

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 R. C. Allen of Michigan, that state may cease to be a coal producing state within fifteen years.

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.

President Wilson's family will cross the "summer white house" at Cornish on October 15 and return to Washington. Had the currency situation been less acute, Mrs. Wilson and her daughters would have remained here until later, being joined by the president for a brief vacation.

Fatalities in the coal mines of the United States during the first seven months of the year numbered 1,437, as compared with 1,419 in the same period last year, according to reports to the bureau of mines.

Argentina is about to secure the services of two agricultural experts from this country. They are Dr. A. D. Melvin, who has been chief of the bureau of animal industry since 1905, and Willet M. Hays, former assistant of agriculture.

On the heels of the failure of congress to legislate in the tariff bill to prevent gambling in cotton futures, Representative Harrison of Mississippi introduced a resolution providing for an international campaign against such speculation.

Secretary McAdoo has called a conference of collectors of customs to be held at New York beginning November 3, to consider improved methods in customs administration. In the interest of economy and efficiency it is expected that the conference will recommend sweeping reforms.

From the north and from the south Secretary McAdoo received contributions to the federal treasury from conscientious citizens. An unknown resident of Portsmouth, N. H., sent \$1, which he said he "thought" he owed the United States, and a citizen of Birmingham, Ala., anonymously likewise contributed \$319.

Surrounded by the leaders of a united democracy, President Wilson signed the Underwood-Simmons tariff bill. Simultaneously telegrams were sent to customs collectors throughout the country by the treasury department, putting into actual operation the first democratic tariff revision since 1894.

Democrats of the senate wrote into the urgent deficiency appropriation bill a provision exempting from the classified civil service all deputy United States internal revenue collectors and all deputy marshals. The republicans have denounced the provision as "an outrage on the civil service system."

President Wilson has removed Judge Cornelius D. Murane, United States district judge at Nome, Alaska. Attorney General McReynolds, by direction of the president, requested the resignation of Judge Murane several weeks ago and the latter refused to resign until next June. This resulted in the president's summary action.

DOMESTIC.

The price of all standard grades of granulated sugar has been reduced 35 points and is now 4.45 points per pound.

Walter Johnson, who is leading all pitchers in the major leagues has signed a contract with Manager Griffith of the Washington team for the 1914 season. The salary was not announced, but it is understood to be \$12,500.

Miss Harriet Otis Croft, a Boston bachelor maid who died abroad last summer left one of a \$1,000,000 estate to public charities in her native city.

Six dynamite bombs were thrown into the stockade surrounding the Mitchell mine company's property near Lafayette, Colo. The bombs struck the rear of a company boarding house, demolishing it.

While her two husbands are warring in the Los Angeles probate court over the \$7,000,000 estate of Mrs. Arcadia De Baker, who died several months ago, a grandniece Mrs. Arcadia Bandini Brennan, filed a suit claiming that all other claimants be enjoined from asserting any right to it.

After a rifle battle with several citizens recently a band of robbers, who had looted the vaults in the First State bank at Dardanelle, Ark., escaped. Their loot amounted to several thousand dollars.

Minneapolis now has a 70-cent rate on gas.

Twelve thousand street signs of an ornamented bracket pattern are lying at street intersections in Chicago.

Mrs. Anna M. Bruen, aged 91, has taugh in Sunday school in Belvidero, N. J., seventy-eight years and is still at it.

A medal which was lost July 4, 1863, on the battlefield of Gettysburg has just been returned to its owner, John Earley, of Nashua, N. Y., a veteran of the Tenth New Hampshire volunteers.

Fire broke out in Plymouth church, Brooklyn, causing \$5,000 damage. The church is one of the most famous in greater New York and its pulpit was once occupied by Henry Ward Beecher.

Albert Chittenden of Marion, Ky., while hunting recently found a purse containing bills which he lost two and a half years ago. The bills were almost decayed and hardly lasted long enough to be redeemed by the United States treasury office.

F. W. Felton of Topeka won first prize in the embroidery contest at the Kansas state fair. Pieces of exquisite needlework were entered in the contest by 1,073 women, but Mr. Felton's dainty centerpiece won the favor of all the judges.

A cable message from London reports that the Pacific mail liner Manchuria, returning from the orient to San Francisco, put into Hong Kong slightly damaged by fire which broke out in the hold shortly after leaving Nagasaki September 30.

Mine guards and other employees of the Ammeek mining company, a subsidiary of the Calumet and Hecla in the Keweenaw county copper strike district, may no longer carry concealed weapons. The blanket license issued by the county authorities giving that right to the company has been revoked.

