

NEWS OF A WEEK IN ITEMIZED FORM

Epitome of the Most Important Events Gathered From All Points of the Globe.

WASHINGTON NOTES.

Congressman Willett of New York made an attack on President Roosevelt so full of vilification that the house compelled him to take his seat. Elihu Root was chosen for senator by a caucus of New York Republican legislators, and Senator Reed Smoot was named for re-election by Republican members of the Utah legislature. Warning congress that, though the movement to secure control of the water power of the country is still in its infancy, "unless it is controlled the history of the oil industry will be repeated in the hydro-electric power industry, with results far more oppressive and disastrous for the people." President Roosevelt sent a special message to the house vetoing a bill that provided for the construction of a dam across James river, in Stone county, Missouri, the purpose of the dam being to get water to create electric power. An appropriation of \$161,018,000 for pensions was agreed on by the committee on appropriations in the drafting of the annual pension appropriation bill. Senator Bacon introduced a resolution declaring that "any and every public document is subject to the call or inspection of the senate."

PERSONAL.

P. J. Kieran, former president of the Fidelity Funding Company of New York, who is held responsible by many Catholic churches and societies all over the country for the loss of funds, and whose whereabouts have been unknown to the public for several months, went to Pittsburg, surrendered himself to the authorities and gave bond in two cases. Charles S. Deneen was inaugurated governor of Illinois for the second time. Clara Morris, the actress, who has been ill a long time, is in a serious condition and her family and friends are very anxious about the outcome. President-elect Taft was warmly welcomed to Atlanta, Ga., and was the guest of honor at an elaborate banquet. J. B. F. Rinehart, former cashier and vice-president of the Farmers' and Drovers' National bank of Waynesburg, Pa., was found guilty of wrecking the bank, and was immediately sentenced to serve 15 years in the penitentiary. Elbert L. Morgan, charged with wrecking the Friendly (W. Va.) First National bank, was sentenced to five years in the penitentiary. Rear Admiral Sperry was received in private audience by the king of Italy. Cardenio F. King, formerly a Boston broker, was sentenced to serve not less than ten and not more than 14 years at hard labor.

GENERAL NEWS.

Secretary of the Interior Garfield, through his special agents, has learned of wholesale frauds, chiefly in states west of the Mississippi, by which in the last two years corporations and individuals have wrongfully acquired public lands estimated to be worth about \$110,000,000. On a warrant sworn out by Gov. Haskell, charging conspiracy to defame the governor, Scott MacReynolds, attorney and special agent for William R. Hearst, was arrested in Guthrie and a mass of data on the governor's libel suit against Hearst was seized in his room. John H. Woodbury, a well-known facial specialist, committed suicide at Coney Island. Scarlet fever appeared among the students at the Cornell College of Agriculture at Ithaca, N. Y. A number of young women students narrowly escaped being burned to death when the dormitory of Benzonia college at Benzonia, Mich., burned to the ground. While getting money to hand to a robber, L. Trimbald, a restaurant keeper of Union, Ia., was hot twice through the head and instantly killed. William C. and John S. McKee, bankers of Elmenton and Clintonville, Pa., were sentenced to five years in prison for misapplication of funds.

