

FROM MANY POINTS

EVENTS OF THE DAY HELD TO A FEW LINES.

LATE EVENTS BOILED DOWN

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

WASHINGTON.

A prohibition amendment to the constitution has been offered in the senate.

The president is studying the question of government ownership of telegraphs and telephones.

Representative Kinkaid of New Jersey has introduced a bill to make mountain laurel the national flower.

Phymaster General Cowle has told a committee it would require \$7,713,954 to feed the enlisted men of the navy the coming year.

The house has passed the bill to appropriate one year's salary of \$14,000 to the widow of Lieutenant David D. Gallard, Panama canal commissioner.

Representative Fordney of Michigan has introduced a bill to appropriate \$2,000 each for portraits of Speaker Clark and former Speaker Cannon.

Chief Forester Graves has asked for an additional appropriation of \$140,000 for extra rangers for the summer months when forest fires are prevalent.

The average pay of every man, woman and child in the United States who works for wages or a salary will this year be close to \$610. In 1900 the average pay was only \$479, and thirty years before that but \$370.

Representative Steenerson of Minnesota, before interstate commerce committee, urged legislation to prohibit postal transmission of newspapers and periodicals publishing advertisements of falsely represented articles.

Postmaster General Burleson's proposals to increase the weight limits of parcel post packages in the first and second zones from twenty to fifty pounds, to admit books to the parcel post and to reduce rates in the third, fourth, fifth and sixth zones were approved by the interstate commerce commission.

In order to facilitate the handling of bulky parcels during the holiday season, Fourth Assistant Postmaster General Ekleskiee authorized postmasters at second class postoffices, having both city and rural delivery service, to use rural carriers in the delivery of parcel post mail within city limits wherever possible.

Secretary of War Garrison told the house committee on military affairs that the total authorized strength of the army was 85,000 against a total population of 100,000,000 people under the American flag, and that he could not see how the government could get along with less than that number of soldiers in times of peace.

Amendments to the interstate commerce law, prepared by the Live Stock exchange of Kansas City, after consultation with other similar bodies, were proposed by the house of representatives by Representative Boreland of Missouri. They would make it unlawful for railroads to limit the time for filing claims for live stock and have United States courts take jurisdiction of interstate commerce cases only where \$2,000 or more was claimed.

DOMESTIC.

New York has bought and will maintain as a museum of relics of the poet the cottage in that city once the home of Edgar Allen Poe.

In order to cater to his readers, who are of many different nationalities, A. H. Senko, editor of the Slavish Daily in Gary, Ind., is planning to publish it in six different languages.

The Brazos flood, the crest of which was passing Columbia, in Brazoria county, threatened to sweep 300 refugees who had found shelter in box cars, out into the Gulf of Mexico. They were saved from that peril by a special train sent from here which removed them to safety.

Ben F. Moffatt, a promoter of Chicago was fined \$1,000 and sentenced to one year and a day in the federal prison at Leavenworth, Kan., by the United States district court at St. Louis.

Bankers of Nebraska and other business interests that are giving their support to the propaganda for better agricultural methods in Nebraska, will try to raise \$25,000 a year for two years to help pay the expenses of farm demonstrators in counties welcoming them.

Cruelty to animals by vivisection and needless infliction of pain in any other form were denounced at the opening session at Washington of the International Anti-Vivisection and Animal Protective congress.

Denver is debating the appointment of policewomen.

Approximately 333,000 people are employed in the cotton, wood and silk industries in this country.

Adoption of resolutions calling upon congress to appoint a joint committee to investigate vivisection and various other forms of cruelty to animals brought to a conclusion the annual meeting of the International Anti-Vivisection and Animal Protection congress.

The eighteenth annual convention of the Grain Dealer's National association will be held in Kansas City, Mo., in October, 1914. The association includes in its membership representative grain dealers of Canada and some of the South American republics.

There are now about forty "psychological clinics" in the United States, according to Dr. J. E. Wallin of the University of Pittsburgh. The first of such clinics, for the purpose of studying and classifying mentally unusual children, was established in the University of Pennsylvania in 1898.

Vesting of authority to pass on the issue of railway securities in the federal interstate commerce commission, rather than in state commissions, was urged as a means of restoring financial health to railways by Governor James M. Cox of Ohio in an address at New York recently before the Railway Business association.

A whirlwind of fire, bursting from a partly drilled oil well, blew five drillers into the air at Taft, Cal., and scattered their tortured bodies about like chips. All are in a hospital, critically injured. F. L. Brittain the man worst hurt, has no ears or finger nails and his face and hands are frightfully seared.

