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NEBRASKA IN BRIEF

NEWS NOTES OF INTEREST FROM VARIOUS SECTIONS.

ALL SUBJECTS TOUCHED UPON

Religious, Social, Agricultural, Political and Other Matters Given Due Consideration.

David Sherwood, ex-county commissioner of Thayer county, was found dead in a room in the Alexandria hotel. He had gone to the room to prepare for a trip and dropped dead of heart failure. Mr. Sherwood was one of the oldest residents of the county and was commissioner two consecutive terms during the time the \$75,000 court house was being built.

Because a team which had been hired on Saturday afternoon to drive to Riverdale had not been returned to his livery barn on Sunday afternoon, Albert Greider, proprietor of the barn, Kearney, took steps to find young Ansbury, who has served time at the industrial school. The team was located at Lexington, where the young man had attempted to sell the same.

Mrs. R. A. Cottle sold her eighty acre farm near Colon in Saunders county to Charles Davis for \$9,000. Mrs. Cottle when a young woman got title to this land by prescription. She was a girl about twenty years of age then—fifty years ago this winter. Her maiden name was Rebecca Keeler and she was among the earliest settlers, having come to Saunders county in 1857.

H. A. Silver, a prosperous retired farmer living in Tamora, Seward county, committed suicide by hanging himself in an outbuilding. S. Brown, a general merchant of Tamora, failed a short time ago, owing Silver about \$300. The loss of this money seemed to prey on his mind, as he had been worrying about it, and it is thought that he took his life while temporarily delirious.

The government inspector was called to Auburn to examine the cattle in the dairy herd of Nixon & Harris, and twenty-two head of the herd were pronounced affected with tuberculosis. These cattle had been separated from the cows that were giving milk for the time being and kept in other pastures because of the fact that Harris & Sons had found that they were not doing well, though they had kept in good order in all cases.

Mrs. Mathilda Ruser and John Slager have been taken to the penitentiary at Lincoln to begin their terms

of punishment for having plotted to kill Mrs. Ruser's husband, Emil Ruser of Sarpy county, as he lay asleep in bed. They both pleaded guilty and Mrs. Ruser was sentenced to one year and Slager to six years. They were taken to the Douglas county jail for safe keeping until Sheriff Spearman of Sarpy county was ready to take them to Lincoln.

Joseph Walter, against whom a complaint had been made on an insanity charge, sent word to Sheriff Semmons of Buffalo county that he would shoot if any attempt were made to take him. He purchased the gun and a good supply of ammunition, and when he was arrested in a crowd of Christmas shoppers he tried to carry out the threat, but was captured without difficulty and taken care of. Walter was released from the asylum only a few weeks ago.

Judge Guttererson, prosecuting attorney for Custer county, was badly injured by being caught between two automobiles while driving in a buggy with his wife. He was taking the middle of the road, when the two machines, driven respectively by Messrs. Willing and Johnston, attempted to pass on either side. The horses took fright and made a quick turn and upset the buggy, throwing the occupants violently out. One ear was torn from the judge's head.

The First Christian church of Fremont will pay off all its indebtedness on New Year's day, when the annual meeting is held. It is enabled to do so by a "lift" it has been given by the trustees of a church which recently disbanded at Maple Creek. The Maple Creek church agreed to give the Fremont church the \$500 it had in its treasury for the purpose of paying off the church debt, provided an equal amount was subscribed in Fremont. It was announced in the church that the amount had been subscribed.

The State Board of Educational Lands and Funds made a bid for the Douglas county court house bonds, formally agreeing to take them in block at par or take them in such amounts as Douglas county commissioners may desire, with sixty days' notice. It is the understanding that Douglas county has an offer for the entire \$1,000,000 of bonds in a block, but the terms of the bid make it possible for the county board to sell the bonds, as it needs the money. The offer of the bond will net the state 4 per cent.

Charles Colie, long a resident of Dawes county, committed suicide Sunday, December 18 or 19, about three miles northeast of Chadron. He cut his throat with a razor from ear to ear.

