

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.

By unanimous vote the senate agreed to the house resolution extending the thanks of congress to the captain and crew of the steamship Kroomland for the rescue of the Voltorno survivors.

President Wilson has received a box of Irish moss and shamrocks from John Redmond, Irish leader in the English parliament. Mr. Redmond has been sending shamrocks to the White house for many years for St. Patrick's day.

Deliberation on puzzling features of the proposed interstate trade commission bill occupied the senate subcommittee on interstate commerce. The committee probably will not be ready to report to the full committee until next week.

Administration leaders in the senate and house have set themselves for a quick and decisive battle over the repeal of the toll exemption clause of the Panama canal act, confident that President Wilson's plea for reversal of policy will be heeded.

Extension for five years of the existing arbitration treaty between the United States and Paraguay, which shall expire next October, was ratified by the senate. In general form the treaty follows that of the series of arbitration treaties recently ratified.

To benefit farmers, the rural credit commission recommended to congress that banks with a capitalization as low as \$2,000 be allowed to become members of the new federal reserve system. The commission contends that the present limit of \$2,500 prevents the benefits of the system being extended to a large degree to the farmers.

The administration bill to give effect to the provisions of the treaty of 1908 with Great Britain regarding fisheries off the Canadian border, has been reported to the house by the foreign affairs committee after it had been amended by suspending the regulation to prohibit trap nets. One result of the change may be the return of the entire treaty to the contracting powers.

Opposition to the bill by Senator Hughes restricting the sale of convict-made goods was expressed at a hearing before the senate interstate commerce committee by Ralph E. Smith and H. Orosophor of the state board of control of Wisconsin; Henry Wolfert, warden of the Minnesota penitentiary, and Thomas F. Hiskey of Baltimore, a member of the board of control of the House of the Good Shepherd and St. Mary's industrial school.

DOMESTIC.

Gilbert W. Woodward, aged 79, a prominent lawyer, Wisconsin congressman from 1883 to 1885, and democratic candidate for governor of Wisconsin in 1886, died at La Crosse.

Sixteen strikers are under military arrest in Trinidad in connection with the alleged murder of Neil Smith, a Forbes nonunion miner, whose mutilated body was found on the Colorado & Southern tracks at Suffolk siding.

Representative Maguire intends to make his recommendation for the appointment of postmaster at Lincoln in about two weeks. He states that he was beginning to look over the endorsements for the various candidates that had come in, with a view to sending the name of a successor to Postmaster Sizer about March 20.

Grain of last year's crops remaining on farms March 1 formed the subject of the department of agriculture's crop report for March. The department's crop reporting board estimates the amount of wheat, corn, oats and barley on farms, with comparisons for preceding years, the proportion of each crop which will be shipped out of the counties.

The federal grand jury at Council Bluffs, Iowa, returned an indictment against Harry H. Woodling, proprietor of a Council Bluffs mail order house, charging misuse of the mails by circulating misleading advertisements.

C. Hunter Raine at Memphis pleaded not guilty to seventeen indictments in connection with the alleged embezzlement of more than \$1,000,000 from the defunct Mercantile bank of Memphis, of which he was president. He made no request for bail and was returned to jail.

Captain John A. Fish of New York was sentenced to five years in the federal prison at Atlanta for burning his yacht, Santa, in Edgertown harbor on October 21, 1910, in order to obtain \$15,000 insurance money.

During the last year one aviator was killed for every 62,000 miles flown.

In 1912 there were 322,831 foreigners admitted to the United States who were illiterate.

India rubber has been grafted to living tissues by Prof. Belbet of Paris to relieve an intestinal hernia.

Indictments were returned at Chicago against Henry Siegel and Frank S. Vogel, department store bankrupts.

Two hundred and fifty convicts from the Illinois state penitentiary at Joliet will be sent out to work on the state roads as soon as the weather will permit.

The eugenics law passed at the last session of the Wisconsin legislature has had practically no effect on the normal number of marriages in the state. It is contended by Dr. C. A. Harper, state health officer. In December, 1912, there were 1,521 marriages as compared with 2,026 in December last year.

The Waters-Pierce Oil company was fined a total of \$14,000 in federal court at Shreveport, La., after the company had been found guilty on fourteen counts of an indictment charging violation of the Elkins law. The company was charged with making rate concessions on oil shipments in 1904, 1905 and 1906 from Bixby, Ill., to points south of Alexandria, in Louisiana.

