

# 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.

### WASHINGTON.

According to State Geologist E. C. Allen of Michigan, that state may cease to be a coal producing state within fifteen years.

Red Cross officers are urging the senate appropriations committee to provide a Red Cross memorial building to the northern and southern women of the civil war.

The commission of five appointed by the French government to select a site at the Panama-Pacific exposition has been received by President Wilson and Secretary Bryan.

The revenue cutter Bear, at Unalaska, will search Alaskan waters for the missing schooner, Waap for the safety of whose crew and A. N. Evans, commissioner of education in Alaska, fear is felt.

Harvey S. Chase, the government's highest paid employe, has quit his job at \$50 a day. He is an expert accountant and has been engaged for last two years in revising the book-keeping methods of the Treasury department.

Samuel Gompers and Frank Morrison of the American Federation of Labor and the seven vice presidents composing the executive council have formally thanked President Wilson for his appointment of William B. Wilson as secretary of labor.

David Lamar, who figured in the congressional lobby investigation and later was indicted for impersonating congressman in telephone talks with prominent financiers, has been held by a United States commissioner for the action of the federal authorities in New York and admitted to \$3,000 bail.

The extent to which wireless telegraphy has been taken up by amateurs is disclosed in a list of radio stations in the United States just issued by the commerce department's bureau of navigation. Almost 1,300 amateurs had been granted licenses up to June 30.

Announcement that the Pennsylvania railroad proposed to dispose of its anthracite mining properties was pleasing to officials of the department of justice as being in conformity with the government's position that the coal-carrying railroads should be divorced from coal mining companies in the interest of competition.

The production of wheat in the principal countries of the world that raise it is estimated to be 4.1 per cent greater this year than last, the total production being estimated at 3,330,000,000 bushels, according to a cablegram to the department of agriculture from the International Institute of Agriculture at Rome.

Edward D. Hulbert of Chicago, practical banker and Prof. Irving Fisher of Yale university, expert of the theory of currency, endorsed the principles of the administration currency bill before the senate committee. Both, however proposed a number of amendments, designed to alter the proposed methods for carrying out the purposes of the measure.

The tariff bill is a completed document, except for the provision taxing trades in cotton futures. After more than two weeks of constant work behind closed doors the eight democrats representing the senate and house as members of the conference committee, settled the last of their other differences and reached the final decision that they could not agree on the cotton future tax.

### DOMESTIC.

W. J. Caughey, a justice of the peace in Henry county, Illinois, has tried only one case in twenty-one years of service, and then the penalty consisted of a \$1 fine.

What is said to be the largest shipment of corn received from South America for more than two years arrived in New York when a steamship put in with a cargo of 7,300 tons of shelled corn from Buenos Ayres.

A mob of citizens of Litchfield, state of Illinois, visited the county jail, overpowered the jailer, took Joe Richardson, a negro from his cell and hanged him to a tree in the public square. Richardson was charged with assaulting Reo Goff, eleven year old.

The first disorder in the Colorado coal miner's strike occurred when Camp Marshall Robert Lee, at Segundo, near Trinidad was shot and killed. According to information received the shooting was done by strikers.

A proposed memorial tower at San Antonio, Tex., will be 802 feet high.

James Fairlie of Des Moines, Ia., has been appointed actuary of the Illinois insurance department.

Thomas A. Edison is back at his shop at Orange, N. J., having recovered from the ill effects of his vacation.

Selma Shankland, aged 6 years, of Dawson, Ill., was probably fatally injured when the clapper of the school bell fell and struck him on the left temple.

The suffrage school, established in New York by Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, is drawing an increasing number of women students desirous of learning the noble art of speechmaking.

Advices to the railroads indicate that the range through western Nebraska and Wyoming is in the best condition in years, and that the ranchers are preparing to winter more cattle than ever before.

Spanish minister, Don Juan Blasco Ibañeta, as special representative of King Alfonso, stood by Lieutenant Governor Wallace of California when the latter dedicated a monument to Juan Cabrillo, the early Spanish navigator who discovered San Diego bay.

On October 13, 1913, will begin the registration at Valentine, Nebr., for the land that was the old military reservation where Fort Niobrara was located. The registration will continue till October 25, giving twelve days for the people wishing a chance at the land to register.