Miss Clara E. Laughlin, the American novelist, says that American women can not conceive of the English working women. The shop girls, for instance, lodged by their employers, are herded like sheep and fed the poorest food. The American girls would not tolerate such conditions, she says.

Mrs. G. H. Foss, aged 45 of Palo Alto, Cal., who has refused food sixty-one days and has lived on a water diet during that time, continues to resist all efforts to administer sustenance. The physicians ascribe her acts to melancholia and predict her death in a short time. Mrs. Foss has become greatly emaciated.

An increase in crime in Boston is shown by the estimate of a new record in the number of cases handled by the municipal court in a year. For the year ended September 30 the total was 50,290, as compared with 46,700 in the previous year. The increase was most marked in drunkenness and automobile law violations.

Amalgamation of all the temperance forces of the country into one organization, an educational campaign and a campaign for constitutional prohibition are the chief aims set forth in the formal call issued by the council of one hundred for the meeting of the temperance forces in national convention in Columbus, Ohio on November 14.

FOREIGN.

Absolutely no damage was done to the structures of the Panama canal by the earthquake which occurred in the canal zone recently.

A sound-proof house in Berlin has fifty rooms, and a musician may practice in any one of them without interfering with his neighbor.

Prince Louis Philippe, duke of Orleans, and pretender to the French throne is travelling incognito under the title of the Count De Villiers.

The Canadian cabinet is expected to take up the question of admitting grain from the United States free of duty at the session of Parliament which opens early in January.

Russian figures place the average number of occupants of a house at eight in London, forty-eight in Vienna, fifty in Berlin and fifty-two in Moscow and St. Petersburg.

An utter deadlock apparently existed in the negotiations for placing Prince Ernest August of Cumberland and his bride, Princess Victoria Louise of Prussia on the throne of Brunswick, and the Emperor William may be disappointed in his hope of seeing his only daughter the wife of a reigning sovereign.

King Gustav of Sweden is suffering from the effects of an operation for appendicitis performed in 1910 and has been obliged to take to his bed at Skarsbojoe castle to undergo special treatment.

The health of Princess Augustine Victoria of Hohenzollern wife of Former King Manuel of Portugal, is improving so rapidly that she and her husband will soon be able to undertake the journey to Sigmaringen and London, planned before her illness.

PREDICT EARLY END

MEXICAN OFFICIALS HOPEFUL OF WAR'S END.

ELECTION MAY BE POSTPONED

Bill Has Been Introduced in Chamber of Deputies, But Does Not OF TERMINATING WAR.

Mexico City, Mex.—Government officials regard the federal successes in the last week as "a deathblow to the organized revolution in the north." The defeat of the rebels at Santa Posalia appears to be confirmed. Advice from General Samuel E. Mercado, military governor of the state of Chihuahua to the department of the interior, describes the result as a rout of the enemy.

Several thousand men were said to be engaged at Santa Posalia, and fighting had been in progress for a week.

This victory, together with the occupation by General Maas of Sabinas on his march to Piedras Negras, has greatly encouraged the war department officials.

Tezuitlan, in the state of Puebla, still is besieged by the Indians, but foreigners and non-combatants have been allowed to leave the town, reaching Puebla safely under federal escort.

Raiding, pillaging and burning of ranches continue in various parts of Puebla and Morelos. The efforts of the rebels in San Luis Potosi, Coahuila and Neuvoleon are confirmed to the cutting of railroads and the raiding of small towns.

Frederico Gamboa, the nominee of the Catholic party for the presidency, Manuel Calero, the liberal candidate and followers of General Felix Diaz are pushing the work of organization for the elections on October 26. The bill for the postponement of the elections, however, is due to come before the chamber of deputies this week. The question of the constitutionality of the measure is said to have created a division of committee, to which it was referred recently upon its introduction in the chamber. In political circles the defeat of the measure is regarded as likely.

To Reopen Negotiations.

Tokio.—The newspaper Jiji Shimpo says that negotiations shortly are to be reopened with the United States in the matter of the California alien land act.

"Japan," says the paper, "desiring to reach a fundamental solution of the California question and finding the acquisition of naturalization for Japanese in California most difficult, is about to propose a new treaty with the United States. Formal negotiations, which have been delayed on account of Washington's preoccupation with the Mexican trouble and the tariff bill, will be begun at an early date."

Sulzer Counsel Will Proceed.