A suit for \$8,400,000 has been filed by the state of Texas at Livingston, Tex., against the Missouri, Kansas & Texas railway of Texas and the Beaumont & Great Northern Railway company. Penalties for alleged violation of the state safety appliance act by failure to provide electric headlights, automatic couplers and power brakes on engines covering a period of two years were asked.

An offer to settle on a basis of 40 cents on the dollar will be made to the depositors in the private bank of Henry Siegel & Co. This was announced at a meeting of the depositors, Louis Hoffman appearing on behalf of the attorneys for Henry Siegel and Frank F. Vogel, partners, who are under indictment in connection with the failure of the Siegel department stores here.

Optimistic views of the probable operation of the federal reserve act were expressed by financial experts gathered at Chicago for the conference of the Western Economic Society. Expansion of general commercial credits, limitation of stock speculation and a general increase of confidence in the stability of bank reserves were expressed. The only fear was that a limited period of uncertainty might occur during the readjustment of relations between the banks and their new reserve centers.

FOREIGN.

There has been an immense increase in the imports of sewing, knitting and embroidering machines in China in the past three years.

Among the Alps there are several postoffices at a height of 5,000 feet. One letter box, from which the postman makes four collections daily, is nearly 10,000 feet above sea level.

Because London's fogs at times seriously reduce the supply of gasoline in that city by preventing the arrival of vessels carrying it, it is probable that a pipe will be built from the mouth of the Thames into the city.

Senator Benito Villanueva has announced that for personal reasons he had decided definitely to decline the United States. He had been selected to carry out the duty of thanking the United States government for its participation in the Argentine centennial.

The picturesque cantinieres, or women who take charge of the French regimental canteens, and who have played many heroic parts in French military history, are no longer to share the dangers of active service with the troops, according to the minister of war.

Experimental tests giving satisfactory results have been made in France with a new road-surfacing material, which has been devised specially for automobile traffic. It consists of a mixture of what is called "Iron straw," which consists of fine filaments of iron in a wiry or fibrous mass mixed with cement and sand.

Tests in wireless telephony made during the past week between warships of the Italian fleet by William Marconi, on board the battleship Riena Elena; flagship of the duke of Abruzzi, were successful. It has been announced. The duke of Abruzzi presided over the experiments and expressed his admiration of the results obtained.

The Turkish government has decided to admit women to the university, where special lectures in hygiene, domestic science and women's rights will be delivered for their benefit.

Among the silver masters of Sheffield, England, it is rather an establishment practice to encourage the employment of families. It is more the rule than otherwise that a father working in the silver trade will apprentice his children to that trade as they arrive at working age.

TO HAVE FREE HAND

PROPOSED BILL FOR TRADE COMMISSION GIVEN OUT.

GREAT POWERS TO THREE MEN

Theory is to Make it an Independent, Non-Partisan Body With All Necessary Authority.

Washington.—The interstate trade commission bill, bearing the approval of President Wilson and Attorney McReynolds, has been made public after many conferences among members of the house interstate commerce committee.

The democrats expect this measure to command substantial republican support and an effort probably will be made soon to bring about concerted action between the senate and house on this phase of the program of commerce regulation and anti-trust legislation. The new bill was unanimously agreed upon by its framers, a subcommittee of democrats and republicans, headed by Representative Covington of Maryland, and it is approved by practically the full committee.

Left to Its Discretion. "The whole theory of the creation of the commission," said Mr. Covington, "has been to make it an efficient, independent body. In most of the matters of publicity it has control of the facts gathered. Publicity is left to its discretion, and the bill contains ample authority for it to prevent the disclosure of the necessary trade secrets, valueless to the public, in promoting lawful competition business, but which when disclosed simply afford opportunity for injurious use of competitors."

Powers of investigation, safeguarded by proper legislative limitations against unlawful searches and seizures, are taken from a few subordinate departments under the control of the executive and given to this nonpartisan body.

Only Two from One Party. The bill would transfer all the powers and duties of the bureau of corporations and the commissioner of corporations to the proposed commission of three members, presidential appointees subject to confirmation, whose salaries would be \$10,000 annually each. Only two of the commissioners could be from the same political party.

The bill defines as corporations all bodies incorporated under the law, and joint stock associations and all other associations having shares of capital or other capital stock or organized to carry on business for profit.

Earthquake in Jap Island.

Tokio.—A serious earthquake occurred in the prefecture of Akita, island of Honshu. A number of persons in the city of Akita were killed and many houses destroyed. In the village of Kowakubi, which was ruined, there were many casualties. Full details of the disaster have not been received owing to the interruption to communication. Sixty bodies were found in the basin of the Omogo river, where 320 houses were destroyed. The village of Kitameno was burned.