Deputy sheriffs from Birmingham and Montgomery and armed farmers of Tuscaloosa county have abandoned the search for the three men who held up and robbed the Alabama, Great Southern passenger train at Bibbville Siding, Alabama, and the case now is in the hands of the railroad officers.

Mrs. Marshall Holt of San Francisco, who has large land interests in California, and looks after them herself, was elected to a life membership in the Farmer's National congress in the final meeting of the 1913 convention at Plano, Ill., the first time that honor has ever been conferred upon a woman.

Urging women to work for what she calls "a political side wind," which she hopes will blow on votes for women, Mrs. Harriet Stanton Blatch, president of the women's political union, has sent letters to Mrs. Emma Smith Devoe, president of the league of women voters of Seattle, Wash., and the presidents of all the state republican women at ten suffrage states.

### FOREIGN.

An important deposit of uranium and pitchblend, from which radium is extracted, has been found on the German side of the Erzgebirge, a range of mountains between Saxonia and Bohemia. The deposit apparently is a prolongation of that on the Bohemian side.

The British treasury has received an unexpected windfall from the estate of the late Anthony Nicholas Brady of Albany, N. Y., who died in London in July and whose property in the United Kingdom has been valued for probate at \$6,577,640. Death duties amounting to \$1,050,000 will be paid over to David Lloyd George, chancellor of the exchequer.

The Balkan crisis is becoming more acute. It has been aggravated by the apparent determination of the young Turk military party to profit by the dissensions among the former allies. Turkey is reported to have called again to the colors, the Asia Minor conscript while an officer lately returned from Tripoli is said to be leading an uprising against Bulgaria in Thrace.

The French aviator, Moreau, won the Bonnet prize with his self-righting aeroplane. He flew for a half hour without touching the levers. A military aviator, Lieutenant Lafon, accompanied him as a passenger to verify the performance. A strong wind was blowing and the monoplane rolled and pitched in an ugly manner, but never failed to return automatically to a level keel.

A mutiny broke out in the ranks of a battalion of the royal Spanish guard at the moment the troops were leaving Algiers for the scene of fighting in Morocco. A number of the soldiers belonging to this, the most aristocratic regiment in Spain, refused to embark and resisted their officers. Fighting ensued in which one man, the standard-bearer of the regiment, was killed and several injured.

Queen Alexandra is the most expert photographer among royalists. She has some 10,000 photographs of her own taking, carefully described and numbered.

Wreckage which is supposed to be the remains of the Boussole, the vessel of the French explorer, Laperoche, which sailed on a voyage of discovery in the Pacific in 1788 and never returned, has been found buried in sand on the island of Vanikoro in the Pacific.

## DIAZ NOT RECALLED

ASSERTS WAR BUREAU HAS NOT SUMMONED HIM.

## MUCH GOSSIP IN WASHINGTON

Colonel La Fuente Has Been Nominated for the Presidency by the Liberals.

Washington.—Official Washington is gossiping about the reported recall to Mexico of General Porfirio Diaz. No tangible explanation was forthcoming here of the motive back of the summons.

One theory advanced was that Provisional President Huerta was endeavoring to demonstrate that tranquil conditions had returned. Another was that the former president of Mexico might throw his influence to secure the election of Frederico Gamboa. It was thought also that the return of Porfirio Diaz would ensure harmony among some factions.

**Says Not Recalled.**  
Blarritz, France.—General Porfirio Diaz, the ex-president of Mexico, declares that he has received no communication from the Mexican war department recalling him for service. He expressed the opinion that any report regarding his recall must have arisen through conflicting him with General Felix Diaz.

**Sends Message to Gamboa.**  
Paris.—General Felix Diaz sent a cable message to Senor Gamboa expressing his felicitations and compliments upon the nomination of Senor Gamboa to the presidency of Mexico by the Catholic party.

"Frederico Gamboa is an honest and sincere man," said General Diaz, "and should be elected, he would bring to the office the right spirit."  
"My friends have brought me forward, but I have not asked them to work hard for me. Should I be chosen, I will do all that I can to bring about order and justice in the country. My candidacy is that of a liberal with freedom of conscience in religion."

### Will Disregard Injunction.

Seattle, Wash.—Announcements were made at meetings of socialists, that injunctions forbidding street speaking issued by Superior Judge John E. Humphries would be set at naught in a campaign of open air addresses that the socialists declare they mean to inaugurate. The police took a hand in the controversy by arresting two socialist street speakers, Kate Salder and William McNally, both of whom were released under bonds of \$250 several days ago when they were arrested for contempt with a number of others who had signed a petition defying Superior Judge Humphries.

