# NEWS NOTES OF **GENERAL INTEREST**

KERNELS CULLED FROM THE MOST IMPORTANT EVENTS.

#### STORIES FROM OVER GLOBE

Items From Happenings of World Arranged in Their Briefest and Most Succinct Form for the Busy Reader.

#### Washington

Representative Lewis of Maryland ington opposing the amendment to the post office appropriation bill inserted by the senate committee on post offices and post roads, depriving Postmaster General Burleson of the authority to fix rates for the parcels post service.

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One of the most sensational attacks made in congress at Washington on the kings of the American wheat pit was that by Representative Manahan when he introduced in the house a resolution providing for the appointment of a special committee to investigate charges of manipulation of the price of wheat by unfair practices by the Chicago and Duluth boards of trade, and the Minneapolls chamber of commerce.

Assertion of the power of the federal government under the Constitution to control the building of all water power projects, but recognition of the equities of the states therein, are the cardinal principles in the conservation policy of the Willison administration as it affects the navigable streams of the country.

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Whether the 52 railroads east of Chicago shall be granted the five per cent. increase in freight rates which they have asked will probably be decided by the interstate commerce commission at Washington within three

treaties with foreign nations as the first move in the general policy of the administration to rehabilitate foreign left on the presidential yacht Mayflowrelations of the United States seemed assured after the senate at Washington had taken up consideration of expired treaties and had closely defined the issues involved in the situation confronting the nation.

The administration Alaskan railroad a vote of 230 to 87.

Secretary McAdoo of the treasury

Prof. Barrett Wendell, head of the English department at Harwood, has declined appointment as exchange professor to the University of Berlin. He gives poor health as the reason. . . .

Final warning was sent to the 170 national banks of the United States which have failed to signify their intention to enter the new federal banking system that application for mem-FIVE STATES ALONG BORDER bership must be made by February 23 or banks must prepare to go into liquidation within ten months. . . .

By a vote of 74 to 19 the San Francisco Church federation refused to accept the resignation of Rev. Charles F. Aked, pastor of the First Congregational church, as president of the organization. . . .

growing among certain rebel leaders Testimony showing that the Amerithat if the attack on Torreon is delayed much longer, or if the federal can Sugar Refining company is not a monopoly because it does not conarmy succeeds in holding that city, made a speech in the house at Wash- trol half of the sugar business of the northern Mexico will detach itself United States was offered at the refrom the rest of the country and besumption of the hearings held at Chi come an independent republic. cago on the government's suit to dissolve the "sugar trust" under the head of the revolution, and General Sherman anti-trust law. Villa, the military head, disclaim any

. . . The pitiable spectacle of thousands of wild ducks dying of hunger aroused the residents of Sayville, Islip, Brookhaven and Long Island towns on the Great South bay to action and daily they are taking large quantities of food over the lce-covered bay to alleviate the sufferings of the fowl.

. . . An unknown man entered the office of the Adams (Express company at Farmington, Ill., near here, slugged the express agent, C. L. Brown, and escaped with a package of currency

containing \$6,400 consigned to the National Bank of the Republic at Chicago. Brown may die.

#### Mexican Revolt

The execution of William S. Benton. a British subject, by order of General Villa, in Juarez has revived the fear among the Huerta government supporters in the City of Mexico that the United States will be forced by Great Britain to take some action that might become intervention.

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from Washington to Rear Admiral Fletcher at Vera Cruz, asking him if he would like to have a visit with his family. When the admiral replied, Mrs. Fletcher and her two daughters er, which sailed for Mexican waters.

aroused by the news that General Villa had caused the execution of W. S. Benton. President Wilson and the cabinet discussed the tragedy in Wash- Monterey, Saltillo and Torreon on ington and Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, Britthe case thoroughly and report.