Albany, N. Y.—Out of the mass of rumors, denials and contradictions regarding the Sulzer impeachment trial there came this one confirmed piece of news—counsel for the governor will be ready to proceed with their case when court convenes. No further adjournment will be asked, Senator Harvey D. Hinman will make the opening statement and, perhaps, the first witness, Louis A. Sarecky, the governor's former campaign secretary, will be called before court adjourns. A final conference between the governor and his counsel was held. No information about what took place was given out.

Socialists Vote to Defy Court.

Seattle, Wash.—The state executive committee of the socialist party met and decided to violate the injunction of Superior Judge E. Humphries, forbidding speaking on Pike-West Lake square; appointed a manager to handle the campaign and appropriated money to carry it on. It was stated that several meetings would be held in the forbidden square.

Diaz Will Return.

Biarritz.—General Porfirio Diaz, ex-president of Mexico, is still at Biarritz. It is stated that he probably would return to Mexico towards the end of the month. Recently he was summoned home by the Mexican War department for service in the army.

Fliers With Head Downward.

Lille, France.—Lieutenant Poulet, of the French army flying corps followed the example of the airmen Peugeot by flying head downward for several seconds in his aeroplane.

Powder House is Blown Up.

Trinidad, Col.—The powder house of the Primrose mine at Rugby, thirty miles north of here, in Huerafano county, the southern coal fields strike district, was blown up, according to a meager report that reached here. No fatalities are given.

Admiral Soon to Retire.

Washington.—Rear Admiral Aaron Ward, at present on duty as supervisor of the port of New York, was detached from duty and ordered home, preliminary to his retirement.

NEWS FROM STATE HOUSE

Forty-seven girls are enrolled in the physical education department of the state university this year, an increase of twenty-one over last year's enrollment.

Joseph Roberts of Fremont, first vice-president of the state board of agriculture, will succeed the late T. W. Haws of Minden as president of that body.

Thomas Riley of Omaha has been appointed by the governor as state bank examiner, succeeding Eugene Moore of St. Paul, who resigned some time ago.

Dirt will fly, weeds will fall and culverts will be leveled to the earth, or the earth will be brought up to the culverts October 9 and 10 if half the men turn out who have promised to observe Governor Morehead's good roads proclamation.

The state's motion for a rehearing in the William Flege case was overruled by the supreme court and the suit will again be tried in the lower court, making a third trial for the defendant, who was once sentenced to life imprisonment for the killing of his sister on a Dixon county farm.

The opening of the butterine season was signalized Wednesday by the application of eighty-one firms for the food commissioner's permission to sell that product in this state. Previously about 200 firms had been granted the same privilege under the existing law. Total receipts from this class of permits have amounted to \$2,607 since July 1.

Building and loan associations of Nebraska are in flourishing condition, according to the annual summary of their business made by the state banking department from reports it has gathered. Their assets under date of June 30, 1913, are shown to be in the neighborhood of \$33,000,000, the gain being almost \$4,000,000 over the previous year.

Internal Revenue Collector Ross L. Hammond has made an estimate of the number of incomes in Nebraska that will come within the provisions of the income tax law. He puts the number between 5,000 and 6,000. To come within the law an income must be \$3,000, with a possible allowance of an additional \$2,000 for a wife and two dependent children.

The monument marking the Oregon trail at the point where the trail entered the state of Nebraska will be formally dedicated soon, though the date has not been set since it was postponed on account of the weather. The location of the monument is two miles west of the town of Lanham, Nebraska, at the point where the line between Jefferson and Gage counties intersects the Kansas state line.

Nebraska wheat has found a new output for milling purposes. Owing to its excellence, for several years it has been a favorite grain with the Minnesota millers, where it has been mixed with the northern wheat, making the best flour in the world. Now Nebraska wheat is going to Kansas, where, by the millers of that state, it is being mixed with the softer wheat grown there, thus grading it up and making a superior quality of flour.

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.

The state food, drug, dairy and oil commission, under the supervision of Commissioner Harman, made 1,743 inspections during the month of August. It also issued 354 sanitary orders, filed nineteen complaints, conducted two prosecutions and made 196 chemical analyses. The collections of the department for the month aggregated \$7,721.62. Of that amount \$5,883.43 was for oil, \$599.67 for permits issued, \$245.70 for stock food tags, and \$450 for seed analyses.

