

NEBRASKA NEWS

THE STATE WILL UNDOUBTEDLY HAVE BIG WHEAT CROP.

REPORTS ARE PROMISING

Harvester Agencies Report an Average Yield of Twenty Bushels to the Acre—State Fair to Be a Hummer.

Nebraska has again produced a bumper wheat crop, despite unfavorable climatic conditions during the spring season when the weather was the coldest in the history of the state. The wheat cutting is now complete, and the threshing is in progress in every county in the grain belt. Reports from every section of the state disclose that the total yield is in excess of the average, being almost as great as a year ago. The quality of the grain is excellent. Charles E. Haynie, state agent of the International Harvester company, said the other day:

"Reports from our agents in all parts of Nebraska show that the average yield of winter wheat is nearly twenty bushels to the acre. I believe the total will be as much as last year, when the figures were in excess of 50 million bushels. The quality is No. 2 hard. Wheat grading lower than No. 2 is a rarity. The long spell of cold weather in the early spring did not hurt wheat, it simply retarded the growth of the plant, while during May and June climatic conditions were ideal. The splendid yield shows that winter wheat is a sure crop in Nebraska, even with the most unfavorable weather early in the season that the state has ever known."

F. D. Levering of the Central Granaries company, which has elevators throughout the wheat belt, said:

"The total yield will run about 45 million bushels, or nearly as much as a year ago. The quality is excellent and the farmers are realizing from ten to twelve cents more per bushel than in 1906. The scare over green bugs and cold weather in the spring was a fake all the time."

The Agricultural department's estimate of the Nebraska wheat area is 2,517,000 acres. Last year's crop, according to the government, was 52,288,000 bushels.

State Levy Seven Mills.

The state board of assessment almost completed its work, with the exception of entering a final order, by ordering an increase of 15 per cent in the valuation of merchandise in Douglas county and a reduction of 5 per cent on merchandise in Lancaster county and levying a total state tax of 7 mills on the dollar valuation.

This is the same levy that was made last year, but under the increased valuation of all property in the state will produce a larger revenue. The 1 mill tax for the redemption of outstanding state warrants and the 1 mill tax for the support of the university are levies required by law and the board cannot change them. The levy for the general fund was increased from 4 1/2 mills to 5 mills, making a total of 7 mills. No levy was made for a school tax. A section of the statute requires such a tax, but the legislature sought to repeal this tax and showed its intention by repealing a section of the statute that provides for a tax of that nature and defines how the tax shall be expended. It was the opinion of the board that in view of the repealing act of the legislature and the further fact that the legislature appropriated \$100,000 for the support of weak school districts, and high schools no school tax should be levied.

New State Depositories.

The Sutton National bank has given a bond for \$4,000 and has been designated a state depository. The First National bank of North Bend and the National bank of Ashland, each bonded for \$5,000 have also been made depositories. These banks will be given the state funds that are now in the Commercial National bank of Fremont, the First National and the German National of Hastings and the Fullerton National bank. Each of these has from \$2,000 to \$5,000 of state funds, but they do not care to pay the new rate of interest which has been increased from 2 per cent to 3 per cent.

Must Bear Poison Label.

Representative D. J. Killen of Gage county, president of the state pharmaceutical association, conferred with Food Commissioner J. W. Johnson. They arrived at the understanding that compounds containing opiates or poisons must be so labeled and that physicians who put up their own prescriptions must do the same. Retailers must take their own risk in selling patent medicines guaranteed by manufacturers outside of the state.

PROMISES TO BE BEST EVER

State Fair at Lincoln to Have Excellent Exhibits in all Departments.