Establishment of a neutral zone in and Secretary Houston of the depart-ment of agriculture, as the committee find safety when federals and constitutionalists clash in the next great battle of the Mexican revolution, was assured the state department at Washington. General Villa and Huerta

NEWS FROM STATE HOUSE The total strength of the Nebraska national guard is 1.388 men at the present time-the highest it has THE SENTIMENT IS GROWING mount. ] during peace organization.

> Vancil K. Greer has been appointed INCREASE IN APPRAISEMENTS OF to the office of registrar of the state university, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of E. M. Rutledge.

Before the recent snow storm 97 per cent of the apple tree buds in Nebraska orchards were in perfect condition, according to a report received by Secretary Duucan of the state board of horticulture. Strawberry plants were injured by the drouth last year and the outlook for a large crop is not good for this year.

The railway commission has jurisdiction to require construction and maintenance of suitable stock yards. side track and loading and unloading facilities for the general public. The state supreme court so declared in an opinion given in the Hoagland side track case, affecting the village on the thy and wheat. Union Pacific's branch out of Callaway.

County fair men are now arranging for days and attractions. In several countles new expositions will be put on this year. As a general thing the county fairs are prosperous. In several localities efforts are being made to apply advanced business methods to the financial side. It takes hard

work throughout the year to make a successful state or county fair. Collection of interest, on county funds delayed in transmission to the state, will be asked of all county treasurers not complying with the law. Interest will be collectable on and after February 16, according to a ruling of the auditor. The statute setting the

time from which interest shall be computed is rather indefinite and the date was fixed by the state official in conformity with what he believed to be the intention of the statute.

More than 2,500 feet of display cases have been placed in Omaha restau rants and confectioneries during the past year as a result of the "Clean Food" campaign waged by the state food commission. The larger concerns of the metropolis have responded nobly to the instructions of the com mission, according to Commissioner Harman, and smaller places are be ginning to see the good resulting from taking these precautionary measures

Every gubernatorial candidate of every party will be asked by the state tax commission this year to interest himself in taxation matters and to give them attention in the campaign speeches which he will make out in the state. The plan, so the commis sioners believe, will aid in the spread of tax knowledge and will give the people more ideas relative to the work of the tax commission and some of the problems confronting it this year.

Sportsmen of the state who feared that the national government would, in Dawson county, was boosted from make no provision for local enforce ment of the lately-enacted federal game law, will have to revise their opinions. Announcement from the state game commission is to the effect that half a dozen officials of that de partment had been named for the places and that while they are guarding state laws they will also keep their eyes open for federal law viola tions,

# LAWS GOVERNING AGRICULTURAL SEED

SCHOOL LANDS.

## **GOSSIP FROM STATE CAPITAL**

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

#### Readers.

Western Newspaper Union News Service. The pure food commission has just issued Bulletin No. 113, regarding the pure seed law, which covers the sale of agricultural seeds, among which are alfalfa, barley, blue grass, brome grass, clovers, corn (sweet and field), flax, millet, oats, rye, sorghum, timo-

Every parcel, package or lot of agricul-tural seeds containing one pound or more, offered or exposed for sale in the state of Nebraska for use within this state, shall have affixed thereto in a conspicu-ous place on the outside thereof, dis-tinctly printed in the English language in lengthic type and smaller that language in Incipy printed in the Engine iniggage in legible type, not smaller than eight point heavy Gothic caps, or plainly written, 4 statement as follows: The name of the seed. The name and address of the scoils-

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Statement of purity if below standard fixed by law. Marked standard if so or above.

Marked standard if so or above. Place where grown. All agricultural seeds must be true to the name under which they are sold. Seeds containing noxions weed seeds such as dodder, quack grass, wild mus-tard. Canadian thistle, wild oats, corn cockle, cannot be sold or offered for sale in this state. Certain other weed seeds shall be considered as impurities in agri-cultural seeds if present to the extent of more than 2 per cent, but such seeds can be sold if labeled to show the percentage of such seeds present. Sand, dirt, chaff, broken seeds and seeds not capable of germination are also considered impuri-ties. Seeds below standard, except in the case of noxious weed seeds, can be These seeds below standard. except in the case of noxious weed seeds, can be sold if labeled to show the percentage of impurities and germination. The law fixes a fee of 50 cents for making the analysis of seeds submitted to this department.

to this department. The penalty for the violation of the pure seed law of Nebraska is fixed in the law. The enforcement of this law is in the hands of the food commission and the department is now fully equipped to handle such seeds as are submitted for analysis.

