

NEWS OF A WEEK IN ITEMIZED FORM

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

WASHINGTON NOTES.

The importance of the preservation of the home intact was the central theme around which the discussion revolved at the conference on the Care of Dependent Children...

PERSONAL.

Mrs. Carrie Nation was egged and hooted at when she tried to lecture in London. Dean Liberty Hyde Bailey of Cornell announced that he was not a candidate for and would not accept the position of secretary of agriculture in the cabinet of President Taft.

GENERAL NEWS.

The liner Republic, rammed by the Italian steamer Florida in a fog off Nantucket lies under 45 fathoms of sea off No Man's Land, near Martha's Vineyard island, off the Massachusetts coast.

On the eleventh anniversary of the arrival of the old battleship Maine on her ill-fated mission to Cuban waters, the new Maine, with the still more modern Mississippi following in her wake, sailed into Havana harbor to be present at the inauguration of Gen. Jose Miguel Gomez and the new Cuban government.

Two men were killed and several injured by a gas explosion in a coal mine at Boswell, Pa.

Walter Zeller, 18 years old, convicted of murdering his grandfather at Vineland, N. J., was sentenced to be electrocuted March 8.

Delegates from 35 countries including the United States, have voted in Paris to establish a permanent international refrigeration association.

A general reduction in the number of employees at the Philadelphia navy yard has thrown nearly 600 mechanics of the various departments out of work.

Insurance Commissioner Bell of Kentucky revoked the license of the Southern Fire Insurance Company of New Orleans, now in the hands of a receiver.

Brooding over financial troubles, R. L. Hillborn, a well-to-do farmer, killed his wife and then blew his own brains out at their home near Charleston, O.

Judge Hunt of the United States district court at Helena, Mont., handed down a decision in the so-called smoke case in which he denied the application of farmers for the closing of the Washoe smelter at Anaconda.

Gov. Magoon reported on the excellent results of the American occupation of Cuba and denounced the leaving of the wreck of the Maine in Havana harbor as a disgrace to the United States.

President-elect Taft and party sailed from Charleston for Panama on the cruiser North Carolina.

Severe earthquake shocks recorded on European seismographic instruments were believed to have occurred in Russian Turkestan.

That benzoate of soda used as a food preservative is not injurious to health is the judgment of the referee board of consulting experts, of which Dr. Ira Remsen, president of Johns Hopkins university, is chairman.

A fortune from one of the most valuable estates in Germany and the title of dowager countess of Marbroeck constitute the reward which will fall to Mrs. J. H. Voelker of Wallace, Idaho, as a result of a five-year legal battle in the courts of Germany.

Three persons were killed and two fatally injured by a snowslide at the Camp Bird mine, Ouray, Col.

Stephen T. Hood of Kansas City was shot and killed by his former friend, James W. Blanton, after a quarrel.

A new world's record of 138 feet for ski jumping was made at the Northwestern Ski tournament at Chippewa Falls, Wis., by Oscar Gunderson.

An insane convict in the penitentiary at Pittsburg, Pa., fatally stabbed a nurse and a guard and was killed by the latter.

Two Russians, in an attempt to rob the pay wagon of a factory in Tottenham, a London suburb, killed three persons and wounded about 20, after which both shot themselves, one dying instantly.

The Swiss Aero club has selected Zurich as the starting place for the international balloon race for the James Gordon Bennett cup next fall.

Floods that are general throughout the Transvaal and the northern part of Natal caused 173 deaths.

Several persons were killed and many hurt in a collision between two sections of a Pennsylvania railway train near Johnstown, Pa.

The death sentence of Herman Billick of Chicago, convicted of poisoning Mary Vrzal, was commuted to life imprisonment by Gov. Deneen.

A large pier and quantities of merchandise burned at Galveston, Tex., the loss being \$425,000.

Ruth Bryan Leavitt, daughter of William J. Bryan, filed suit for divorce from William H. Leavitt, in Lincoln, Neb., alleging non-support.

The first national convention of the unemployed met in St. Louis.

San Francisco business men who recently made a trip to the Orient sent a strong protest to the California legislature against the proposed anti-Japanese legislation.

What are believed to have been earthquake shocks were felt in Cincinnati and its suburbs.