The State Fair to be held at Lincoln, September 2-6, gives promise of being the greatest State Fair ever held in Nebraska. Secretary W. R. Mellor informs us that the exhibits in all departments are very heavy, and promise to exceed in magnitude those of last year, which was the record breaker heretofore. The management have secured Chas. J. Strobel and his airship, which are now making flights at the Jamestown Exposition, to make daily flights at our fair. The stake races have 128 horses named in them, as against 52 named last year, and this feature of the fair is looked forward to with great anticipation by the horse lovers. Fully 25 per cent more swine will be exhibited this year than last, and all the live stock departments are receiving an abundance of entries. If no more entries of county collective exhibits are received from now on, Agricultural hall will have a finer exhibit than ever before. Nebraska has the best agricultural exhibit shown at any fair in the United States, and such an exhibit is a credit to our state and worth going miles to see. The implement section is even greater than that of last year, and a farmer contemplating the purchase of a piece of machinery will secure the best of satisfaction by comparing the different kinds of the same machine, all of which will be shown by experts, who can teach you the points of superiority.

State Treasurer's Report.

State Treasurer L. G. Brian's report for the month of July shows a balance of \$439,175.23 on hand, of which \$433,671.35 is cash on deposit in state depositories, and \$5,503.88 cash on hand. The redemption fund, derived from a one-mill tax levy, amounted to \$23,109.69 during the month and about the same amount was paid out for the redemption of outstanding state warrants. The total trust funds uninvested including \$145,559.22 in the permanent school fund, is \$148,680.55. The total state funds invested in interest bearing securities is now \$7,672,167.82, an increase of \$64,332.62 during the month. These investments comprise \$6,635,137.35 in bonds and \$1,037,030.47 in state warrants.

Dr. Mansfeldt for Regent.

Dr. A. S. von Mansfeldt, of Ashland, will be a candidate for nomination for regent of the university. He has filed a request with the secretary of state to have his name on the republican primary ballot. The following have filed as candidates for district judge: A. R. Olson, Wisner, republican, Eighth district; Henry E. Maxwell, Omaha, republican, Fourth district; Elwood T. Hadson, Schuyler, republican, Sixth district; L. K. Alder, Ainsworth, republican, Fifteenth district.

Food and Drug Inspectors.

Deputy Food Commissioner J. W. Johnson has announced the appointment of Mrs. Harriet A. MacMurphy of Omaha food inspector, under the new food, drug, and dairy law. Mr. Molyneux, a pharmaceutical chemist of Omaha, has been appointed drug inspector. James Berkoff, a graduate of the state agricultural college of Iowa, whose home is in Iowa, has been added to the list of dairy inspectors.

Death Warrant Issued.

Clerk H. C. Lindsey of the supreme court has issued on behalf of the court a death warrant. It directs Warden A. D. Beemer, of the penitentiary, to hang Harrison Clark, the negro who was convicted in Omaha of the murder of Joseph Fleury. The death penalty has been affirmed by the supreme court and that tribunal has set August 30, between the hours of 11 a. m. and 3 p. m. as the time.

Packing House at Alliance.

Independent packing houses will be constructed in Havelock and Alliance, Neb. The Alliance company, with a capital stock of \$25,000, fully subscribed, filed its articles of incorporation with the secretary of state, while Charles Williams of Sioux City is now in Havelock organizing a company there. Both concerns will do a complete packing business, the capacity of the Alliance concern being 100 beeves a day.