To inaugurate the initiative and referendum in Nebraska next year will cost the state not less than \$15,000, and possibly as high as \$25,000. The expense cannot be accurately estimated until it is known how many propositions will be submitted and voted upon, but if only the three or four now in sight are placed before the voters it will entail a minimum outlay of \$15,000 from the state treasury.

The village of Sprague has been incorporated.

Governor Morehead addressed the convicts at the state penitentiary at chapel service, Sunday. He talked on good citizenship and delivered a message of hope to the men who will have to make a new start in life on leaving the prison walls.

National guardsmen who are to compete in the state rifle shoot to be held on the government range at Plattsmouth will report to the officer in charge during the forenoon of October 6, according to orders issued by General Hall.

STANDS HOT WINDS

WILL WITHSTAND HOT WINDS AND DROUTH.

GOSSIP FROM STATE CAPITAL

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

Discovery of corn that will withstand hot winds and grow despite of drouth is believed to have been made by Curator M. R. Gilmore of the state museum as a result of experiments conducted on the advice of an Indian tribe which formerly lived in this state. The seeds for the corn were sent to Mr. Gilmore by Sitting Bear of the Arikara tribe, now in Wisconsin. The local man planted the corn in June and left it to its own resources. There were no rains to help it along in its growth, but while plants and vegetables around it were withering up this corn flourished and ripened. Its hardness and tendency to grow without moisture and general adaptability to Nebraska conditions as prevailed in many sections during the season just closing, are looked upon as points that will commend it to the average Nebraska farmer. Federal corn experts have become interested in the plant and state authorities will also look into the matter. It is likely that a bulletin will be put out on the subject within a short time.

Marked Success of Dairy Train.

Nothing in the way of a promotion and educational train has ever traveled over Nebraska with such marked success as the state dairy train. The train has taken to the people of northern and western Nebraska practical illustrations of the possibilities of farm development, and increase in farm profits to come through increased milk and dairy production. In the two weeks that the train has been on the road fully 40,000 farmers have heard the practical lecture talks, have seen the cow demonstrations, have passed through the exhibit cars and returned to their farms with new and practical ideas, not given them in the spirit of dictation or interference, but simply given them as the results of practical experience in other places and showing the practical way to work out problems in the dairy interests at their own homes.

Tuberculosis in State Cattle.

Dr. Kigin, state veterinarian, has completed an inspection and test of dairy cattle at the Hastings asylum for tuberculosis. He found forty-seven tuberculars out of 120 head tested. In order to demonstrate the ravages of tuberculosis he dissected the carcass of one animal, which proved to be affected throughout the entire system. The animals that show signs of the disease will be sold subject to inspection, after they are slaughtered. Where the disease is found the meat is approved for sale as food. Dr. Kigin reports the stable at the Hastings asylum in very poor condition from a sanitary standpoint. It is poorly lighted and badly ventilated and has been crowded most of the time. He heartily approves the plan of the board of control to build a new up-to-date sanitary dairy barn. Dr. Kigin killed two more glandered horses at Minden. Five were killed there recently, but he does not expect the disease to appear again in the same locality.

Must Not Overtest Cream.

If a buyer of cream desires to raise his price and outbid a rival for business he will in the future be compelled to openly announce that he will pay more than his competitors instead of trying to get business by over-testing cream and in this manner pay more than his rival and at the same time make producers believe his rival is making an unfair test. It is against the state law to overtest or to under-test cream bought for commercial purposes. This law is upheld by a decision given by the supreme court in the case of the State vs. Thorp, from Cuming county. Another result of the decision is that Nels F. Hansen of Lincoln, formerly state food commissioner, will not have to pay \$50,000 damages to Thorp.

What is believed to be the shortest brief on record has just been filed by Assistant Attorney General Edgerton in a case before the Nebraska supreme court. The brief contains twenty-three lines, not counting signatures and the date line.

A quarterly magazine will be published by the Mississippi Valley Historical society, the first issue to appear in December. The Nebraska Historical society is one of the guarantors of the magazine and Secretary Paine is its secretary-treasurer.

Bank Deposits Reach High Mark.

Nebraska state bank deposits reached the highest amount ever before known in Nebraska during the quarter ending August 26, according to the consolidated report of the state banks, just compiled by the state banking board. The total is \$94,194,168.83 or an increase of \$6,603,716.45 over that of the previous quarter. The total number of depositors was 290,379. The number of banks reporting is 710, with deposits of \$94,194,168.83, and an average reserve of 30 per cent. Loans have increased \$7,824,000.

BRIEF NEWS OF NEBRASKA.