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analysis and requests for copies of the law to Clarence E. Harman, Deputy Commissioner, Nebraska Food, Drug, Dairy and Oil Commission, Lincoln, Nebr.

#### Leases Much School Land.

School land leases covering several thousand acres in Custer, Sherman, Dawson, Lincoln and Howard counties have been authorized by the board of educational lands and funds, at valuations exceeding the original appraisements in the aggregate by \$3,000. The Custer county lands were re viewed by State Treasurer George, and those in the other four counties by Land Commissioner Beckman. In Howard county, one tract was increased in its appraisement from \$20 to \$40-an acre, and another from \$27.50 to \$45. A piece of thirty-six acres in extent,

BRIEF NEWS OF NEBRASKA

Diphtheria at Wymore is gradually subsiding.

The Tecumseh Commercial club is to be be reorganized.

A farmers' society of equity has been organized at Western.

Weeping Water will pave several blocks of its business streets this spring.

Mayor Mayer advocates installation of electroliers in the residence district of Beatrice

Laurel Freeman, near Elk Creek, cut off his thumb while engaged in cutting wood.

The Burlington's commissary department has been moved from Lincoln to Kansas City.

John Knoell, former county treasurer at Fremont, has been appointed deputy county assessor.

Forty-nine merchants have reserved space in the midwinter industrial show room at Fremont.

L. G. Riser, near Ravenna, was seriously injured by the sudden fall of a tree which he was cutting down.

J. A. Gillan, who has been nine times sheriff of Seward county, has entered the race for county treasurer.

The Ord Commercial club entertained the members of the Nebraska Fire Prevention association at a luncheon

February 15 was observed as Men's Sunday in Albion. Special meetings were held in the churches of the town.

The first concert of the Fremont Musical Art society was given at the First Presbyterian church Monday evening.

Farmers in session at Belvidere organized a local union of the farmers' society of equity, with thirty charter members.

Leo Brocktrop of David City got his hand caught in the gearing of a corn sheller and will lose his thumb and two fingers.

The schools in the village of Lushton, in the southwest part of York county, have been closed on account of smallpox.

'Arch Colhapp, a Tecumseh carpenter, fell from a fourteen foot scaffold, but escaped with a few more or less painful bruises.

The thirty-eighth annual encampment of Nebraska Grand Army of the Republic will be held at Grand Island, May 13, 14 and 15.

The Peoples State bank of Anselmo is a new commercial institution just organized by business men and farmers of that vicinity.

Ice dealers at Fairbury have been unable to fill their storehouses. An artificial ice plant is depended on to relieve the shortage.

The woman's club at Madison entertained their husbands at a threecourse dinner at which seventy-five guests were present.

Frank Morrissey of Dawes county, a student at the state university, has received an appointment to the naval academy at Annapolis.

The farmers' union at Snyder has formed a stock company, capitalized at \$40,000, to take over the Snyder Mills and Elevator company.