Officers and directors of the Roseville Trust company of Newark, N. J., wrecked to the extent of \$200,000, and even depositors who knowingly and persistently overdraw their accounts, may be indicted by the Essex county grand jury under the ruling by Chief Justice Gummere of the state supreme court.

Warrants for the arrest of the United Mine Workers' officers and members indicted by the federal grand jury at Pueblo have been placed in the hands of United States Deputy Marshal Dewey C. Bailey at Denver. Mr. Bailey said that the warrants would be served as soon as the usual clerical formalities were gone through.

The city of Denver has joined with the street railway company and retail coal dealers to relieve a threatened coal famine. A section of the company's franchise forbidding it from carrying freight was rescinded and coal will be carried on flat cars to central depots in the residence districts, from where citizens will haul it to their homes.

Labor organizations are allowed to exist in the United States, yet the right of coalition, union and free speech, is denied them under the Sherman anti-trust law. Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, asserted in an address at the fourteenth annual meeting of the National Civic federation in New York.

More than one-fourth of those paroled convicts from San Quentin and Folsom prisons, who should now be reporting, break their paroles and escape, according to prison reports made to the governor of California. Prisoners totaling 807, released on parole, should now be reporting to the parole officers. Of these, however, 216 have run away.

James E. Flood and John B. Davis, president and treasurer respectively of the Flood & Vanvort Engineering and Construction Co., of Hudson Falls, N. Y., testified at District Attorney Whitman's John Doe inquiry into New York State highway graft, that their corporation had given \$4,500 to the democratic state committee because they feared that contracts the concern had with the State Highway commission and the Canal board would be held up.

Seventy per cent of the world's cork is produced in Spain and Portugal. According to the best information obtainable there were produced in Spain during 1912 approximately 8,000 short tons of cork.

Mexican interest in Washington centered upon the military operations. Confidential reports indicate the victorious march southward of the constitutionalist army has received a check the extent of which it not know.

Plantation rubber experiments in the island of Mindanao show encouraging results, while wrappings of 4 and 5-year-old trees on Basilian island, adjoining Mindanao, compare favorably with results in North Borneo.

Franz Bachmann, a blacksmith who still works in the locomotive shops at Cassel, Germany, has been chosen to fill the leading bass role in "The Magic Flute" to be given at the Court opera house on December 16.

A contract for the construction of 5,000 miles of railway by a Belgian syndicate was finally approved in Mexico City by the chamber of deputies. It is expected the act will be ratified by the senate next week. Congress has taken no action as yet on the presidential election.

BILL NEARLY READY

EXPECT TO VOTE ON CURRENCY MEASURE THIS WEEK.

MAY BE SIGNED CHRISTMAS

Belief Among Democrat Leaders That An Early Compromise Can Be Effected.

Washington.—The long struggle over currency reform is expected to come to an end in the senate next Saturday. Administration leaders are confident that an agreement can be reached that will permit a final vote in the senate by 6 o'clock Saturday.

Republican senators probably will come to an understanding with the majority leaders. The democrats are anxious to close general debate and devote the remainder of the time to the consideration of amendments to the bill. If the final vote can be taken Saturday, it is believed the differences between senate and house can be adjusted and the bill sent to President Wilson for signature before Christmas.

Republican critics of the measure probably will demand some changes in it as a condition to giving their consent to a definite time for a vote. It is considered doubtful whether the guarantee of bank deposits to which many republicans object can be taken out of the measure, but a strong effort will be made to eliminate that provision which authorizes the redemption of the proposed new treasury notes either in gold or "lawful money."

Important changes in the railroad laws, a comprehensive study of the trust question and a reopening of the fight over a literacy test for immigrants, are dividing attention of the house with the new economy program that has been launched "by the economy conference" of the house leaders.

Speaker Clark, Democratic Leader Underwood and Chairman Fitzgerald of the appropriations committee, sponsors for this latter movement, have called a second conference for next Saturday to take another accounting of the situation and ascertain what progress has been made in reducing the proposed appropriations for the year.

Washington.—Foodstuffs coming in free of duty under the new tariff bill are swelling the total of imports into the United States. Increase in exports and decrease in imports for the first four months of the present fiscal year as compared with the same period last year was shown in statistics made public by the Department of Commerce. Exports this year amounted in value to \$838,904,843 against \$771,041,792 for the first four months last year. The imports figures were \$580,677,062 against \$626,230,987.

There can be no inference drawn from these hard facts," said Secretary Redfield, "that is not both encouraging and complimentary to American industry. There has been no flooding of our markets with the alleged cheap wares of Europe."