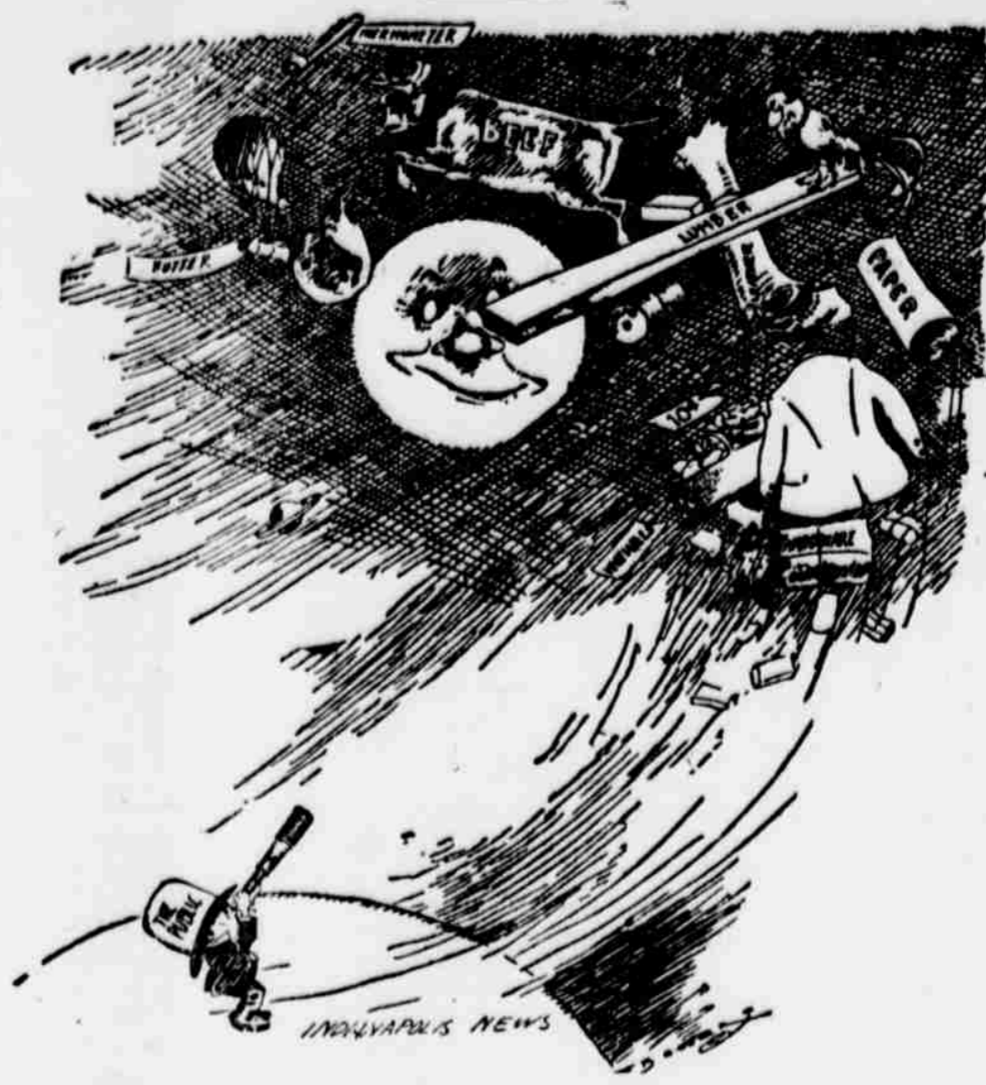
Guard Encampment August 12.

The impression that the date of the national guard encampment may be postponed has spread among the officers of the guard and many have written to ascertain the probable date. It is announced at the office of Adjutant General Schwarz that no change will be made in the date. The camp will open Monday, August 12.

Rooms State Fair Week.

If you are going to attend the State Fair and have no room in which to sleep, just write Secretary Whitten of the Commercial Club, Lincoln and he will secure you a nice room for Fair Week—September 2-6. A list of 3,000 rooms besides the natural hotel facilities will be secured, so there will be plenty of sleeping room for everyone.

GOING UP.



GOV. FRANTZ NOMINATED

Oklahoma Republicans Name Him for Another Term.

Platform Contains Anti-Trust Plank and Favors Removal of Restrictions to Indian Lands.

Tulsa, I. T. — Gov. Frank Frantz was Thursday night nominated by acclamation for governor by the republican state convention.

By a vote of 1,316 to 214 the convention decided to put out a state ticket. The proposition came with the report on order of business. Frantz is now in absolute control of the convention.

Thursday afternoon the following telegram was received from President Roosevelt to whom earlier in the day a message assuring him of the endorsement of the convention was sent:

"I have a special feeling for Oklahoma and Indian territory and assure them of my support to anything that will further their interests.