### Denver Wins Pennant.

Denver, Colo.—By defeating Des Moines, Denver won the pennant in the Western league for the third consecutive time. At no time during the season had Denver's lead been threatened seriously, it having been out of first place but a very few games at the beginning of the season. Des Moines was the closest contender for the pennant. Post-series games with the winner of the American association pennant are being negotiated for by the owners of the Denver club and either of the probable winners of the association pennant, to begin October 7.

### Baby Heir to \$15,000,000.

New York.—It was learned recently that a son had been born to Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm D. Whitman at their Fifth avenue residence. It was announced that both mother and child were doing "famously." The Whitman baby (he has not been named) will be heir to more than \$15,000,000.

### Bank Closes Doors.

Manchester, Ia.—The Dundee Savings bank of Dundee, Ia., has closed its doors. The institution is in the hands of state bank examiners. A. G. Warner is cashier of the defunct bank, the exact condition of the funds of which has not yet been announced by state officers.

A great fire occurred at Ordu, a port of Asia Minor on the Black sea. The market place and a thousand houses have been destroyed.

### Morgan Estate Pays Inheritance Tax.

Albany, N. Y.—State Comptroller Scher has received a check for \$2,500,000 in payment of the inheritance tax on a part of the estate of the late J. Pierpont Morgan.

### Cutting Short His Visit.

London.—King Constantine of Greece has made preparations to return to Athens. The Balkan situation is regarded by the Hellenic government as very disquieting. The king has decided to cut short his visit to the seaside resort of Eastbourne.

### Editor For Ambassador.

Washington.—H. M. Pindell, a newspaper editor of Peoria, Ill., is foremost among those being considered by President Wilson for ambassador to Russia.

## BRIEF NEWS OF NEBRASKA.

Efforts are being made to reorganize the Y. M. C. A. at Kearney.

A brass band of twenty pieces has been organized at Silver Creek. The great Ak-Sar-Ben festivities are in session at Omaha this week.

The recent aviation meet at Grand Island was not a success financially. The next M. E. conference will be held at Fremont in September, 1914.

One of the features of the Butler county fair was a "better babies" contest.

D. H. Weber of Shubert is shipping peaches from that place by parcel post.

All former records were broken by the Brown county fair at Albion last week.

Work is progressing on the reservoir of the city water works at Clay Center.

Petitions for a special election on waterworks bonds are in circulation at Bruning.

Theaters and moving picture houses of Omaha are to be rigidly regulated hereafter.

Harrison Claypool, who was killed by a train at Omaha, was buried at Beatrice last week.

Rev. John Cope, now at Adams, has accepted the pastorate of the Christian church at Tecumseh.

The seven for a quarter street car ticket ordinance at Omaha will be submitted to popular vote.

David Munsinger, 94 years old, was one of the liveliest "boys" on the grounds at the Albion fair.

At the primary election for postmaster at Exeter, D. Z. Kochendarfer was nominated by 242 votes.

The city of Fremont, one of the best baseball towns in the state, may not have a league team next season.

A country club has been organized at Madison, with a membership of over fifty representative citizens.

Friday, October 10th, 1913, has been designated by the department of Nebraska G. A. R. as Patriotic Day.

C. A. Hudnall, a farmer near Friend, is dead from injuries received when he was attacked by a vicious bull.

Henry Lueck, who was injured in a runaway at Nebraska City, is paralyzed and his recovery is doubtful.

John Fry of Foster was thrown from an automobile, alighting on his head, and sustained concussion of the brain.

The Farmers' Mutual Insurance company of Scottsbluff has filed incorporation papers with the secretary of state.

Work on the historic floats for use in the German day parade at Lincoln is under way. They are to be far more elaborate than in any former year.

Charles Hickey, a very fleshy man, is dead from heart failure, resulting from the excitement of a ball game at Johnson.

Superior will have a fall festival and exposition during the week of October 6, under management of the fire department.

Cleve Harber, aged 35, committed suicide at Belwood by shooting himself through the head with a 38-caliber revolver.

The Sunset social, an annual event in York, will be held this year on October 2, next. As usual the affair will be held in the Methodist church.

The thirty-ninth annual convention of the state Womans' Christian Temperance union is in session at the First Congregational church in Fremont.