Red Willow county furnishes a case of swift justice. Josiah S. Calvert robbed an intoxicated friend Saturday night, was arrested on Sunday, appeared in district court Monday and pleaded guilty and was sentenced to one year in the penitentiary, to which he was taken by the sheriff the same night. The amount involved was \$50. Calvert is 23 years old.

Railroads Refuse to Pay.
State Oil Inspector A. B. Allen inspected 22,910 barrels of oil in November, of which two barrels were rejected. He had \$1,100 on hand, collected \$2,240.90, paid out \$1,064.91 for salaries and office expenses and paid the state treasurer \$1,176.89, leaving a balance of \$1,100 on hand. The Union Pacific Railroad company still refuses to pay the inspection fee of 117 barrels and the Burlington has refused to pay for the inspection of 284 barrels.

THE SCHOOL LAND LAW.
The Question May Be Dealt With by the Legislature.
An effort may be made in the coming legislature to change the present laws governing school lands. At this time the Board of Educational Lands and Funds has no authority to sell any school land except that school land for which application was filed prior to 1897.

The board now has under lease all of the state school lands, but some of it brings in a yearly rental of only 40 cents an acre and some 2 cents an acre and on up. One member of the board believes the state could make a good deal more on the investment if it had authority to sell this land, some of which will bring as high as \$10 an acre, and invest the proceeds in bonds or other securities. Secretary of State Jankin is one of the members who believes the board should sell the land.

"The price of school lands has been low in some instances," he said, "to induce people to lease the land and cultivate it. It is my belief, however, that it would be better now to sell all of the school lands and invest the proceeds. A person who has school land under lease is not as particular with the land as he would be if he owned it. In the latter case he would rotate his crops and take care that he did not wear out his farm. Under a lease there is not so much at stake and the lessee is in cases liable to wear out his land in an effort to make all he can out of the proposition without having an eye to the future.

Speakership and County Option.
It is suggested that the question of county option may cut some figure in the line-up behind a candidate for speaker of the house, though the candidates for the most part have rather avoided dragging this in as an issue. There seems, however, a predisposition to line up whatever county option strength there may be behind Mr. Henry. Tremore's name is also said to have sought this particular element as an aid to his effort to capture the chief clerkship in the lower house.

THE STATE CAPITAL

MATTERS OF INTEREST TO ALL CITIZENS.

BETTER SALARIES FOR JUDGES

The Attorney General Gives It as His Opinion That They Are Entitled to the Higher Pay.

Salaries of Judges.
Under an opinion of the attorney general, the state auditor and treasurer will allow the claims of the three judges of the supreme court and all the judges of the district court to participate immediately in the increase in salaries provided in the constitutional amendment. This raises salaries of supreme judges from \$2,500 to \$4,500 a year and the salaries of district judges from \$2,500 to \$3,000 a year.

Judges Reese and Barnes have already filed their salary vouchers for the quarter ending December 31, although more than a week still remains before the quarter is ended. They claim for the last month of the time payment at the \$4,500 a year rate, or \$75. The question as to whether they can be allowed this money under the constitution was submitted to Attorney General Thompson, who has given his verbal opinion to the auditor that it will be perfectly regular to allow it.

The constitution says: "The legislature shall never grant any extra compensation to any public officer, agent, servant or contractor after the service shall have been rendered or the contract entered into. Nor shall the compensation of any public officer be increased or diminished during his term of office."

The last sentence of this section is held by many to apply directly to the case in issue and to mean that no salary increase can be made after the service has been rendered or the contract entered into. Nor shall the compensation of any public officer be increased or diminished during his term of office.

An interesting question has arisen as to how the judges could get their money if the auditor still refused to issue warrants for more than the old salary provision. Under the statutes they would hardly be entitled to mandamus the auditor and treasurer in either the supreme or district courts of the state, as every judge on the bench is personally interested in the matter.

The total claim of the judges is for \$791.65, of which \$416.65 is for services in October and November under the old salary and \$375 for December services under the new salary.