The Rev. Snowdan, pastor of the Methodist church at Harrison, signed and accepted a charge with the Episcopal church at Crawford. An epidemic of the dreaded "cornstalk" disease has broken out among horses around Stella, several farmers having lost valuable horses from this sickness. J. L. Waterman of Bethany has been elected to fill the vacancy caused by the recent resignation of Miss Mira Davison as assistant principal of the Shubert schools. Kearney will be the only Nebraska city outside of Omaha to be visited by the Merchants' and Manufacturers' association of Milwaukee on their annual western trip. Mrs. George Knapp, sister of Mrs. T. H. Tibbles of Omaha, was fatally wounded by the accidental discharge of a shotgun in the hands of her husband, on their farm near Ute, Monona county, Iowa. Ed Adams, engineer at the Edgar electric light plant, was found critically ill at the plant, unable to summon assistance, and no hopes are held out for his recovery. Mrs. Ida Worthington, who was badly burned several weeks ago by the explosion of a coal oil lamp, died as a result of her injuries at her home in Lincoln Thursday. Judge E. M. Stenberg, Swedish consul in Omaha for twenty-five years. former justice of the peace, police judge and county commissioner, and a pioneer resident of the sity is dead at his home in Benson. Myrtle, the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richardson, died at DeWitt from burns received when she fell into a pall of boiling water that had been left on the kitchen floor. Mrs. Elizabeth Van Dorn, a pioneer of Stromsburg, is dead, leaving seventy-five direct descendants. She had twenty-nine grandchildren, all living. and two great-great-grandchildren. Sixteen hundred people attended the first home-coming festival of the Christian churches of Lincoln, Havelock and Bethany at the city auditorium at Lincoln. Six churches were represented. A range at the home of George Teten at Nebraska City exploded, demolishing it and blowing a portion of it through the wall of the kitchen. Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Snyder, who have lived at Kearney for twenty-nine years, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary last week. Four chilbutter makers in session at the state | dren and fifteen grandchildren were present. Entirely denuded, except for a corset, by fire that caught in her clothing, Mrs. Margaret Adams, the wife of Dr. Arthur D. Adams of Florence, received burus that probably will cause her death.

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bill, authorizing the president to con- ish ambassador, held a conference struct a \$35,000,000 railroad from Alas- about it with Secretary Bryan. Amerika's coast to its great coal fields, was can consular representatives along passed by the house at Washington by the border were ordered to investigate

intention to be satisfied with anything less than the overthrow of Huerta and the success of the constitutionalist cause over the entire country, it is known that the plan to establish a northern republic has been seriously considered by them

and others General Villa's delay in the attack on Torreon and reports emanating from Mexico City that the federal garrison has been strengthened to a point where it can put up a formidable resistance, have given renewed impetus to the idea of a separation of the north from the south and General Carranza's coming to Chihuahua state from the Pacific coast is looked upon as possibly hastening an early adoption of the plan.

AMONG REBELS.

Huerta's Army Driven Out of North-

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#### What Leaders Think.

Many rebel leaders profess to believe that whatever the outcome of the present revolution the north and south will soon be a complete amal ganate. The north, they assert, already is politically independent and has adopted a progressive attitude wholly at variance to conditions in the south, where two factions-the Secretary Daniels sent a wireless indifferent and the adherents of the

old Diaz regime-predominate. The territory, which, it is said, might be formed into a separate republic, embraces the five states along the United States border-Sonora, Chihuahua, Coahuita, Nuevo

Leon and Tamaulipas, with possibly the inclusion of Sinaloa. From practically all this territory the Huerta army has been driven out, the chief remaining strongholds of the federals being at Tampico on the east, the south, Guaymas or the west and Nuevo Laredo and Piedras Negras on the north.

#### Union Pacific Wins Sult.

Papillion, Neb .- A verdict for the Union Pacific railroad was returned by a jury in Judge Begley's district

months.

# Extension of general arbitration

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on organization of federal reserve districts under the new currency law, will not decide on the location of regional reserve banks until they have made careful study of the information gath- agreed to the plan. ered on their five weeks' trip through the country, it was announced at Washington.

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President Wilson's plan to repeal the Panama tolls exemption came in for its first senate debate at Washington and was characterized by Senator Bristow, Republican, as an aid to transcontinental railroads. Senator Lodge and Senator Owen defended the president's position.

Reports that President Wilson would veto the immigration bill if it is sent to him from congress at Washington with the literacy test provision amazed members of the senate Immigration committee.