Having carried out a prearranged plan to die together, Schuyler C. Carr-kaddon and wife were found dead in their bedroom in South Norfolk, Va. The supreme court of the United States affirmed the decree of the state courts of Texas imposing a fine of \$1,623,000 on the Waters-Pierce Oil Company of St. Louis and ousting it from the state on the charge of violating the Texas anti-trust law. A strong undulatory shock in Messina caused much alarm and resulted in the fall of the remnants of a number of shattered walls. So far as is known no one was killed. Snydertown, Pa., was thrown into a panic by the collapsing of an abandoned coal mine, causing a shock like an earthquake. The Spring Hill college at Mobile, Ala., the largest Jesuit institution in the south, was destroyed by fire. The supreme court of the United States decided against former President Moyer of the Western Federation of Miners in the damage suit brought by him against former Gov. Peabody of Colorado. J. D. Wood of Salt Lake, millionaire mine owner, and perhaps the largest sheep owner in the west, was instantly killed by a Union Pacific engine. Seven foreigners, who are said to have been stupefied from liquor secured at a wedding celebration, were burned to death in a fire which destroyed three houses at Goodtown, Pa. Miss Violet Gordon Charlesworth, whose mysterious disappearance a short time ago caused a great deal of excitement because of her remarkable career and her intimate association with extensive stock deals, has been found at Oban, Scotland. Fire in the most extensive automobile storage and repair plant in Boston, Mass., destroyed 348 automobiles, valued at \$750,000. Heroism of nurses saved the lives of 15 patients of the Trull hospital in Middleford, Me., when fire gutted the institution. Twenty-one persons were killed and 39 injured, many of them seriously, in the head-on collision between a passenger train and a freight train on the Denver & Rio Grande near Dotsero, Col. The schooner Swallow of St. Johns, N. F., was wrecked off the coast of Long Island and her crew of about 12 men lost. Lee Quinn tried to rescue his brother from an officer on a train near Fort Smith, Ark., and in the resulting pistol battle Irvin Brassfield, a passenger, was fatally wounded. A triple tragedy was discovered in Seattle, Wash., when W. L. Seelye, an attorney and former national bank examiner for Illinois under Comptroller of Currency Eckels, his wife, Mrs. Kate M. Seelye, a member of the national society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, and his daughter, Miss Rena Seelye, a student at the University of Washington, were found dead in a bathroom of their home. It was believed Seelye killed the two women and committed suicide. The navy department began the work of loading vessels with building material and sending them to the earthquake survivors of Italy for the erection of small houses. Frederick Herreshoff, Yale man, golf champion, and youngest son of J. B. Francis Herreshoff, a wealthy manufacturer of New York, astonished his parents by announcing he had secretly married Miss May Faulkner, a show girl, last August. After reviewing the evidence for 22 hours and taking 15 ballots before all were agreed, the jury in the trial of Thornton Jenkins Hains at Flushing, N. Y., found the prisoner not guilty as a principal with his brother, Capt. Peter C. Hains, Jr., in the killing of William E. Annis. It was believed Capt. Hains would not be put on trial. Brig. Gen. Robert M. O'Reilly, who has been surgeon general of the army for the past seven years, was placed on the retired list after 45 years' service with the advanced rank of major general. Miss Frances Livingston of Boyd, Wis., who advertised in papers in all parts of the country for a husband and received 1,000 proposals of marriage, has chosen Louis Struvanz of Dorchester, Wis. The National League for Industrial Education, designed to foster national, state and local co-operation in the promotion of industrial training in schools, has been organized in New York with James J. Hill of St. Paul as honorary president. In a fire that completely burned the residence of Samuel Higgins, general manager of the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad at New Haven, Conn., yesterday his mother, Mrs. Higgins, lost her life. Thrilling escapes, many injuries, and one death accompanied the destruction by fire of the famous Copeland hotel in Topeka, Kan. Isaac E. Lambert of Emporia, familiar throughout Kansas as attorney and politician, was burned to death. Fifteen persons, a number of them well known in the state, were injured. It is likely all will recover. Mrs. Lizzie Harbin, aged 41, was shot and killed at her home in Washington by Frederick J. Kraemer, who then killed himself. Mrs. Nathan Sherrard and four children were burned to death at a lumber camp 20 miles from Ashland, Wis. Cyrus Campbell, 74 years old, a pioneer resident of Cherryvale, Kan., was burned to death and his wife fatally injured in a fire that destroyed their home. The corporation of Harvard college sent to the overseers of the college the name of Abbott Lawrence Lowell, professor of the science of government, as their choice as president of the college to succeed President Charles W. Elliot.

PAY FOR PRESIDENT

SENATE FIXES THE SAME AT HUNDRED THOUSAND.

NEBRASKANS VOTE AGAINST IT

Chief Justice, Vice President and Speaker of House Given \$15,000 Per Year Each.

Washington.—The salary of the president of the United States was on Tuesday fixed at \$100,000 per annum so far as the senate could fix it and the salary of the vice president and speaker of the house of representatives was fixed at \$15,000 each. The salary of the chief justice of the supreme court of the United States was increased from \$13,000 to \$15,000 per annum on those of associate justices from \$12,000 to \$14,500. These changes were made as amendments to the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill and after an extended debate. Amendments allowing \$5,000 to the vice president and the speaker of the house for horses and carriages were stricken from the bill. An amendment to reduce the salary allowance of the president from \$100,000 as proposed to \$75,000 was defeated by a vote of 33 to 32. The amendment increasing the salary of the president to \$100,000 was adopted by a vote of 35 to 30. The republican senators who voted against the increase were Beveridge, Borah, Brown, Burkett, Clapp, Dooliver, La Follette and Piles. No democratic senators voted in favor of the increase. An amendment was adopted providing for an "under secretary of state" to be paid \$10,000 per annum. Senator Raynor's resolution calling on the attorney general for information concerning the suit he proposes bringing against certain newspapers on the charge of libel in connection with the purchase of the Panama canal property was referred to the committee on the judiciary after a strong fight to have it adopted without such reference. House Passes Pension Bill. Disposing of the speech of Representative Willett of New York Monday attacking the president, by referring it to a special committee, the house of representatives proceeded to take up the various appropriation bills that have been reported within the last few days. The pensions and urgent deficiency bills were passed without delay, and when adjournment was taken the naval appropriation bill was under consideration.