Bank Statements.
Secretary Roys of the State Banking Board has issued a compilation of the statements of the 28 Nebraska state banks showing their condition at the close of business November 27. The resources and liabilities reported follow:

RESOURCES.	
Loans and discounts	\$55,721,625.91
Overdrafts	554,434.46
Bonds, securities, judgments	1,202,215.78
Deposits	16,254,552.97
Due from banks	188,281.52
Real estate, furniture and fixtures	2,189,268.53
Other real estate	188,281.52
Current expenses	1,029,751.08
Other assets	42,188.56
Capital	4,168,732.21
Total	\$81,402,206.24

LIABILITIES.	
Capital stock	\$19,365,039.09
Surplus fund	2,894,513.24
Undivided profits	1,057,872.52
Dividends unpaid	2,174.41
Deposits	65,757,252.21
Notes and bills rediscounted	17,148.95
Bills payable	200,869.00
Total	\$81,402,206.24

State Buys School Bonds.
State Treasurer Brian bought \$55,000 of the school district bonds under the new constitutional amendment permitting the investment of state school funds in such securities and has received offers from many other school districts in the state. He believes the new law will be of benefit to the state and to school districts. The bonds already purchased will net the state 4 1/2 per cent interest. In each case where the bonds exceed \$500 he desires to buy at this rate providing the bonds are owned by school districts. After they get into the hands of brokers, they will have to submit them in competition with brokers.

Seat Reservations.
At the present time eight members of the house and three in the senate have failed to secure seat reservations. In the house Pilger of Stanton, Saberson of Dixon, Talcott of Knox, Coopersider of Adams, Carr of Cherry, Cooper of Dawes, Marlett of Kearney and Taylor of Hitchcock are still not located, while Henry of Colfax, Burman of Howard and Tibbets of Adams are without definite places in the senate.

Ban on Headache Powders.
Druggists who have on hand headache powders, and other medicines, which are not labeled showing their ingredients, will be arrested and prosecuted. The pure food law provided that druggists who had these inhibited medicines on hand prior to the enactment of the law would not have been enforced against them the penalty of the law for selling the same, when it was so shown at a prosecution. Some of the druggists took this to mean that they would not be prosecuted, and have been so.

NEBRASKA NEWS AND NOTES.

Items of Greater or Lesser Importance Over the State.

Home Carothers of Uteka was quite badly injured at Shickley by a fall from a freight car.

The Baptist ladies at Loup City cleared \$50 on a supper they gave a few evenings ago.

The annual meeting of the Nebraska Territorial association will be held in Lincoln, January 12.

The two months' session of the last grand jury of Douglas county cost the county over \$3,000.

While Robert Day of Gage county was carrying a mule the other day it got unruly and kicked, striking Mr. Day in the face and fracturing the jaw bone.

The Co-operative Creamery association at Germantown will hold its annual meeting for the election of officers for the coming year January 5, 1909, at 1 o'clock.

Lewis H. Clarke, a waiter at the Elite bakery in Hastings, was quite badly scalded from his hip to his knee by a pot of boiling coffee falling from a table onto him.

J. O. Walker died at Ong very suddenly. He was ill only two hours. His age was about 36 years. He was president of a chain of banks embracing Geneva, Deshler, Clayton, Edgar and Clay Center.

The Fremont Canning company will raise corn on the 350 acres of land for which it has contracted. The company heretofore has depended upon corn brought in by the farmers, but was unable to get enough for it for its annual campaign.

If the decision recently handed down by the supreme court is of the scope the lawyers in Central City believe Chapman is likely to be without a saloon shortly and Merrick county will be entirely without saloons, save for the one at Silver Creek.

The adjutant general is preparing for the state inspection of the companies of the Nebraska National Guard, which is to take place between January 11 and February 19. The inspection is required by act of congress and will be done by officers of the guard.

Mrs. R. P. Starr of Loup City received a very nice heirloom from an aged aunt one day last week. It was a neat little diamond ring, the one placed on her grandmother's finger by her grandfather when they were married. Mrs. Starr will be the custodian of it in the future.