#### Domestic

A section foreman was shot through the heart and instantly killed and a section hand was wounded in the abdomen while trying to resist four robbers who attacked them while they were at work on the Des Plaines Valley division of the Chicago & Northwestern railroad, a mile east of Schermerville, 111.

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the electric chair at the Michigan City. Brostroem marine and M. Vennersten Ind., penitentiary.

Fire starting in a chimney destroyed the University Avenue Methodist church at Syracuse, N. Y., with a loss of \$160.000.

. . . Eight children were slightly hurt and a score of families were thrown from their beds just before dawn by the explosion of a Black Hand bomb in the doorway of a three-story builds academy on charges of trying to cheat ing in Chicago occupied almost exclusively by Italians.

The seventy-third annual convention of the Chi Psi college fraternity opened at Springfield, Mass. Delegates were present from all of the 18 chapters. The Amherst chapter is acting as host.

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the day soach at Bellingham, Wash. Daniel A. Dugan.

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## Foreign

Information received by the police at Paris says several pictures of great value have been stolen from the British Museum by a band of international thieves. A Belgian has been arrested.

A bill for the enfranchisement of women in the Union of South Africa, which was introduced into the house of assembly at Cape Town, was defeated on the first reading by the narrow majority of 43 to 42.

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. . . An earthquake shock of about 30

seconds' duration was felt at Reno. Nev. The tremors passed from southeast to northwest. . . .

Because of the illness of the defendant, the suit of Dr. Ernest Villien Appleby, formerly of St. Paul, Minn., against Baroness May de Pallandt for \$5,000 damages was postponed indefinitely at the king's bench at London. . . .

King Gustave has approved the selection of Dr. Knut Hammarskjoeld for the new cabinet, in which he himself Steve Cherka, who murdered his will be premier and minister of war. wife at Hammond, and Harry Rasico. K. A. Wallenberg has been chosen for wife murderer at Terre Haute, died in the ministry of foreign affairs, M.

> finance. Personal

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence H. Mackay have adjusted their marital troubles through the courts of Paris, which granted to them a mutual divorce.

. . . Dismissal of Midshipman V. I. Mc-Clure of Iola, Kan., from the naval

in an examination was approved by President Wilson. . . .

By the unanimous verdict of the jury, Thomas Pryor Gore, United States senator from Oklahoma, won the \$50,000 damage sult brought against him by Mrs. Minnie E. Bond at Oklahoma City, Okla. The jury was out less than five minutes.

Daniel A. Dugan, Jr., of Orange, N. Three passengers on Great Northern J., entered the state prison to serve a passenger train No. 358, bound for sentence of five to ten years for run-Vancouver, B. C., were shot dead in ning down and killing with his motor their tracks when they grappled with car Leo F. McDermot, fourteen years one of a trio of hold-ups who entered old. Dugan is a son of District Judge

brought by the Waldron Seed company of Waterloo and several insurance companies. The plaintiffs alleged that a huge seed house at Waterloo burned as the result of being fired by sparks from a Union Pacific locomotive. The seed firm already had settled the insurance claims and the companies issuing the policies joined with it in the sult against the railroad. Judge Ben S. Baker of Omaha conducted the case for the defendant company.

#### Bog Slide Causes Terror.

Carrick-on-Shannon, Ireland. - A quaking mass of bog, several square miles in area, is on the move in the neighborhood of Carry and the panicstricken inhabitants of the countryside are fleeing before the threatening disaster. The bog slide has been brought about by abnormal rains. Many thousand of acres in the counties of Letrim and Roscommon are submerged and the roads are impassable. The people in many instances have been isolated from communication with their neighbors owing to the Shannon banks.

#### Fire In Convent.

Quebec, Que .- The church building and the chapel of the Grey Nun's convent, occupying a city block, were destroyed by fire, with many valuable paintings.

May Drop Word Obey. London.-The omission of the word "obey" from the marriage service of the church of England appeared to find considerable support among the bishops attending the house of convocation of the Province of Canter bury.