Persons venturing on the unusual forms of amusement devices at Coney Island do so at their own risk and cannot expect to recover damages for injuries sustained under general conditions, according to a ruling of the appellate division of the supreme court of New York.

Jay Gould, champion amateur court tennis player of the world and son of the millionaire railroad director, George J. Gould, is likely to become a probation officer in a New York police court.

The number of dead in the crib fire horror at Chicago was estimated at 70. It was believed the disaster was caused by a workman dropping a torch on dynamite.

An alleged conspiracy of stockmen to drive a stock company from South Dakota was revealed by the confessions of men under arrest.

Mrs. Susie M. Burdette, widow of the late Joshua Burdette, a wealthy pioneer merchant of Creek county, Oklahoma, who was the victim of a mysterious assassination at Eufala, Okla., in 1906, filed suit for the recovery of \$500,000 insurance upon Burdette's life.

Alvin Boline of Ottawa, Ill., shot his wife and fatally wounded her mother in the latter's home at Galva, Ill., and then committed suicide.

POWERS OF SENATE

FOUND IT HAS NO RIGHT TO INFORMATION ASKED FOR.

STEEL INQUIRY EMBARRASSED

Attorney General Bonaparte Quotes Law Recently Passed and Refuses to Attend Inquiry.

Washington—That the senate has no right to call on President Roosevelt for information he may have obtained from the United States Steel corporation when he countenanced that concern's absorption of the Tennessee Coal and Iron company is the opinion of the committee on judiciary appointed to investigate the merger.

The investigation is proving decidedly embarrassing to the judiciary committee, but regardless of this it has been decided to proceed with the inquiry and report to the senate whether the president had authority to permit the merger.

When the committee called upon Attorney General Bonaparte to appear before it at a recent meeting, reply was received declining the invitation. This invitation was not made public. It is now known that Mr. Bonaparte directed the committee's attention to the act to establish the Department of Commerce and Labor and argued that it is a bar to any demand for such information as the president may have acquired concerning the Tennessee concern.

The data supplied to the president by Judge E. H. Gary and H. C. Frick as to the necessity for the merger, according to Mr. Bonaparte, comes within this clause of the commerce and labor act. Without this information it is difficult for the committee to proceed.

Although several meetings have been held the judiciary committee has not been able to decide upon any course of procedure which would not seem to threaten a quarrel with the president. There is a disposition on the part of a majority of the members of the committee to proceed with the inquiry, although no program has been arranged.

Resurvey of Public Lands.

Washington, Jan. 26.—Claiming that the enactment of the bill is both wise and necessary, the house committee on public lands has reported favorably on the bill introduced by Mr. Mondell of Wyoming, authorizing the secretary of the interior to have surveys or retracement of public lands made whenever he may deem it essential after investigation.

It was formerly the practice to accept the sworn statement of surveyors without first examining the survey, and the work was often carelessly done. Because of the inability to define boundary lines, the government finds it difficult to dispose of some of its public lands without a resurvey. Under the present law one must resort to a private bill before congress to have a certain place of land retraced.

New Orleans to Honor Taft.

New Orleans—Arrangements for the reception which the city of New Orleans will give in honor of President-elect Taft and his party when they return to the United States via New Orleans, February 13, are already being made.

Senator Newlands Re-elected.

Carson, Nev.—United States Senator Francis G. Newlands, democrat, who had been chosen by popular vote to succeed himself, was re-elected by both houses of the legislature, voting separately.

Contents of Letter Withheld.

Washington—No idea of what the letter contained which President Roosevelt has written to Governor Gillett of California could be gained at the White House. Secretary Loeb said there was nothing to say.

Is Again Committeeman.

Harrisburg, Pa.—James M. Guffey, the Pittsburg oil magnate, was unanimously chosen as the Pennsylvania member of the democratic national committee to succeed James Kerr, deceased.

Preparing to Hang Billick.

Chicago—Sheriff Strassheim, not having been notified of the commutation of the sentence of Herman Billick from hanging to a life sentence for the murder of Mary Vrzal, has sent out the usual invitation for the hanging on January 29 next.

THREE BILLS IN LOT FRAUDS

Land Inquiry at Muskogee Bears Fruit Quickly.

Muskogee, Okl.—Semi-official reports from the federal grand jury are to the effect that three persons have been indicted on town lot fraud charges and that from ten to fifty separate indictments have been found against each. Government officials while declining to vouchsafe any information in advance of the report of the jury, do not deny that indictments have been found.