Fire Sweeps Messina Ruins.

Messina—A serious fire broke out here among the ruins of the earthquake wrecked city. The remains of the Pennel palace fell in and added to the conflagration. The flames are spreading and in spite of the work of the soldiers to control them, and the situation is serious.

BANK GUARANTY IN NEW JERSEY

Bill Based on Bryan's Idea Introduced in Legislature. Trenton, N. J.—Following the lines of William J. Bryan's bank guaranty deposit idea, a bill was introduced in the New Jersey legislature. It is fathered by State Senator Gebhardt and provides for a tax on banks and trust companies, to be held as an insolvency fund, by means of which losses of institutions which fail can be liquidated.

ROOSEVELT SPEAKS IN BERLIN.

President Accepts Invitation by Emperor to Lecture. Washington.—President Roosevelt has accepted an invitation of the University of Berlin to give a lecture to the students and faculty of the university in May, 1910. The invitation was brought by Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador and was supported by the German emperor. Mr. Roosevelt it is understood, will accept no more invitations of this kind in Europe, but will limit his addresses to one before the Sorbonne in Paris, one at the University of Oxford and the one he has now promised to deliver in Berlin.

Teller Anderson is Free.

Jefferson City, Mo.—William C. Anderson, for eighteen years teller in the First National bank at Kansas City sentenced in 1906 to four years in the penitentiary for stealing \$9,000, finished his term and was released Tuesday.

Against Postal Bank Bill.

Chicago—The Chicago Clearing House association adopted resolutions condemning the postoffice savings bank bill now pending in congress, on the ground that the proposed means of conducting it were impracticable.

Bill Covers Indian Lands.

Washington.—Senator Clapp, chairman of the senate committee on Indian affairs, has introduced a bill providing that if an Indian of a tribe whose surplus lands have been ceded receives an allotment embracing poses, such allotment may be cancelled and other land within the reservation allotted to him. The object of the bill is to give the secretary of the interior authority to correct mistakes in making allotments, which in some instances have worked hardship to allottees.

CAPITAL CITY NEWS

ITEMS OF INTEREST AROUND THE STATE HOUSE.

THE WORK OF THE LAW MAKERS

Legislative Facts and Gossip—News of the State Capital.

Governor Shallenberger's Appointees.

Governor Shallenberger on Friday morning gave out a complete list of the appointments that have been made by him to date. This shows that S. L. Mains of Crete had been appointed chief food commissioner, while L. J. Tuel, the traveling representative of a patent medicine house, is named as a deputy, together with three others. Mr. Tuel supposed that he was to be placed upon about the same basis as Mr. Mains, one to look after one branch of the work and the other to handle the remainder. The list given out by the governor is as follows: Institute for feeble minded—Dr. G. L. Roe, superintendent; Louis Werner, steward. Chief deputy state oil inspector—Arthur F. Mullen, O'Neill; deputies—Francis Coifer, McCook, fifth district; R. E. Harmon, Auburn, first; T. J. O'Connor, Omaha, second; Fred Pratt, Humphrey, third; M. J. Bouse, David City, fourth. Chief deputy game warden—Dan Gellus, Omaha; deputies—John Donovan, Madison; Joseph Boehler, Orleans; Isaac King, Superior; deputy fish commissioner—W. J. O'Brien, Louisville. Chief deputy labor commissioner—Will M. Maupin, Lincoln. Soldiers and sailor's home, Grand Island—Eli Barnes, commandant. Soldiers and sailor's home, Milford—David Rowen, Omaha, commandant. Industrial school for boys—C. B. Manuel, St. Paul, superintendent; J. I. Bennett, Kearney, physician. State penitentiary—T. W. Smith, York, warden; Dr. H. B. Lowry, physician. Hospital for insane, Hastings—Dr. M. W. Baxter, Prosser, superintendent; Dr. J. T. Steele, first assistant physician; Dr. Crutcher, Mt. Clair, second assistant; Jesse Gidley, Saunders county, steward. Hospital for insane, Lincoln—Dr. D. S. Woodward, Aurora, superintendent; Dr. Ernest O. Webber, first assistant physician; Dr. Halle Ewing, second assistant; H. F. Bishop, Lincoln, steward. Hospital for insane, Norfolk—Dr. Joseph Percival, Omaha, superintendent; Dr. H. L. Wells, West Point, first assistant; Herman Gerdecke, Norfolk, steward. Home for the friendless, Lincoln—Mrs. Emma C. Johnston, superintendent. State veterinarian—Dr. Paul Jackness, South Omaha. Institute for blind—N. C. Abbott, Tekamah, superintendent. Deputy food commissioner—S. L. Mains, Crete; inspectors—L. J. Tuel, Lincoln; Chas. Fenland, South Omaha; C. W. Carson, Edgar; J. E. Vogle, Plattsmouth. Adjutant general—John C. Hartigan, Fairbury. Quartermaster general—Allan D. Falconer, Omaha. Inspector general—A. D. Fetterman, Omaha. Judge advocate—William Mitchell, Alliance. Surgeon general—Dr. A. P. Fitzsimmons, Tecumseh. Assistant adjutant general—Ernest H. Phelps, Lincoln. Members of governor's staff with rank of colonel—D. J. Gates, Abdon; E. M. Westervelt, Lincoln; Chas. Fanning, Omaha; William Kennedy, Omaha; J. E. Summers, Omaha; Felix J. McShane, Omaha; B. B. Marshall, Omaha; Ed. P. Berryman, Omaha; Ed. W. Gotten, Omaha; W. R. Murphy, South Omaha; Sephus F. Noble, Omaha; L. J. Uterback, Nebraska City; James H. Quigley, Valentine; Charles Surba, Milligan; M. H. Weiss, Hebron; J. G. Thompson, Alma; J. H. Kelly, Gothenburg; Parley Cooper, Crawford; Robert Oberfelder, Sidney; R. E. Piller, Millerton; W. E. Weber, Omaha; James G. Martin, South Omaha; E. J. Shin, Beatrice; Howard J. Hill, Lincoln; T. G. Byrne, Omaha; W. E. Straub, Lincoln.