As a result of the earthquake a copper mine at Tsunmdato collapsed. The fate of the 300 workmen in the mine is unknown.

The volcano Asama-Yama, ninety miles northwest of Tokio, is in eruption.

Parcel Post Change.

Washington, D. C.—Postmaster General Burleson has approved an amendment to the parcel post regulations, under which butter, eggs, fruits, vegetables, poultry and other articles in parcels, weighing from twenty to fifty pounds, may be shipped in the first and second zones in boxes and crates similar to those handled by express companies. The amendment provides that parcels weighing twenty pounds or less will be handled as heretofore, and must be securely packed in "such manner as to be safely treated in bags with other matter."

Three More Bodies Recovered.

St. Louis.—Three bodies were removed from the ruins of the Missouri Athletic club building, bringing the total of dead recovered to twenty-nine. Thirty are believed to have perished in the fire. One of the bodies removed was identified as that of Allen Hancock of this city.

Westinghouse Plans to Continue.

New York.—George Westinghouse, the famous engineer and inventor who died recently provided in his will for the continuation of his large business interests under a trusteeship.

Refuse Work—Will Be Driven Out.

Portland, Ore.—Because the alleged pernicious activity of Industrial Workers of the World, agitators, Portland police planned to rout out the occupants of and close the Gypsy Smith Tabernacle. At present 1,500 idle men are lodged there.

Japanese Peers Cut Budget.

Tokio.—The appropriation for the construction of new ships for the Japanese navy was reduced by the house of peers by \$15,000,000, bringing the figure down to \$45,000,000.

BRIEF NEWS OF NEBRASKA

J. I. Corley has assumed charge of the postoffice at Weeping Water.

The Sunday baseball question will be voted upon at Kearney in April. The Southwest Nebraska Teachers' association meets at McCook, April 1, 2 and 3.

The next meeting of the Nebraska Plumbers' association will be held in Lincoln.

The Fairbury ice plant has begun operations with a capacity of thirty-five tons daily.

F. W. Goehner has donated ten pictures, collected in Europe, to the Seward public library.

A farmers' co-operative association has been organized at Taimage with a capital of \$25,000.

The Burlington shops at Havelock are again running full time and employes are pleased.

The liquor license question will be submitted to the voters of Superior at the spring election.

Twelve carloads of immigrants and their belongings will settle near Dalton, Cheyenne county.

Mrs. Frank Kirkpatrick at Fairbury has developed blood poisoning from the use of nose glasses.

The Genoa village council has adopted an ordinance making the village a city of the second class.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph H. Ramsey of Beatrice celebrated their golden wedding anniversary last week.

The Methodist church at Tecumseh is conducting a series of revivals that may continue for some time.

Charles A. Mohrman of the Neligh schools has been chosen as superintendent of schools at Seward.

The city council at Kearney has rejected all paving bids because of legal tangles in the bids submitted.

Val Kuska, a graduate of the state farm at Lincoln, has been appointed farm demonstrator for Madison county.

The Upland school board has called a special election to vote on bonds for the construction of an \$18,000 building.

J. S. Bonebright of Cortland had several teeth knocked out by the "kick" of the crank as he was starting his automobile.

A woman, Mrs. Auguste Behrends, has been drawn as a petit jurymen for the next term of the Otoe county district court.

Because he failed to land a job he had seen advertised, S. P. Cook, 60 years old, suicided by gas asphyxiation at Omaha.

The city council of North Platte is investigating municipal electric light systems with a view to installing one to cost \$47,000.

J. E. Mason, a carpenter, was attacked by a wolf in the vicinity of Plattsmouth, but by vigorous use of an ax finally killed it.

Norfolk has purchased the Fremont baseball franchise in the Nebraska State league. The entire Fremont team was purchased in the deal.

Fred Colton, an Omaha brewery employe, claims to have drunk over 2,000 pints of beer in a week—a "small one" every five minutes night and day.

S. R. Anstine has been named as postmaster at Tamora to succeed W. E. Meyers, who recently tendered his resignation to the postal department.

As Orlo Ernst, near Kenesaw, was driving an auto he had just purchased into his garage, oil in the drain pan caught fire and the car and garage were both destroyed.

A movement to establish a country club is on foot at Beatrice. The supporters of the project plan to lease extensive grounds and to build a \$2,500 club house on the banks of the Blue.