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.

Volpp Bank Guaranty Bill.

The Volpp banking bill was introduced by the Dodge county members of the upper house. It provides for a voluntary guaranty system which may be accepted by any state bank desiring to do so and provides for payment of losses in thirty days, giving a suitable time for the checking up of banks before the state steps in and makes the reimbursement to depositors. The governor is made comptroller of banks and he appoints three assistants, one of whom is a citizen of ten years' residence in Nebraska and the others are bankers. They draw pay at \$5 a day. A secretary of the board draws \$3,000 a year.

The minimum limit on capital stock of banks is fixed as follows: In cities up to 500 population, \$15,000; up to 1,000, \$25,000; up to 2,000, \$35,000; up to 5,000, \$50,000; up to 25,000, \$75,000; up to 100,000, and over 100,000, \$200,000.

C. H. Rudge Was Made President.

The most important meeting of the Nebraska state agricultural associations Wednesday was the meeting of the state board of agriculture. After revising the premium contests a bill was drafted asking for an appropriation of \$150,000 to build a live stock judging pavilion. The bill was presented to the legislature at an early date.

S. C. Bassett tendered his resignation and as a mark of appreciation for his services was presented with a handsome leather chair. Mr. Bassett thanked the members of the board for the present and spoke of the satisfaction he had long enjoyed while a member of the agricultural board.

After the address of the president and the reading of the report of the secretary came the election of officers and a board of managers. C. H. Rudge was re-elected president; O. B. Hendershot, first vice president; Charles McLeod, second vice president; E. C. Blair, treasurer; W. R. Mellor, secretary. The following compose the new board of managers appointed by President Rudge: O. B. Hendershot, G. W. Hervey, Peter Youngers, R. W. Hawes, George Dickman.

First Junketing Trip Is Over.

The first junketing trip of the present legislature is over. Uncle Dan Nettleton and his party have returned from Milford and Grand Island, where they inspected the soldiers' home. The trip was short and the members spent most of the time on the business on which they were ostensibly engaged.

As a result of the trip it appears probable that the requests of the two places for new buildings, etc., will be curtailed, but that Milford will fare much better than Grand Island. This was suggested in ex-Governor Sheldon's message to the legislature.

While on the trip the members of the soldiers homes committee visited the industrial home for women at Milford. All of them, regardless of political faith, were much pleased at the manner in which the home has been conducted.

To Close Saloons at 7 O'clock.

Bills were introduced in both houses of the legislature providing for the extension of the daylight saloon system now in force in Lincoln, to all parts of the state. In the senate King introduced S. F. No. 131. It prohibits the sale of liquor on Sunday or election days and also forbids its sale on any day of the week between the hours of 7 o'clock in the evening and 7 o'clock in the morning. Any saloon man found guilty of a violation of the statute shall be fined \$100 and the licensing board shall cancel his license regardless of whether or not he appeals.

In the house the same measure was introduced by Johnson of Bart and is known as H. R. No. 119.

Nebraska Took the Prize.

It was announced to members of the legislature at the state farm Wednesday during their trip to that institution, that the North Platte experiment station had taken the prize at the Denver stock show on a carload of hogs fed from the products raised on the farm, and reared there.

Dean Burnett in discussing the work done at the North Platte station, also reported that during the past year a yield of sixty-seven bushels per acre of winter wheat had been attained. He held that the work the station is doing in that section is of real benefit to the farmers and reported one instance where a farmer who had attended a big picnic at the station where methods of farming had been explained had raised the price on his land \$5 per acre.

Dedicated the New Building.

The formal dedication of the home economics building at the state farm took place Tuesday night. The structure has been used by the domestic science department since the opening of the school year, but the rush of work at the farm had postponed the dedicatory exercises. At the services last night hundreds of people from over the state who are here for the annual agricultural meeting attended and there were many from this city, as well as the majority of the students at the state farm.

Swine Breeders Elect Officers.

The state associations of swine breeders closed the annual meetings Wednesday night and Thursday nearly all of the members left for their homes. A few who were interested in other lines of agriculture will remain until the associated societies close their meeting. The swine breeders appointed a committee to seek legislation in the interests of the association and F. C. Crocker, A. B. Christian and Charles Dawson were appointed as a legislative committee to attempt to have the legislature appropriate \$5,000 for experimental purposes for various swine diseases.