The nominations were not completed Thursday night. The convention adjourned at 11:30 until Friday morning. In addition to governor the following nominations were made: Lieut. Gov. N. J. Turk, McIntosh; Secretary of state, T. N. Robnett, Carter; Attorney General, S. P. Reid, Canadian; State Treasurer, M. Stillwell, Washington.

The platform contains an anti-trust plank, favors the removal of restrictions from Indian lands and endorses good roads but remains silent on the prohibition question.

Rushing Supplies to Philippines.

San Francisco, Calif.—Large quantities of merchandise, ammunition and supplies of every description for use of the army in the Philippines are being forwarded to the islands. Within the next few days four transports the Logan, Warren, Crook and Buford will sail for their destination loaded to their full capacity with military stores. In addition they will carry 3,000 men of the Twenty-sixth and Twenty-ninth infantry and casuals, besides a number of prominent officers.

Murdered by Moroccan Tribesman.

Tangier, Morocco.—On the pretext that they were displeased with the harbor works, three tribes, Wednesday raided Casablanca, one of the chief seaports of Morocco and massacred the native guards and seven Europeans. The other Europeans in the city, together with a number of Jews, took refuge on a German ship, which has arrived here. The French cruiser Gallilee sailed for Casablanca Wednesday night.

To Construct Largest Tunnel.

Paris, France.—The minister of public works has approved the project of the department of bridges and roads for the construction of a canal to connect the valley of the Rhine with the port of Marseilles. The project involves a tunnel seven kilometers in length at a cost of \$6,900,000. This tunnel measured by the amount of dirt excavated will be the largest in the world.

Gen. Powell Dead.

St. Paul, Minn. — Brigadier General Charles Francis Powell, U. S. A., retired, died at the home of his brother in this city Tuesday, aged 63 years.

A NEW TRUST PROBE.

A Bill in Equity Calls for an Accounting from the American Sugar Refining Company.

Trenton, New Jersey.—A bill in equity which calls upon the American Sugar Refining company to give an account of its business for the past four years was filed before Chancellor Magie Friday on behalf of Geo. H. Earle, Jr., receiver of the Pennsylvania sugar refining company of Philadelphia. The suit, it is said, is the only one of the kind ever filed in this country and the step taken by the receiver of the Pennsylvania company may be the means of opening an entire new field for investigating trusts. The suit is separate from that for \$30,000,000 damages which Earle instituted against the American Sugar Refining company in New York. Earle holds that in procuring the controlling interest in the Pennsylvania company in 1903, the American company became a trustee for the concern, and is responsible to it for an accounting although the American company never operated the Pennsylvania company's plant.

Long-Distance Phototelegraphy.

Berlin, Germany.—Most successful experiments in long-distance phototelegraphy were carried out Wednesday night by Professor Stern from Munich to Berlin. For the purpose the government loaned a direct wire apparatus, which was operated without a hitch. Photographs of Emperor William, the crown prince and Professor Stern were received here over the wire, faultlessly developed. The experiments will be continued next week from Berlin to Munich.

Ramesis II Was a Fraud.

London, England.—Egyptologists claim that they have discovered that Ramesis II was a fraud and that he is not entitled to the appellation of "Great" which historians have given him. Recent explorations, it is stated, have developed the fact that the many temples and monuments bearing his name, and therefore supposedly his work, existed a thousand years before him. The explorers believe the king was vain and caused his name to be cut everywhere.

Germans Raise Horses in Kentucky.

Berlin, Ger.—The German government is about to send a number of full-blooded Trakhen stallions from the royal breeding farms near the Russian frontier to the stock farm at Fields Place within the Kentucky blue grass region, which was leased some time ago by the government for the purpose of breeding cavalry horses for the German army.

Failed to Settle Strike.

Denver, Colo.—Negotiations looking to a settlement of the strike of local switchmen and yardmen of the Colorado and Southern railroad came to an end Friday afternoon when two propositions from each side were rejected.

Sarah's Name Not There.