Hastings.—A chicken which has four legs, all of which it can use to advantage, either in pairs or "all fours," is attracting attention at Ed Knosp's chicken house. According to the owner, the chicken is as healthy as any in the brood and promises to grow to maturity.

Anton Vonasek, a farmer living about eighteen miles southwest of Beatrice, was found dead in the orchard at his home. A physician pronounced death due to heart trouble.

Ernest Milburn, a baker at Plattsmouth, badly crushed his hand by allowing it to become caught in a bread mixing machine.

Because he saved the life of Guard Kennedy in October, 1910, when an enraged convict nearly beat the official to death, William J. Holden, convicted of an attempt to rob the Platte Center bank, has been paroled to his sister in Lansing, Mich.

The Cass county poor farm cleared almost \$800 during the last year from the sale of its products besides providing a living for an average of seventeen persons.

Gale Cummings, a Beatrice high school debater, was seriously bruised in a near riot which occurred at Wymore, following a debate between the Wymore and Beatrice teams.

Members of the First Congregational church at Fremont celebrated a debt-paying with a dinner and program. The debt of \$2,000 was cleared off by a canvass conducted during the past six weeks.

One of the young ladies on the stenographic force at the state house at Lincoln is getting around on crutches as the result of a misstep during the execution of the tango dance.

For the first time in a number of years no alfalfa seed will be shipped into Nebraska from Germany. This is on account of the unusually large supply produced in the state this year.

Participation by Nebraska in the Panama-Pacific exposition at San Francisco next year was endorsed by the executive committee of the Nebraska State Association of Commercial clubs, which met at Omaha last week.

HUNT FOR CHAPLAIN

ADVISES USE OF THE KING ROAD DRAG.

GOSSIP FROM STATE CAPITAL

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

Western Newspaper Union News Service Hunting Chaplain for Penitentiary.

Members of the state board of control are having a hard time finding a man suitable for the chaplain's position at the state penitentiary. While the vacancy exists the place is being filled on Sundays by local pastors and during week days Deputy Warden Harmon is serving as spiritual adviser to the convicts. According to the board members there is no dearth of candidates for the place, but none of those who have applied thus far appears to fill the bill. "We want just the right man for the place," said Chairman Holcomb, "and will not appoint any one until we are well satisfied that that one is just fitted for the duties that will fall upon him. It is a position of singular importance from several angles and we do not expect to act hastily in the matter. If there is any minister in the state who feels that he is fitted for prison work and he would like to take this position we would like to have him come forward."

Farmers Assist Cholera.

The farmer himself is the largest single factor in the spread of hog cholera, according to data collected from the four demonstration areas by the department of agriculture. The exchange of work is chiefly responsible for this, says an animal pathologist at the university farm. Helping a neighbor haul exposed hogs and afterward using the same wagon to shuck corn is a fairly certain method of getting cholera. Visiting a sick herd for any reason whatever is a poor practice. The venter of stock foods and powders seeks the sick herds and is a likely carrier of infection. Know positively where the family dog is at night. If loose, he may be miles away and bring home his load of germs. In the winter, crowds have a liking for feed lots and range a long distance. The old medical injunction to "clean out, clean up, and keep clean," should be applied to cholera outbreaks. Make a practice of burning at once every animal that dies on the farm. Serum is not the largest weapon in the fight against cholera.

Impassable Roads Unnecessary.

Impassable mud roads, says the Nebraska college of agriculture, are unnecessary if there is enough public spirit in a community to give them proper use. The use of the King road drag is advised when used at the proper time. There are no periods of the year when the drag does not benefit the road, but it does the most good when the soil is moist, yet not too sticky. The Nebraska soils, when mixed with water, thoroughly worked and well baked with sunshine, become extremely hard and impervious to rain. The action in becoming hard and smooth not only helps to shed the water, but also greatly retards the formation of dust.

Cure for "Blind Stagers."

A total change of feed and forage is the only effective method of contending with "blind stagers" in horses. Government experts have issued a bulletin declaring that there is a direct connection between the green forage, exposed pasturage and newly cut hay which the horses eat and develop this disease. A complete change of feed and forage is the treatment recommended. Moldy baled hay has caused the death of many horses. Many have been slain as the result of using fake cures advertised by unscrupulous persons. It is reported that in Nebraska "black-leg vaccine" was used on 1,600 unaffected horses. Nearly 1,500 of these died as a direct result of this treatment.

Bank Guaranty Law at Work.