Officers were elected by the Nebraska swine breeders as follows: President, H. A. Wortz; first vice president, Mr. Van Patten; second vice president, Mr. Beebe; third vice president, Mr. Gilmore; secretary-treasurer, George Briggs.

To Abolish County Assessor.

Senator Ollis would abolish the office of county assessor in all counties with a population under 20,000. He would also change the salaries of these officials so that in counties with a population of 20,000 to 30,000 he may receive \$700 in counties of 30,000 to 50,000 not more than \$800, in counties of 50,000 to 100,000, not more than \$1,800 and in counties of 100,000 or more not to exceed \$2,400. One of the problems to be figured out is how the law, if passed, will get rid of the county assessors elected in 1907 for four year terms. They were selected under the revenue law passed in the legislature in 1905 and can hardly, it is said, be legislated out of office by the present legislature.

State Treasurer Balked.

Chief Clerk Cone of the house failed in obtaining cash from the state treasury to pay for stamps allowed daily by the house of representatives. He had obtained the consent of State Auditor Barton to draw a warrant for the money but State Treasurer Brian said he never had and never would countersign a warrant on the state treasury when no appropriation had been made by the legislature back of it. The house provided for stamps by resolution but a resolution does not suspend the constitution so far as the state treasurer is concerned.

Auditor Barton says he will refuse to issue warrants to more than the legal number of employees of the house and senate.

Judgship Affair May Be Dropped.

The supreme judge fight has resolved itself into one of two contingencies; either the whole affair will be dropped or Governor Shallenberger will appoint another attorney in the place of Silas A. Holcomb, acting from the new appointee a promise to cause the matter to be brought before the supreme court so that the high tribunal will be forced to render an opinion on the validity of the Sheldon appointments to the supreme bench, or, to come closer to the real question, to determine whether the legislature or the canvassing board has the right to canvass the returns on constitutional amendments.

What Commissioner Maupin Wants.

Deputy Labor Commissioner Maupin filed his estimate of the amount required to run his department for the next two years. Twenty thousand dollars is the total. In addition to restoring the chief clerk, cut out some years ago, he wants two factory inspectors added to the force. The salary list suggested is: Deputy commissioner, \$2,600; male factory inspector, \$1,500; female factory inspector, \$1,200; chief clerk and statistician, \$1,200; stenographer, \$1,000. He says that his predecessor, Mr. Ryder, suggested a salary for the deputy commissioner of \$2,500 a year, but \$2,000 will do him.

Mrs. Whitmore Elected President.

Mrs. W. G. Whitmore of Valley, the wife of Regent Whitmore, was Thursday elected president of the Nebraska Home Economics society. The other officers chosen were: Mrs. Val Keyser of Lincoln, secretary; Miss Bouton of Lincoln, vice president; Mrs. F. Johnson of Harvard, treasurer. Mrs. Keyser refused the position of secretary for another year and Mrs. E. G. Jury of Tecumseh, was chosen in her place.

Thoroughbred Horse Breeders.

At a mass meeting of the thoroughbred horse breeders of Nebraska held at the Lindell hotel Tuesday an association was formed. W. H. Plourd of Indianola was elected president; Perry Reed of Henderson, secretary, and Charlie Johnson of Valparaiso, treasurer. Steps were taken to further the interests of the thoroughbred horse, both from a breeding and racing standpoint.

Exposition of Lincoln Made Goods.

Forty interesting exhibits will make up the Made in Lincoln exposition, which is to be held in the Auditorium March 2 to 5. As many exhibits as possible will show in actual working order how the different articles are manufactured. Manufacturers who can not put in a working exhibit will make a display of how their goods are made from the raw to the finished product.

Oregon Plan Was Adopted.

The Oregon plan of electing senators, as proposed by a bill in the house by Humphrey, of Lancaster, is moving along with little interruption toward passage, the committee of the whole reporting the bill to the house for passage Friday morning and the house adopting this report.

Sunday Baseball Gets a Setback.

Sunday baseball received a quietus in the house judiciary committee this forenoon, only a solitary vote being recorded in support of the bill by Scheele of Seward on that subject. After hearing all that the introducer of the measure had to say in its favor and statements by Taylor of Custer and Raper of Pawnee in opposition, the committee adopted a report for indefinite postponement. Shoemaker of Douglas was the only one on the committee who voted to recommend the bill for passage.