#### Toss For First Shot.

Los Angeles, Cal.-In love with the same woman, two Mexicans locked themselves in a room and shot each other with the same revolver alte. tossing a coin for first shots.

#### Frozen in Their Home.

Dertoit, Mich .- The bodies of Andre Rosasco, his wife and their 1-year-old daughter were found frozen in their home. The authorities believe the family was overcome by gas that escaped , from a stove and that the deaths occurred about a week ago.

Confess to Placing Bomb.

Chicago.-Salvator Soriono and Frank Caperalli confessed to the police that they placed the bomb that wrecked a building in the Italian quarter.

Agricultural journalism has made a distinct advance in Nebraska during the last year, according to tabulations made by the state board of agriculture. In the west and northwest sec tions of the state the country editors are responding to this demand. In comes derived from farms in the vicin ity of towns where papers are located have received much more attention The work of the county demonstrat

inmate for the month of December

L. E. Wettling, for several years expert accountant in the employ of the Nebraska railway commission, has presented his resignation and it was accepted. He will sever his connection with the commission at once.

A new system will be tried out in the university next year for the caring for freshman girls. A junior advisory board of girls will be appointed, these girls to be selected from the sophomore class this year, to look after the

Forty-three candidates from the various colleges received their degrees. There were six candidates for state military commissions.

E. M. Rutledge, registrar at the state university for the past three years, has submitted his regisnation to the board of regents at the meeting of that body Monday, the resignation to take effect April 1.

\$17 to \$26. These were the only radi cal increases. One tract in Lincoln county was reduced from \$15, the valuation found by the county appraisers. to \$13. The remainder were listed at from \$7, the minimum allowed by law, up to \$21. In most cases there was a raise of \$1 to \$2 per acre over the values found by the county appraisers.

#### Soil Fissures Threaten Crops.

Surface cracking of the wheat land soils in different parts of the state threatens injury to the crops in some sections through the loss of soil moisture. Where possible, it is advised by the state college of agriculture that the surface of fine sandy loam soils be rolled. If it is firm, harrowing may be preferable. On the silt loams and loam soils the state experiment station has found it usually better to roll. Harrowing, although effective, is likely to be destructive to the growing crops. Farmers wishing additional in-

formation on the subject may obtain it by writing to the bulletin department at the University Farm, Lincoln, for press bulletin No. 30, entitltd, "Rolling Winter Wheat."

Services of an additional regular army instructor have been secured by the Nebraska national guard, according to word received by General Hall from the war department. He will be detailed to work with various companles for indefinite periods. The officer will be subject to orders from the state guard headquarters.

The athletic managers of Nebraska and Kansas universities have entered into agreements providing for football games and track meets between teams representing the two institutions for the next two years. The 1914 football game is to be played at Lincoln, November 14, and the track meet for this year will be at Lawrence on a date yet. to be decided upon. There had been reports that athletic relations between the two institutions were to be suspended. Emphatic denial was made at Nebraska university that any such action was ever contemplated.

Impure Butter an Extravagance

The extravagance of producing cream and butter under unsanitary conditions is one of the things that is being emphasized at the second annual short course of the creamery college of agriculture. Special emphasis is given in training men in practical work as station operators, factory men and butter makers. Owing to its practical nature a representative number of the dairy and creamery men of the state are in attendance.

needs of the new girls entering the university in the fall. The eighteenth annual mid-winter commencement exercises of the Uni-

versity of Nebraska were held Monday evening in St. Paul's M. E. church.

#### ors is given in detail in the counties where these workers are located. Fourteen state institutions under the board of control have a total inmate list of 4.278 and officials to the number of 702. Cost of keeping each

according to figures just computed by the board, averaged \$32.93. The highest per capita was reached at the orthopedic hospital, where it amount ed to \$58.74. The Norfolk hospital fot the insane was low with \$15.87. The school for the blind, usually a high per capita institution, cost only \$42.82 un der Superintendent Abbott's charge.