The other night Mrs. George Buffington of Herman, an old lady 79 years of age, but quite active, retired feeling as well or better than common, and next morning her husband woke up about 6 a. m. and found her dead in bed beside him, she having expired some time during the night without making any noise.

Negotiations are under way for the building of an alfalfa feed mill in Hastings. Some mention was publicly made of the plans some days ago. The promotion of two other projects of a similar nature has been started. While three sets of men stand ready to move to Italy, only one of the projects is likely to be carried through.

Vera Ross, aged 14, a Scribner girl, is the champion apron maker of the world. Miss Ross carried off the prize in the hand-made apron class at the National Court exposition at Omaha. She was awarded a sewing machine. Dodge county's school exhibit won the first premium for the best collective county exhibit at the show.

Robert J. Fraas has commenced an action in the county court at Seward, in which he asks for \$1,000 from Isma Bowker, the village clerk at Pleasant Dale, Seward county, and his bondsmen. Fraas was granted a saloon license in 1907 and contends that he sustained damages to the above amount because the clerk failed to issue a license.

Samuel Wynore, after whom the town of Wynore was named, suffered a stroke of paralysis. Mr. Wynore settled in Gage county in 1863. He at one time owned the land upon which the towns of Blue Springs and Wynore are located. Some years ago he moved to Idaho, where he now owns considerable land. Mr. Wynore is 72 years of age.

More than fifteen years after the death of John L. Martin of Merrick county his heirs have started suit for the partition of his estate, and a division either of the land or of the proceeds of the sale of the same among the several heirs. During all these years the estate has been in the probate court and it was not until lately that a petition for a final settlement was filed by the widow, Emma, Martin.

It is found on checking up the registration of the Peru normal for the last few years that the registration in the junior and senior classes is four times as high as in 1904. It is also found that about one-fourth of the normal graduates have been graduated in the last biennium. This shows a remarkable growth of the school, indicating an increased demand on the part of the state for trained teachers.

A Union Pacific supply car caught fire in the yards at North Platte and burned up before anything in it could be saved. The Wayne Normal closed the fall term for the holiday vacation of ten days. The new term opened the 29th. The outlook is for the largest winter attendance the school has ever had. Accommodations are planned for 1,000 students.

The H. L. Silver Music company's store in Beatrice was completely gutted by fire. The loss to the stock will amount to \$4,000, with \$2,000 loss

GOT INTO A PARAGRAPH

Washington, Congressional, Political and Other Events Briefly Told

Congress.

Indications are that persons who expect President Roosevelt to say something of a personal nature in his message to congress replying to the inquiry as to the basis for that portion of his message dealing with the secret service will be disappointed. While the president has not yet written his reply he has collected a stock of information which will serve for its basis.

Secretary Root will be placed on the committee of foreign relations when he is elected to take Senator Platt's place in senate.

A stubborn fight is predicted by well posted men in Washington to occur during the present session of congress and possibly extending into the entire session, as a result of the reported intention of the house committee on interstate and foreign commerce to recommend to the house a new form of government for the Ishman canal zone.

The tariff hearings are ended and the sub-committee has begun drafting a bill.

The insurgent members of the house of representatives are confident they will eventually carry the change of the rules of the house.

Senator Jonathan Bourne of Oregon introduced a bill providing for an increase in the salary of the president of the United States from \$50,000 to \$100,000, and in the salary of the vice-president from \$12,000 to \$25,000.

A change in the form of the District of Columbia government by the substitution of a single head of government in place of three commissioners, establishment of district or municipal departments instead of existing bureaus, and creation of a new municipal department to be known as that of housing and labor, is recommended in a special message sent by President Roosevelt to congress.

General.
The labor leaders of the United States sent messages by the wholesale to the three officials of the American Federation who were sentenced to prison and the information was given out that the Bucks case would be fought to a finish in the highest court.

James Corrigan, who has been in financial straits with John D. Rockefeller for years, died Saturday, following an operation for appendicitis.

The weather man was unable to find snow enough for the United States Christmas and the day was a green one in the majority of places.