Paris, France.—The Associated Press learns from an authoritative source that the name of Sarah Bernhardt, in spite of the reports that have been current for a year or more, is not to be included in the forthcoming list of new members of the Legion of Honor.

Britt Wins in 20 Rounds.

San Francisco, Calif.—Jimmy Britt fought a masterly battle with Battling Nelson Wednesday night winning the decision at the end of the 20th round.

DISSOLVE POWDER TRUST

The Government Has Filed a Suit Against the Combination.

It is Alleged a Monopoly in Restraint of Trade Exists—Receivers May Be Appointed.

Washington, D. C.—The government Tuesday filed in the United States circuit court at Wilmington, Del., a petition against E. I. Depont De Nemours & Co., the E. I. Dupont De Nemours Powder company (of New Jersey), and 24 other corporations and 17 individuals connected with the 26 corporations which are made defendants in the petition.

The petition relates that all of the defendants are engaged in interstate trade and commerce in gunpowder and other high explosives and are violating the act of July 2, 1890, commonly known as the Sherman anti-trust act. It seeks to prevent and restrain the unlawful existing agreements, contracts, combinations, and conspiracies in restraint of such trade and commerce to prevent and restrain the attempts on the part of the defendants to monopolize such trade and commerce, and to dissolve the existing monopolies therein.

The government asks, in its prayer for relief, that these operating companies be enjoined and restrained from operating and engaging in interstate commerce in the United States or that receivers be appointed to take over their business.

BOARD CANNOT AGREE.

Missouri Pacific Given Ninety Days To Repair Tracks—Committee of Experts Wanted.

St. Louis, Missouri.—Following a meeting of the board of railroad and warehouse commissioners during which the recent inspection of the Missouri Pacific tracks was warmly discussed and commissioners Oglesby and Wightman disagreed with Chairman Knott concerning the finding, it was announced Wednesday that the board's recent order reducing the speed limit of Missouri Pacific trains has been set aside and the road will be given 90 days in which to make repairs. Chairman Knott stated that Gov. Folk will be requested to appoint a committee of railroad experts to make an inspection of the Missouri Pacific tracks and report, in the hope of terminating the board's disagreement in opinion regarding the condition of the tracks.

Santa Fe Train Ditched.

Arkansas City, Kansas.—North bound Santa Fe passenger train No. 116 left the track and went into the ditch seven miles from Red Rock, Okla., Thursday morning, killing the engineer and wounding numerous passengers. A coach, chair car and baggage car, as well as the engine, went into the ditch. D. C. Mack, the engineer, was killed and C. J. Kanzer the fireman, was scalded about the legs. Fourteen passengers were injured but no deaths were reported.

Will Not Contest Two-Cent Fares.

Detroit, Michigan.—F. W. Stevens, general solicitor for the Pere Marquette railroad, has announced that the railroad will not contest the two-cent fare law which goes into effect September 28. Mr. Stevens says that the two-cent rate is accepted in the hope that the increased patronage predicted by Governor Warner will be realized and that in the "distant future" the net earnings may permit a fair return in dividends upon the value of the property used in the passenger service.

Cannot Turn Back Japanese.

Washington, D. C.—The state department has taken up with Mexico the subject of immigration of Japanese coolies into the United States across the Mexican border. The practice of thus bringing in this undesirable and forbidden element has assumed alarming proportions and the inspectors of the immigration service and being taxed beyond their abilities to discover and turn back such Japanese.

Offered Judgeship to Benson.

Topeka, Kan.—Governor E. W. Hoch Thursday telegraphed to Former United States Senator Alfred W. Benson, who is at present in Washington, D. C., offering him the vacancy on the state supreme bench caused by the death of Justice Adrian L. Greene. Senator Benson immediately replied, stating that he would accept.

Pennsylvania's Coal Output.

Harrisburg, Pa.—James E. Roderick, chief of the state department of mines, Thursday transmitted to Governor Stuart his report for 1906, in which he says that during the year Pennsylvania produced 201,672,499 tons of bituminous and anthracite coal, yielding a revenue approximating \$600,000,000.