Three packages of registered mail containing \$5,000 each and about \$2,000 in postoffice funds were taken from the safe of the local postoffice by burglars, no trace of whom has yet been discovered. The \$15,000 in currency had been consigned by a Spokane bank to a bank at Mullan to meet mining payrolls in the Mullan district. The robbers are believed to have had information of the mailing of the currency from Spokane.

Canea, Crete.—The formal annexation of the island of Crete to Greece has been carried out with imposing ceremonial, King Constantine personally ran up the Hellenic flag over the fort. People flocked to the capital from all parts of the island and from Greece and tumultuously greeted the king, the crown prince, Premier Velzelos and the other ministers.

London.—A dispatch to the Times from Tokyo says the Japanese government has been notified that Canada intends to prohibit all immigration to British Columbia for three months. The correspondent adds that as there was no discrimination against orientals Japan cannot object.

Peking.—The Russian government has proposed the withdrawal of all foreign troops from Peking and the entire province of Chi-Li, China, including the legation guards.

Florence, Italy.—"Mona Lisa," Leonardo Da Vinci's great painting, which was stolen from the Louvre in Paris more than two years ago, has been found. It is now in the hands of the Italian authorities and will be returned to France.

Washington.—The total production of cotton in the United States for the season 1912-14 will amount to 13,677,000 bales of 500 pounds gross weight, not including linters.

NEWS FROM STATE HOUSE

Just 407 corporations of the state have refused to dig up their taxes under the provisions of the Potts law.

J. N. Miller, foreman of the state fish hatcheries at North Bend, died late last week as the result of an accident. He was 67 years old and left distant relatives in Ohio and Missouri. His body was taken to the latter state for burial.

Members of the newly selected board of secretaries of the state board of veterinary medicine met in Lincoln last week to prepare for their work. Strict accounting of the secretarial doings will hereafter be kept by the main board. The latter body for two years or more past has not known of the existence of its underbody.

A total of 3,000 stallions and jacks have been inspected by the registration board since the new law became operative. Of this number less than 3 per cent have been found defective. About 1,000 animals have been deported from the state in the past year and a half because of the stringent provisions of the inspection law.

Penitentiary officials have dropped the practice of reporting religious classification of convicts to the governor and in other reports required by law to be made by them. Thus this long-continued part of the report goes into the junk heap along with the practice of giving a classification of the politics of the convicts placed behind the somber, stone walls of the institution.

Professor Condra of the conservation commission has returned from Scotts Bluffs county, where he has been taking motion pictures of the sugar beet industry in the interests of the state conservation commission. It is the plan of the commission to secure pictures of every industry of any account in Nebraska and to this end Mr. Condra has been making frequent trips about the state.

Primary day next year comes on August 18, the last day for filing for nomination is July 20, and the general election day falls on November 3, according to data set out in an election law analysis worked out by Secretary of State Witt. The information is for inquiring, ambitious men who are hatching up plans for next year's battles and who want to know when they have to announce themselves.

School moneys belonging to counties of the state amount to \$325,078, according to a report just made by the state treasurer. These are classed as follows: School taxes, \$2; interest on school and saline lands sold, \$49,453; interest on school and saline lands leased, \$84,637; interest on bonds, \$184,055; interest on warrants, \$1,363, and proceeds from the game and fish commission licenses, \$5,536.

Cost of operating the state superintending office totaled \$31,979 during the half year, May 1 to December 1, according to a report filed by J. E. Delzell. Normal training in the high schools cost \$17,394; junior normal work, \$6,997; office expenses, \$9,556, and the board of inspectors, \$501. To foot these bills required a draft of \$9,686 on the cash fund of the office. The balance of the expense came from special funds.

The third best dairy judge among the students of American agricultural colleges is the record held by H. N. Thomas, a Nebraska farm boy from University Place. The contest occurred at the national dairy show at Chicago this fall, when forty-eight students picked as the best dairy judges in the agricultural colleges in sixteen important dairy states met to contest for prizes. The entire Nebraska team ranked fourth in the list.

Omaha and St. Louis police officers, or those who captured John Jones, alleged murderer of Same Leone of Omaha, will not obtain the \$200 reward offered by the governor for the apprehension of the person who committed the crime. The executive has announced that he would not approve a voucher for the amount, as he believed that the officers knew in advance where the man was. "Milking the state treasury along this line shall stop, if I can bring it about," the governor said.

Dr. W. D. Bigelow of Washington, D. C., representing the National Cancer association, was an official visitor at the Nebraska food commission offices last week. He is investigating methods in the different states of handling canned goods and of disposing of cases where spoiled cans are taken by food inspectors.