Harriman and Hill plan a gigantic railroad building campaign in Wyoming in their struggle for supremacy in west.

United States consuls in China report that imports are largely influenced by the fluctuations in the price of silver.

The resignation of President Newman of the New York Central is taken to indicate Harriman has secured control of that system.

The Chinese desire to have their diplomatic representatives here raised to the importance of an embassy.

Friendly relations are resumed between the United States and Venezuela.

Americans consume \$1,000,000 worth of sugar every day, over half of which is produced abroad.

The record Christmas gift of the season was made in San Francisco, where David T. Hanbury turned over to his wife property valued at \$4,000,000.

Charles P. Taft openly declares for a caucus to determine the party's choice of the man to succeed Senator Foraker. Senator Foraker and Representative Burton are both understood to be opposed to a caucus.

President-elect Taft has accepted an invitation to make an extended trip through Texas next summer.

Work on the Panama canal is progressing as calculated according to a statement of the secretary of the canal commission.

Cleveland street railroads have gone back to the street. General Robbers, probably the same man who robbed banks at Gibbon and Agent, Neb., the day before, blew the safe at the State Bank of Ceresco and stole \$3,000.

Judge Taft said that all rumors of cabinet appointments since acceptance of place by Mr. Bryan are without foundation. He attributes many of the reports to friends of men who want places.

Sensational developments in the Pittsburg bribery scandal have resulted in the departure of a number of persons suspected of complicity in the bribery.

Major O. J. Smith, founder of the American Press association, died Sunday evening at Dobb's Ferry, New York.

Unusual demand for money for dividends, trust company reserves and new bond issues was the feature of the week in financial circles.

The entire milling industry of Nebraska will oppose the recent order of Secretary of Agriculture James Wilson prohibiting the transporting and sale of bleached flour in interstate commerce.

The fight over the speakership in the Nebraska legislature has become so warm that Mr. Bryan may be forced to take a hand.

Omaha business men are enthusiastic over the results of the city's first annual corn show and are ready to help host the next one.

Washington.
After a recent cabinet meeting and a subsequent conference with the president the Attorney General Bonar Hunt said that the department of justice still had under consideration the question of prosecuting those persons whom the president considered guilty of criminal libel in connection with publications regarding the Panama canal purchase.

Speaker Cannon has announced the following as the representatives of the house on the inaugural committee of congress: Messrs. Burke, Pennsylvania; Young, Michigan; and Gaines, Tennessee.

The secretary of the treasury has sent a check for \$5,500 to the United States attorney to pay Mrs. Eliza A. Wausan and the estate of E. W. Brees for the site for the public building to be erected at Macon, Mo.

Miss Adeline Genee, the Danish comedienne touring with "The Soul Kiss" company, was received by President Roosevelt by special appointment.

She has damaged here many of the crown heads of Europe, and probably will appear privately at the White House.

President Roosevelt has written a letter to Rabbi Weiss praising the work of Riss' settlement on East Side of New York.

Brigadier General Edwards, head of the bureau of insular affairs, in his annual report highly commends the work of the Philippine scouts.

Southern timber producers asked that the tariff on lumber be not changed. An agent of the harvester combine recommended the removal of all duty on farm machinery except a 20 per cent tariff against specialties that do not permit free entry of American machinery.

Senator Gamble took up with the department of the interior the matter of expediting the preliminary work for the opening of the Standing Rock and Cheyenne River reservations, and his feels confident from the information received that it will be possible to have the matter in such shape that even if the lands cannot be opened then, that the registration may be had in the fall of 1909 and settlement taken up in the spring of 1910.

Personal.
W. R. Kelly, leader of the Union Pacific at South Omaha, committed suicide by shooting himself.

Andrew Carstickle said American steel manufacturers can make steel more cheaply than foreigners, and therefore the duty may be lowered.

Horace Burr, former president of the Union Pacific, has been appointed receiver of the Chicago and North Western.

Brantley's Sons, Omaha, will erect a \$500,000 theater building.