Mrs. A. J. Doll of Omaha is investigating the circumstances surrounding the death of her husband, who committed suicide at the Salvation Army headquarters in Beatrice last April.

Civil service examinations will be held November 8 at Hemingford for postmaster at Canton, and at Louisville for postmaster at South Bend, Neb.

Henry C. Richmond, editor of the Nebraskan at Omaha, is recovering from an attack of blood poisoning which developed after getting his hand mangled in an electric fan.

Contracts have been let for a number of residences of building blocks at Aurora.

A crack in the ground three feet deep, a foot wide and fifteen or twenty rods long formed in an old alfalfa field immediately after a heavy rain on the farm of A. P. Hough near Hampton.

State Superintendent Delzell has gone to Chadron to select a site for a \$25,000 building to be constructed on the normal school grounds for use as a dormitory. He will be accompanied by A. H. Viele of Norfolk, also a member of the state normal board.

Roy Holstein, a ball player at Stanton, was seriously wounded when a revolver he was examining exploded.

Milton Carnahan of Pawnee City is in a Lincoln hospital recovering from the effects of an almost fatal dose of strychnine from which he was found suffering in a room at a hotel.

Fred C. Lewis, driving an automobile from Powell to Fairbury, drove the machine over a large bullsnake, which wound itself around the rear wheels in such a manner that the car was stopped. It took nearly an hour to disentangle the snake from the wheel.

Deweese wants to incorporate and assume village government.

George W. Kline of the publicity bureau of the state board of agriculture has been appointed editor of the Nebraska Farm Journal at Omaha.

The committee in charge of the German day celebration at Lincoln, October 15 and 16, anticipate a larger attendance than ever before in its history.

A movement has started at Firth towards the organization of a brass band. Officers have been elected and twenty-four members will begin practice shortly.

## RATES ARE REDUCED

APPLE SHIPPERS SECURE REDUCTION IN RATES.

## GOSSIP FROM STATE CAPITAL

Items of Interest Gathered from Reliable Sources and Presented in Condensed Form to Our Readers.

The order of the railway commission establishing a distance tariff rate for the shipment of fruit in Nebraska is in most respects all that the growers and shippers of apples in the eastern part of the state asked for. Representative O. A. Corbin of Vesta filed the complaint on which the commission based its order. The new rates will go into effect October 23.

The reduction ranges from 10 to 50 per cent, the greater reduction being on long distances. In one instance, the rate on apples in bulk from Nehawka to Lincoln will be increased from 5.95 cents per hundred to 7 cents per hundred. As six months' storage in transit is given without charge, this increase for a short haul will not materially affect shipments. From most of the apple growing counties in the southeastern part of the state the rate to Lincoln is lower than formerly. From Julian to Crawford, in the extreme northwestern part of the state, the old rate of 42.5 cents per hundred is reduced to 27.15 cents. The reduction on peaches is very great.

### Electrocution for Death Penalty.

"Hanging by the neck until dead" as the penalty for capital crimes in Nebraska will pass out of existence on October 1, and the more modern method of putting to death by electrocution will take its place. This change is provided for in the Reuter act passed by the legislature of 1913. This is the only law enacted by the recent legislature which has not yet become effective. Other measures which did not have the emergency clause went into force July 17, but the Reuter law, by its own terms, postponed the time of its operation until October 1. It was specifically provided that any crime occurring before that date should be punishable under the old law.

### Must Be Full Weight.

Barrels of flour in the future must contain 196 pounds net and sacks of the product must weigh out forty-eight pounds net, according to the new weights and measures enactment which the state food commission is just beginning to enforce. Anything under those amounts will be put off sale by food inspectors. Cornmeal, too, must weigh out at forty-eight, twenty-four and twelve pounds, respectively, for the bushel, half bushel and fourth bushel sacks. These provisions will be applicable to all merchants of the state without regard to any contracts or agreement that might have been made by millers and wholesalers.

### Confined on Account of Threat.

Chaplain P. C. Johnson of the penitentiary, in explanation of the punishment of convict St. Clair, said that St. Clair was not confined in his cell because he refused to attend church, but because he had made a threat. Mr. Johnson said that St. Clair made the remark that the officials of the institution would have another Prince on their hands and that they had better get their gallows in order. For this remark, and not because he refused to attend chapel, he is confined. Previous to his remark he had only been confined during chapel services for non-attendance at chapel.