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Bryan Electors Meet.

The eight democratic electors of Nebraska who cast their votes for W. J. Bryan met Monday afternoon at the state house, according to law, and cast their vote and will send a copy thereof to Washington and the messenger, who will be one of the electors, will get a nice fat mileage fee for his trouble, besides the enjoyment of a trip to the national capital. While the electors have given up hope of electing Mr. Bryan by their votes, they intend to vote for straight just the same. Governor Shallenberger and the pleasure of meeting with the electors and talking over the political situation. The electors are M. F. Harrington of O'Neill, Henry R. Gering of Plattsmouth, R. E. Watzko of Humboldt, Sophus F. Noble of Omaha, Douglas Shawvan of Loretto, E. O. Weber of Valparaiso, Frank T. Swanson of Clay Center, and A. D. Cameron of Spaulding.

The Legislators Get Busy.

Up to the time of its adjournment Thursday there had been ninety bills introduced into the senate and when the house adjourned Friday about the same number had been introduced in that branch of the legislature. They cover almost every known subject that could be imagined that would be at all likely to be brought up and include several schemes for bank guaranty, new experiment stations, and one seeks to appropriate \$100,000 for the erection of new buildings at the Hastings asylum. So far nothing has been done in either house except introduce bills and it is not likely that the oratory will begin to flow in their behalf until some time the coming week. It is expected that by that time the solons will have caught their second breath and get down to hard work.

Inspecting State Institutions.

The senate committee on public lands and buildings began its trip of inspection of state institutions Thursday, leaving for Grand Island, where the operation of the Soldiers' Home there will be investigated. The Boys' Industrial school at Kearney is next on the list, following which the members will go to Hastings, where Senator Tibbets will play host. The Hastings hospital, under the management of Superintendent Kern, has been enlarged, and it compares favorably with some of the larger hospitals for the insane in the east.

The House Committees.

Following is the list of the chairmen of the house committees as selected by the democratic committee on committees which held several caucuses between the time the house adjourned and the time of convening Tuesday: Clarke, ways and means. Taylor, corporations. Graft, banking. Kuhl, privileges and elections. Henry, railroads. W. Z. Taylor, enrolling and engrossing bills. Howard, labor. Shoetger, agriculture. Fries, roads and bridges. Kelley, public lands and buildings. Groves, accounts and expenditures. Humphrey, penitentiary. Broderick, asylums. Lawrence, militia. Kraus, internal improvements. Brown, federal relations. Shoemaker, constitutional amendments. Greig, county boundaries. Wilson, judiciary. McVicker, benevolent institutions. Hefferman, fish and game. Sink, insurance. Bowman, telegraph and telephone. Talbot, medical societies. Nettleton, soldier's homes. Murphy, deficiencies. Thomas, cities and towns. Bates, public printing. Pilger, insane hospitals. Swan, libraries. Kotone, public schools. Case, university and normal schools. Skeen, mines and minerals. Hopsedsky, immigration. Fogarty, manufacture and commerce. Worthing, school lands and funds. Gerdes, miscellaneous subjects. Snyder, claims. Harrington, live stock and grazing interests. Gates, revenue and taxation. Pool, rules. Plekens, apportionment. Marlet, fees and salaries. Miller, irrigation. Pool, employes. Boland, drainage.

