysburg who are contemplating taking the trip to the anniversary of that battle must, before June 10, mail to the commission a statement that they desire to make the trip and are financially and physically able to do so, or they cannot come in under the appropriation.

Those who fail to notify the commission by that time will be considered as not desiring to make the trip, and if they go, will be compelled to look out for their own transportation.

ALL SHOULD HELP.

Fund Being Raised to Assist Nebraska Veterans.

Will some good patriotic citizen, who would like to see every old soldier in Nebraska who participated in the battle of Gettysburg enjoy a good outing, possibly the last he will ever have, step to the front and offer to give a sufficient sum to complete the amount necessary to enable them to make the trip and take a chance on the next session of the legislature reimbursing him in the amount loaned?

Through a mistaken idea that there would be less than 100 veterans in the state who participated in that battle, the legislature voted only \$4,000 to cover the cost. Over twice the number can go if the funds to pay the railroad fare, about \$45 each, can be secured.

A short time ago the state officers joined in an appeal to the people of the state to send in subscriptions and to take up subscriptions on Memorial day to add to the amount voted by the legislature and the amounts are coming in in small quantities. Towns reporting amounts collected on Memorial day to date are: Aurora, Genoa, Oxford, Danbury, Albion, Stromsburg, Oconto, Bassett, Shelton, Wausa, Rushville and Laurel. The amounts run from small sums to some which will help a great deal. It is expected that Omaha and Lincoln subscriptions will run up to what is needed. Personal subscriptions are not coming in as fast as the committee would like, but it is believed that as the time approaches that there will be a more hearty response.

Campaign on Linseed Oil.
The next warfare started by Food Commissioner Harman will be on impure linseed oil. The commissioner has been preparing for the fight for some time and has made several tests of oil sent him for analysis.

The law in regard to oil is similar to that covering the marking of syrups, etc. Every receptacle containing linseed oil must bear a label showing the percentage of ingredients used in its manufacture with the name of the manufacturer on the holder.

A great deal of oil sold in Nebraska, according to a statement made by the commissioner, contains a greater or less percentage of petroleum. This prevents the oil from drying and is responsible for paint mixed with it peeling off after being applied for some time.

Three samples received from Stromsburg recently were tested and one of the three contained 45 per cent petroleum, the others were pure linseed oil. Commissioner Harman believes that a safe estimate of the linseed oil used in the state will show that three-fifths is impure and containing a percentage of petroleum sufficient to make it unfit for use.

He says he will be glad to analyze all samples sent him from anywhere in the state and give the sender the percentage of ingredients.

Ask For Large Reduction.
Five Lincoln banks and trust companies turned in the personal property schedules to the county this year, asking that deductions be made for an aggregate holding of \$211,592.72 in tax-free mortgages as investments of capital stock. The county assessor, following the advice of the state board of equalization, will not heed the plea but will assess the mortgages against the corporations when such represent investments of capital stock. If the supreme court refuses to grant a rehearing in the case where it held the deduction to be proper, the necessary changes will be made.

The amounts of tax-free mortgages, that is, mortgages wherein the mortgagor agrees to pay the tax thereon, are divided as follows: Lincoln Trust company, \$10,000.00; Nebraska State Bank, 42,300.00; First Savings Bank, 69,729.00; American Savings Bank, 36,569.00; Lincoln Safe Dep. Co., 53,063.72. One state bank, the German-American, does not show any investments of capital in these securities, it finding commercial paper and other liquid securities preferable. The national banks are not allowed to invest in mortgages.

Grain Men Make Room for New Crop.
Already the railroads are beginning to feel the effect of a probable big grain crop in Nebraska, the railway commission having received this early two complaints regarding inability to secure cars for the shipment of grain.

Recent reports show that there was a shortage of over eighty cars on the Nebraska division of the Rock Island. This complaint came from Representative Potts of Pawnee county, who desired to ship some corn.

The Baker White Pine Lumber company of Baker, Ore., owned by Fremont men, sustained a loss of \$40,000 by fire.

Orders Extra Precautions.
Lincoln.—Additional precautions should be taken for the operation of trains under the block system during severe weather, is the finding of the railway commission on the two wrecks which occurred on the Union Pacific last winter.

The commission further suggests that when an engineer or a station agent cannot see a block signal at 200 feet the train dispatcher should immediately be notified and the trains regulated under the manual system under his control.