The Farmers' Co-operative Elevator company of Nebraska City has been incorporated with the secretary of state with a \$10,000 capitalization and shares worth \$25 apiece.

Total receipts of the university during the past six months were \$122,079, according to the semi-annual report made to the state treasurer by Chancellor Avery. The largest single item was \$36,973.14 for hog cholera serum, a product which is made and sold to farmers of the state at actual cost of production.

Railway Commissioner H. T. Clarke, Jr., has gone to Excelsior Springs, Mo., where he will take a brief rest. During the past week he has been unable to devote his full time to his duties.

THE FAIR MANAGERS

FARMERS WILL MANUFACTURE DENATURED ALCOHOL.

GOSSIP FROM STATE CAPITAL

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

The program outlined by W. H. Smith of Seward, secretary and treasurer of the Nebraska Association of Fair Managers, has been announced. The gathering will be held during the week of Organized Agriculture, January 19 to 23. H. Mulenburg of Geneva will speak on the "Relation of Fair Officers to Horsemen." Henry Pickett of Wahoo will discuss "A Well Balanced Program." L. H. Cheney of Stockville will give a paper on "Awarding Premiums." "State Farm Exhibits at Fairs" will be the theme of Prof. C. W. Pugsley's address. General discussions will follow these addresses and papers. For several years gambling devices and all questionable amusements have been "cut out" by the Nebraska state and county fairs, and a sharp lookout has been kept for progressive features.

Consolidation Was Worth While.

Consolidation of several state departments, a move calculated to make for more efficiency in state government than the primitive methods which have prevailed for many years, has been shown to be worth while to the taxpayers. In the past year the associated departments of food, drug, dairy, oil and weights and measures inspections have collected \$15,000 more fees than under the old system and at the same time have operated at a less outlay than under the scheme of diffusing activities. Food and oil inspections for the year of 1912, under separate departments, brought in fees to the amount of \$69,100 while for the present year the total has run up to \$84,230. The November report of the department shows that of the \$8,771 fees received, the oil division contributed \$7,816. Inspections made included 161 cream stations, 203 hotels and restaurants, 177 meat markets, 377 grocery stores, thirty milk wagons and dairies, most of them in Omaha, fourteen saloons, fifty-eight bakeries and forty-four confectioneries. During the month just past there were 260 sanitary orders written and 117 chemical analyses made by the state chemist. A total of 1,994 weights and measures inspections were made, which brought in a total of \$391 in fees.

Wins Trip to Washington.

Eighty-eight bushels of corn per acre, grown entirely by a boy, is not such a bad record for the dry season just passed. Master Jess J. Correll of Cambridge, age sixteen, is the boy, and he lives in a western county, too. He left for Washington, December 8th. Twenty other boys in the corn-growing contest grew over fifty bushels per acre, and these boys were from fourteen different counties. Jess has won a total of \$160 in prizes with his acre of corn this year. He won first in the Western district last year with a yield of 109 bushels. Walter Pflug, age seventeen, of Sarpy county, has won first in the Eastern district with a yield of eighty-four bushels. He has won a total of \$60, and will make the trip to Washington with Jess Correll. The other prizes will be announced at Organized Agriculture next January.

Farmers to Make Denatured Alcohol.

According to information received by the state board of agriculture, farmers in Arthur county are preparing to prevent waste on the farms in that region by utilizing potatoes that cannot be marketed. Many of the producers of Arthur county are far removed from a suitable market. For this reason thousands of bushels of potatoes are wasted each year. The farmers have conceived the idea of manufacturing denatured alcohol from the waste. Twenty-five farmers have banded themselves together to erect a denatured alcohol factory. A change has been made in the denatured alcohol law and after January, 1914, farmers are allowed the privilege of manufacturing the product from the waste of the farm.

Governor Feels "Frisky" as Ever.

Governor Morehead stripped off his coat and vest, rolled up his sleeves and skinned up a gymnasium climbing pole, hand-over-hand, at the Young Men's Christian association at Lincoln, Thursday. No one else in the crowd could duplicate the trick and there were several old athletes present, including Superintendent R. V. Clark of the Kearney Industrial school, Dr. George E. Condra of the university and Clarence Harman, state food commissioner. The latter three, will pay for the governor's dinner.

All indications point to an increased attendance in the winter course of the university school of agriculture. This course is six weeks in length, beginning January 6 and closing February 17. Many men of all ages take advantage of this short course every winter to gain new knowledge along agricultural lines. The school of agriculture will offer lectures and demonstration work in soils, crops, farm machinery, farm motors, animal and dairy husbandry, animal pathology, farm forestry, entomology, plant physiology, horticulture and farm management.