Interest on all deposits to be paid out of the lately closed First State Savings bank of Superior, under the guaranty law, will be paid up to March 10. The state banking board so decided after having considered the liability of the state law for interest only to January 1. The problem is a new one, because the new guaranty law has never before been called into operation. In this case, so it was denoted at the meeting of the board, it is probable that most of the bank's assets will be realized upon.

Anti-Removal Organization.

The beginnings of an organization with which to oppose university removal were put on foot at a meeting in Lincoln in which university alumni largely predominated. An executive committee of seven was named with plenary powers. It has the right to perfect an organization throughout the state, to collect and disburse funds, and if it deems necessary, to enlarge its own membership. This committee is to exist until after the election at which the location question is to be settled.

NEWS FROM STATE HOUSE

Collections of the food commission totaled \$5,127 during the month of February, and 1,642 inspections were made during the month, according to the report just filed. Of the income, \$4,700 was gathered from oil inspections.

A nursery has been established by the forestry department of the university at the state farm for practical laboratory work. The work in the nursery will be done by students and the plants produced will be used in beautifying the campus.

Judge Holcomb of the state board of control is much impressed with the making of brick at the proposed state reformatory. He believes brick-making will prove a good side line to the main purpose of the legislature to make the reformatory a place where farming can be taught to convicts.

Costs of administering an estate must be deducted before a county can collect an inheritance tax, according to an opinion by the attorney general. But if administration is not had within a year after the death of the decedent, the costs can be estimated and the settlement made accordingly. Under a supreme court law, the legal advisor further points out, the wife right of the surviving spouse is not subject to the inheritance tax.

Female book agents are traversing the state gathering names of the weak and infirm while their co-conspirators, out-of-state doctors of somewhat doubtful reputation, are following up with a campaign to induce the afflicted ones to subscribe to their medical treatment. Such is the information laid in the hands of the governor by Otto Matke of Grand Island. It follows a number of similar complaints made to the executive.

The board of directors of the state horticultural society has revised its premium list and in so doing has added \$100 more for prizes for floral displays. Last year most of the florists of the state refused to exhibit at the state fair, where the horticultural society holds its annual exhibit. The refusal to take part was started because of the belief of florists that the society was not paying sufficient money for the display of expensive and costly floral stock at the fair.

The department of buildings and grounds has just completed plans for the erection of a new dairy barn at Scottsbluff. The project has been undertaken in co-operation with the government. It is planned to carry on much the same work as is now carried on at the dairy department at the state farm in this city. This move is in line with the general program of university extension. Some time ago plans were drawn for the erection of a very extensive dairy plant at North Platte.

At a recent meeting of the state board of health an attempt was made to designate places where the common drinking cup shall not be used, but the effort failed and the matter will be taken up again. Although more than a year has elapsed since the legislature passed an act giving the board of health power to abolish the common drinking cup the board has so far failed to particularize the places where the cup shall not be used in common. The secretaries of the board prepared a resolution last year naming the places, but as it included churches in the list of places, considerable opposition arose on the ground that the rule would prohibit the use of a common communion cup in church services.

Grapes should be generally grown and better cared for, says Secretary J. R. Duncan of the State Horticultural society. The vines should be trimmed long enough before the sap begins to flow to allow the cuts to heal so that bleeding may be prevented. The season for pruning is already near to a close. All dead wood should be removed. The prevailing mode of pruning is the renewal system. By this method one or two of the older main canes are removed each year, allowing new canes to take their place, thus renewing the entire vine every three or four years. Grapes are produced on the current season's growth coming from the buds on the canes produced the previous year. Each bud will produce from one to three bunches. The vine should not be allowed to produce more than fifty to sixty bunches.

Railroads cannot accept water or ice from sources within the state for the traveling public unless samples thereof have been passed upon by the state bacteriologist and found to be fit for the human consumption. This was decided upon at a meeting of the state board of health and the rule was forthwith promulgated and became immediately effective. The step is taken under the law passed at the last legislative session giving the board jurisdiction in regulating the sanitary conditions of railroad trains and stations.

The contract between the extension department of the state farm and the Fair Managers' association has been outlined and is being sent to county fair men by Secretary Henry Pickett of Wahoo. It provides for an exhibit from the university for such county fairs as request it. The university agrees to furnish an exhibit that will graphically portray the activities at the experimental station. The fairs must furnish locations, advertising, drayage, labor for putting up and taking down the tent, all necessary lumber and shall pay \$100 in cash.