Council Bluffs, Iowa, received a letter signed by night riders ordering him to leave \$400 near a post in the rear of his store.

Terms of thirty on Secretary will expire March 4.

Attorneys for the Standard Oil company filed a brief in appeal of government in the Landia fine case.

The new government in Venezuela, with Vice-President Gomez at its head, has been organized by appointment of President Castro. All his ministers have been removed from the cabinet.

Speaker Cannon, in an address at the annual banquet of the New Jersey Society of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia, took an interesting and interesting manner in which the house was ruled at the last session.

ADVANCE GUARD LEGISLATORS

Not Expected to Arrive Till Latter Part of This Week.

It will probably be well on toward the end of this week before the advance guard of the coming session of the legislature begins to enter Lincoln. The session is not called together till your next January 5, which leaves plenty of time for the transit celebration of the Christmas holidays and the time members will be required to get down to business.

The uncertainty of the speakership contest is likely to bring the candidates for this honor upon the field rather early to be in readiness for the preliminary personal campaign among arriving members which will supplement that already carried on by correspondence.

At the present time the largest dividend following appears to be behind Clark of Richardson and Pools of Johnson, with Henry of Holt a supposedly good third. Friends of Bowman of Nuckolls, Taylor of Custer and Kuehl of Cedar aver that they will cut some figure and it is supposed the situation will be a bit more complicated with the probable entrance into the race of Kelley of Furnas, Taylor of Hitchcock and one or two Douglas county candidates.

With the situation lined-out in this fashion at the present time there is no telling what developments may be brought forth after the members gather on the ground and begin to compare notes together just before the caucus which will decide the contest. Up to the present time the matters of legislation to be undertaken have not probably entered to a very large extent into the preliminary canvass.

Governor Handles Funds.
It is not generally known that the governor of the state handles funds to any extent, but up to this time Governor Sheldon has received over \$115,000 during his two years' term of office. Of that amount \$7,584 remains on hand in the form of pay from the government for Nebraska soldiers who served in the Spanish-American war. The balance of the \$115,000 was nearly all money received from the government for the support of state soldiers and sailors' homes. This money is always turned into the state treasury as soon as received by the governor.

Governor and Wife Entertain.
Governor and Mrs. Sheldon were host and hostess at a family reunion at the executive mansion, following a Christmas tree given for the numerous little nieces and nephews and cousins. A Nelson of Omaha was served at noon. Those present were Mrs. Higgins, mother of Mrs. Sheldon; Mr. and Mrs. Griffith and daughter of Oklahoma; Mr. and Mrs. Wolfe; Mrs. Todd and daughter, Frank Sheldon and daughter, Vilas Sheldon and son, and the governor's family.

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Burlington Time Table

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TRAINS GOING EAST	
No. 27 Pacific Express	2:55 p. m.
No. 2 Local Express, to low points, Chicago and the east	6:00 p. m.
No. 4 Lincoln to Pacific Junction, connecting with points north, east and south (except Sunday)	8:54 a. m.
No. 26 From Omaha	9:35 p. m.
No. 30 Freight to Pacific Junction	4:15 p. m.
No. 6 Through vestibule express	8:38 a. m.
No. 14 From Omaha	9:50 p. m.

TRAINS GOING WEST	
No. 19 Local express, daily, Omaha, Lincoln, Wray, Col., and intermediate stations	8:05 a. m.
No. 7 Fast mail, Omaha and Lincoln (except Sunday)	12:21 p. m.
No. 28 Local express, Louisville, Ashland, Wabasa and Schuyler	8:45 a. m.
No. 29 Local freight, Cedar Creek, Louisville and South Bend	7:10 a. m.

M. P. Time Table	
TRAINS GOING NORTH	
No. 302 Omaha Express	5:27 a. m.
No. 103 Nebraska Mail	5:40 p. m.
No. 102 Local Freight	2:00 p. m.

TRAINS GOING SOUTH	
No. 104	9:45 a. m.
No. 101	9:45 a. m.
Local Freight	9:45 a. m.

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