### The state railway commission held

a session with railroad freight agents and A. F. Stryker, attorney for the South Omaha Live Stock Exchange, in regard to rules of railroads for the shipment of mixed lots of live stock. The South Omaha attorney is contending for rules which will permit the shipment of live stock without burdensome charges. The Burlington was represented by H. H. Holcomb, general freight agent, and W. H. Jones, division freight agent and passenger agent.

### Chief Range Officer.

Maj. J. M. Birkner has been designated as chief range officer for the state shoot to be held by selected teams of the Nebraska national guard, on the government range near Plattsmouth, October 6 to 11. Captain Kesterson of Lincoln and Captain Lloyd of Omaha, small arms inspectors for the two regiments, will assist him. Four lieutenants will be assigned from each regiment as other assistants. Two of them are Lieutenants Cruncleton of Beatrice and Lieutenant Brown of Hastings.

### Net returns from the Nebraska state

fair this year will be about \$2,000, according to Secretary W. R. Mellor of the state board of agriculture. The entire receipts are in the neighborhood of \$82,000.

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reward of \$200 for the arrest of the person who murdered John J. Johnson at Ashland. The murdered man is supposed to have had \$150 in his pocket when he was killed. He was known as "Dutch John" and worked at the Swift ice house at Ashland.

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chosen by the state normal board as head of the department of education in the Kearney state normal school in place of Professor Flesham, who resigned to accept a higher salary at West Chester, Pa.

## NEWS FROM STATE HOUSE

Members of the state board of health have announced the appointment of Dr. William Wild of Chicago as director of the state bacteriological and pathological laboratory.

Johnson county, which has a debt of \$12,466 standing against it for unpaid assessments for the insane fund, has remitted \$1,900. The sum was all that could be spared at this time, according to the commissioners.

Chancellor Avery has announced that registration reports at hand show a total in the neighborhood of 1,150 students, or just eight students ahead of last year's figures at the close of office hours on Monday.

The printing of 250,000 manila envelopes to be mailed to voters to inform them of the different referendum measures pending next year will cost the state \$380.60. A contract has been awarded by the state printing bureau.

Copies of the senate journal of the last session have made their appearance in the state house. The books contain 1,306 pages, being greater in size than the records of any other upper house that has sought to take part in the activities of a session.

Members of the state board of agriculture have not received the resignation of State Publicity Manager George Kline, who is said to have been offered the position of editor of the Nebraska Farm Journal at Omaha. Mr. Kline is at present in Wisconsin on a vacation.

The board of educational lands and funds opened bids Wednesday on a two-story building with basement to be constructed on the state fair grounds as a storage house for the Nebraska national guard. The basement of the state house is now used as a storehouse.

The state board of control has decided to bore a third well at the penitentiary for the purpose of saving fuel in the matter of pumping. A test of two two wells showed plenty of water. The Kearney normal fall term registration opened Tuesday morning and a slight falling off in the enrollment was perceptible. This is attributed to the general failure of crops in that portion of the state.

Recommendation that the state establish a forestry department and that this line be given special attention at the next legislative session, is made in the report of the forestry commission, filed with Governor Morehead by Chairman Carl Rohde of that body. The commission approves the trading of state school lands for forest reserve lands and sets out its interest in having Senator Hitchcock present this matter to the federal land authorities at Washington.

Chief Deputy Fire Commissioner Ridgell wants all Nebraskans to be sure that their chimneys and flues are in a good condition before they start their fire this fall, and he has issued a warning urging that inspections be made in time to prevent loss by flames. His department will insist on metal boards being placed under stoves. Last winter 150 fires, he says, were caused in the state by the lack of incombustible material under the stoves.

State Superintendent Delzell has returned from Chadron, where he and A. H. Viele of Norfolk, member of the state normal board, selected a site for a \$25,000 dormitory. The site chosen is 180 feet east of the main normal school building, and the front of the dormitory will be on a line with the rear line of the main building. The dormitory will face north, the same as the other buildings. The campus on which the dormitory is to be built contains eighty acres.

The material for a passenger elevator in the state house has arrived and workmen have started construction. The old car, which was used more than twenty years ago, will be equipped with electric lights and electric power and new cables and runways will be put in the shaft. There are two old shafts in the state house, but only one will be refitted for use. The eighteen rooms being fitted up in the fourth floor of the attic will be ready for use within one week.

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