NEBRASKA IN BRIEF

NEWS NOTES OF INTEREST FROM VARIOUS SECTIONS.

ALL SUBJECTS TOUCHED UPON

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

Grand Island postoffice receipts for 1908 show a substantial increase over the previous year.

Judson Brown, a deaf mute of Tecumseh, was run down and seriously injured by a Burlington train one mile from the city.

If you are in need of old line life insurance, or wish an agency to write life insurance, correspond with The Midwest Life of Lincoln.

Governor Shallenberger has accepted the invitation of the senior class to deliver the commencement address at the Normal in Peru, June 2.

The city council of Fairbury has decided to purchase a combination chemical fire engine and hose wagon as a preliminary step towards organizing a paid fire department.

Farmers should all have telephones. Write to us and learn how to get the best service for the least money. Nebraska Telephone Company, 18th and Douglas streets, Omaha. "Use the Bell."

Crawford is anxious to secure the next encampment of the National guard of the state and a committee of its citizens called upon Governor Shallenberger to extend the invitation of the city.

Dr. Wells of West Point announces that he will accept the appointment of assistant physician at the Norfolk Insane hospital. He was appointed by Shallenberger and wanted the superintendency of the institution.

The citizens of Cambridge held an enthusiastic meeting to effect immediate arrangements in support of a bill pending in the legislature, providing for an appropriation of \$75,000 for a state agricultural school at Cambridge.

One of the biggest land deals made in Gage county for some time was closed, when C. H. Calkins of Heald sold his 480-acre farm northwest of Filley to Henry Kelle of Logan township for \$40,800.

A meeting of the resident members was held in Fairbury and an organization formed which is known as the Fairbury Knights Templar association. R. D. Russell was named as president.

The jury in the case of Henry Brown, accused of robbing the bank at De Weese, Clay county, brought in a verdict of guilty. Hall and Brown were caught in St. Joseph, Mo., they demanded separate trials and Hall was tried first and found guilty.

When Frank Johnson started out to burglarize the town of Clark's his plans for securing his booty and making his escape were poorly laid, for within three or four hours he was in the Merriek county jail and the loot he secured was locked in Sheriff Her's strong box. Johnson acknowledges his transgression.

The Farmers' bank of Hadar, a village in Pierce county, five miles north of Norfolk, was robbed of \$1,939 in cash. The robbers dug a hole through a two-foot vault wall with pick-axes, dynamited the safe at both ends, got \$1,965, dropped \$16 on their way out and escaped without creating the slightest disturbance in the town.

According to his system of computation the food commissioner of Nebraska finds that the people of Nebraska pay \$54,000 a year for water which they buy at oyster prices, the same, which he declares to be an adulteration and liable for prosecution. He has sent out a statement to oyster dealers in the state, giving his objections to the water cure for oysters and forbidding them to continue this "cunning trickery."

A Valentine dispatch says: Leo Phillips of Rosebud, S. D., was found in a snow drift frozen to death. He started from Crookston Wednesday with a load of coal and feed. His horses showed up at Rosebud, with check reins up. A searching party started out at once, and found his wagon broken down and the supposition is that he started to lead his team to Rosebud and was lost.

At a recent meeting of the state board of agriculture in Lincoln, Secretary W. R. Mellor submitted a long report dealing with everything of interest to the board, receiving the progress made in agriculture in the state, agricultural education, progress of the board in its work, and showing receipts and expenditures from warrants drawn by the secretary. The total receipts were \$81,616.77; expenditures, \$16,500.78. The report of the board of managers showed that there had been available last year a surplus of \$20,000 for construction purposes. To this was added \$3,000 from the resources of the society. Buildings under way were completed in time for the use of the fair.

Howard Archer, the 4-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Archer, former Beatrice residents was killed at Kansas City by the falling from the seventh floor of the Lorraine building. Mr. Archer served in the Philippines with the First Nebraska.

Wesley Travis, a theatrical man from Chicago, has just organized a local company of artists at Tekamah, and gone on the road in a musical comedy called "The Poor Mr. Rich." He prompted a home talent play recently given in that place and found what he considered good material for a company.