Diller boasts of having the best roads in the state.

The magnificent \$30,000 athletic park at Beatrice was dedicated last week.

York will compel infractors of the city ordinances to work on the streets hereafter.

The State band of Lincoln will furnish music for the Seward festival, October 8.

J. W. Dodd, a Fairbury laborer, fell while pushing a wheelbarrow and bit off his tongue.

Mrs. R. J. Woodworth of Wahoo suffered a broken wrist when she fell off the porch at her home.

Miss Alice Cleaver of Falls City is soon to start for Paris to spend the year studying painting.

Marie Strauch, three years old, was burned to death at Lincoln when her clothing caught on fire.

Rolland Scott, of Alliance, suffered a broken limb in a football practice game at Hastings college.

Thomas O'Gorman, coroner of Hall county, was fatally injured in an auto accident near Wood River.

J. L. Slocum has sold the apples in his twenty-acre orchard near Shubert to St. Joseph buyers for \$1,700.

Mrs. Mary Flynn, 81 years old, was found dead in bed at Seward by relatives who had called to visit her.

The Iowa-Nebraska Public Service corporation at Norfolk has been adjudged a bankrupt in federal court.

Frank Worthington, a Beatrice boy, was killed at a fire at Billings, Mont., by being run over by a hose truck.

Attorney Henry Nunn of St. Paul, who accidentally shot himself in the foot while hunting, died from blood poisoning.

Prizes of \$30, \$20 and \$10 are offered at the German day celebration at Lincoln for out-of-town clubs marching in the parade.

James Bratunek found a wallet containing \$900 on a Union Pacific train near Grand Island. It belonged to a cigar man.

One hundred out of a herd of 300 sheep owned by John Weinert, a Richardson county farmer, were poisoned by corn fodder.

A musical festival will be held in Seward, October 8, under the direction of the commercial club and business men's association.

The commercial lighting ordinance was passed by the Lincoln city commission without a dissenting vote and without comment.

The splendid new St. Libory Catholic church, costing \$65,000, is nearing completion and will be dedicated some time in November.

A vicious dog attacked a six-year-old girl at Fairbury, and tore several bad gashes in her face and arms before it was beaten off.

Many of the Nebraska booster editions issued throughout the state were a credit to the publishers and the offices putting them out.

James Weeks accidentally shot off two of his fingers and a portion of his left hand while hunting ducks on the Elkhorn river near Neligh.

Frank Manley, a conductor on the Union Pacific, was held up in the residence portion of Grand Island and relieved of a diamond ring.

Probably the oldest man in the state is Thomas Morris of Custer county, who was born at Berrew, North Wales, in 1794, nearly 120 years ago.

Bert Marts, the Rock Island brakeman who was shot and killed by a tramp at Limon, Colo., was a Falls City boy, the son of Sam Marts, the chief of police in that city.

Abraham Nichols, a peddler, was instantly killed Wednesday morning when a Burlington passenger train struck his buggy at the main crossing of Burnham, near Lincoln.

Sylvia Kramer of Syracuse was probably fatally burned and the family home demolished by the explosion of a gasoline lighting plant resulting from a visit to the cellar with a lighted lantern.

William F. Kelley, a Lincoln attorney, has been appointed confidential secretary to Secretary of State Bryan, and has gone to Washington to assume his duties.

The dedication ceremonies for the Oregon trail monument located on the Kansas-Nebraska state line, near Lanham, have been indefinitely postponed owing to weather conditions.

Harvey Livingston, a Lincoln boy, was badly wounded on a hunting trip Sunday when a shotgun was accidentally discharged by a companion, the load taking effect three inches above the knee.

Many farmers in Hall county are putting in small irrigation plants of their own, using large wells supplied with centrifugal pumps and diking the fields.

Members of the cadet band of the Omaha high school are on strike on account of the efforts of four colored boys to become members of the organization.

The last Sunday in October was designated "Wesleyan University day" by the M. E. conference, and collections for the support of the college will be taken in all Nebraska churches that day.

Mrs. Grant Willoughby, living near Fairbury, was thrown from a buggy in a runaway and received injuries that may result fatally.

Mrs. Maggie Johnson, wife of the man whose dismembered body was found in Salt creek at Ashland a week ago, is under arrest charged with the crime.

A. A. Lash, who owns a large apple orchard near Weeping Water, is making preparations to harvest what will be one of the largest and best crops ever produced in the orchard. His estimate on the yield is 8,000 to 10,000 bushels.