BRIEF NEWS OF NEBRASKA

The home rule charter for Lincoln was defeated.

Stockville suffered a disastrous fire Monday morning.

The Omaha Woman's club has declared a boycott on eggs.

The Nebraska State Veterinary Medical association is in session at Lincoln.

The old Union State Bank building at Beatrice is being converted into an eighty-room hotel.

Over 1,000 birds were entered for the annual show of the Dodge County Poultry association.

Long Pine will hold a special election to vote bonds for extending her waterworks system.

The city council of Albion has authorized the installation of a street number system for that place.

A compressed air tank exploded at Omaha, killing Frank Kritz and seriously injuring several others.

Farmers around Tobias have organized a Society of Equity, with a membership of forty on the charter.

The body of Otto Guss, a German farm hand 60 years old, was found floating in the Blue river at Seward.

Berg Durinsky, a Russian, was electrocuted when he went to turn on an electric light at his home at Norfolk.

The Fremont Gun club has reorganized and leased acreage adjoining the Country club grounds, south of the city.

J. E. Dennison, a Lyons plumber, was seriously burned by the explosion of a gasoline soldering pot which he was using.

Superintendent J. L. Fulk, who has been at the head of the Seward schools for the past four years, has resigned.

Explosion of a tank of gasoline caused the destruction of the fine poultry yards of Charles Bartz at Kearney.

J. W. Bryant, president of an Omaha implement company, suicided by drowning in a cistern in the rear of his home.

Clyde Rolston sold ten acres of land adjoining Ainsworth for \$200 per acre. This is the highest price ever paid for land there.

Dr. J. W. E. K. Davis, aged 64, died suddenly on a street car while on his way home at Omaha. Death was caused by heart trouble.

Clifford Goff, a 16-year-old Gage county boy, raised 140 bushels of corn on five acres of ground, and won a handsome gold watch thereby.

Miss Edith Liston of Fremont came near losing her life when she took a spoonful of iodine instead of the liquid she had been using to relieve a severe headache.

The ladies of the Altar society of the Catholic church at York have just closed a very successful bazaar for the benefit of the Ursuline Sisters school at that place.

The public schools of Wayne closed during the funeral of J. W. Tombs, an old resident of that place, and whose daughter has for many years been the principal of the high school there.

Willard Butler, the 30-year-old son of the old soldier, James Butler, whose body was found buried in the cellar of his home at Fremont, has been formally charged with murder in the first degree.

Dr. I. W. McEachron of Geneva was elected president; Dr. S. I. Alford of Lincoln, vice-president, and Dr. Carl Norden of Nebraska City, secretary-treasurer of the veterinary association at its session just closed at Lincoln.

Little Marie Murkadron, seven years old, and Joie Barnard, the same age, were run down by an Omaha police department automobile. The boy escaped with a few cuts and bruises, but it is expected the girl will die.

Seventy-eight boys in convention in Fremont Saturday and Sunday took the initial steps looking to the formation of a permanent association of high school students, to hold annual conferences. The sessions closed with a meeting at the Y. M. C. A. Sunday evening.

Twelve-year-old Alice Bjorkman of Lincoln may lose her eyesight as the result of a wound from a lead pencil discharged from a toy spring gun.

Forty-six years ago Joseph Minor came to Saline county and located on a homestead. Today he is living in a house constructed of lumber obtained from walnut trees which he planted on his claim.

Jesse Correll of Frontier county is the champion boy corn grower in Nebraska, according to the decision of the judges in the contest at the agricultural farm at Lincoln. He harvested eighty-eight bushels from one acre.

Several cases of incendiarism at Kearney have resulted in the city council offering a \$200 reward for the capture of any one caught in the act.

Dan Heine of Beatrice is under arrest charged with the theft of a lot of brass castings, on which it is alleged he expected to realize money for the purchase of Christmas gifts.

Appearance of a case of smallpox at the Lincoln city jail caused three doctors to get busy at once and begin a vaccination crusade. Before it was concluded twenty of the twenty-nine prisoners were given the virus and released from confinement.

An epidemic of hog cholera in the neighborhood of Fontanelle in Washington county has caused the farmers of that vicinity to lose several hundred head of hogs.

While Evangelist Vawter was holding revival services at York, a short time ago, someone stole a rifle from him. The theft was traced to two boys, who confessed.

After being pronounced dead by physicians at Omaha, Andrew Acker, a North Bend horse dealer, changed his mind, got up from his cot and started for home. Says he gets that way often.