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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.

The Midwest Life of Lincoln has insurance in force amount to \$1,452,000. Its officers are: N. Z. Snell, president; Dr. B. B. Davis, Omaha, vice president; A. J. Sawyer, secretary; H. S. Freeman, treasurer; Dr. M. H. Everett, medical director; C. R. Easterday, actuary, and J. H. Mockett, Jr., superintendent of agents. The Midwest Life issues all the standard forms of insurance. Local agents wanted in every town in Nebraska. Home office, 1007 "O" street, Lincoln Nebraska.

Mrs. Tolly, a widow woman of Seaward county, lost her home by fire.

A local fire department has been organized at Weston.

A. H. Tice, a former merchant of Gage county, died in Ohio last week.

Dr. Rose, a Kearney dentist, dropped dead on the street from heart trouble. He was 59 years old.

It is reported that the postmaster at Fordyce has left the country. An inspector is looking over his accounts.

The weather has been making fine ice and great quantities of it is being gathered.

Sixteen thousand dollars worth of horses were sold at Grand Island at the last horse sale, one team of Belgian mares breaking the single team record bringing \$1,560.

The program for the spring meeting of the Dixon and Dakota County Medical association has been arranged. It will be held in Emerson on March 22.

Noel Moats residing southeast of Sutton was drugged and robbed of a gold watch and \$30 in money, and a check for \$100. The gentleman lives alone and was in a semi-conscious condition when found.

Michael Theiss and Fred Dean, neighbors in Keith county quarreled about the ownership of a harvester, during which Theiss was shot, not dangerously, however.

The waterworks system of Weston has not been accepted on account of several defects in the tank and leakage of pipes, though in an emergency the system can be used.

The Otoe County Farmers' Protective association met and re-elected the old officers and made their annual report. This organization has been in existence in the county for the last ten years.

The quarantine placed on the inmates of the Girls' Reform school at Geneva on account of several cases of scarlet fever, before the holidays, will be raised in a few days, no new cases appearing.

Governor Shallenberger issued a requisition on the governor of California for the return to Kearney county, Nebraska, of Bert Taylor, accused of murdering his sister-in-law at Minden last spring.

At the regular meeting of the county commissioners of Cass county, Dr. M. M. Butler was appointed a county physician. The expenses of the county for the coming year was placed at \$99,659, of which \$20,000 was for bridges and \$25,000 for roads.

Dan B. Todd, manager of the York Ice company, had his leg broken and almost torn from its socket while working at the ice house. He fell onto the chute up which they pull the ice into the house, and his feet caught in the chain.

Dr. B. H. Burd of Nelson was run down by a freight train at the crossing of the highway a mile north of the town. The buggy was demolished and the doctor seriously injured, but not beyond recovery.

The State Banking board, composed of the auditor, state treasurer and attorney general, met and reappointed the old officers, examiners and clerk, as follows: Secretary, E. Royse; chief clerk, N. R. Persinger; examiners, E. F. Smuttel, C. H. Beaumont, C. W. Irwin, E. S. Miley and E. H. Mullenwey.

York merchants state that the use of automobiles by farmers has helped business in York for the reason that the farmers living a distance from York having autos who formerly traded at their nearest town now come to York, and the increase in business from York county farmers owning automobiles and living a distance is quite noticeable.

In a decision of widespread importance to telephone interests throughout Nebraska, District Judge Corcoran of York held invalid that section of a contract entered into by various independent companies by which they agreed not to exchange toll business with the Nebraska Telephone company. The ruling was made in the suit instituted by the independent companies of Grand Island, Hastings, Shelton, Kenesaw, York and other cities.

As a fitting close to his long period of public service as county commissioner, male friends and neighbors of T. A. McKay of Hamilton county, to the number of twenty or more called at his home and presented him with an easy chair.

Captain Frazier of Madison, met with a large body of the citizens of Geneva to see what could be done to reorganize company G of the Nebraska National Guard. After a number of speeches it was decided to appoint a citizens' committee in reorganization of the company, and putting it upon a good working basis.