

AS TOLD IN A LINE

A BOLTING DOWN OF THE NEWS OF THE DAY.

MENTIONED IN SMALL SPACE

The Busy Reader Can Absorb in a Few Moments a Good Deal of Information.

Congress.

The war department wants congress to pass a retirement bill for civil employes of the Philippine government and charge the expense up to the Filipinos.

Senator Teller made an extended speech on Senator Bacon's bill questioning the authority of the president to withhold official papers from congress.

Congressman Mondell of Wyoming in a speech in the house made a severe attack on the forestry service.

The house locked horns with the senate on the question of automobiles for the White house and refused to accept an amendment to the urgent deficiency bill striking out the appropriation of \$12,000 for that purpose.

Congressman Pollard of Nebraska made an argument for federal inspection of grain.

The senate has agreed to vote on the Aldrich substitute for the Foraker bill February 23.

The house reduced the appropriation for balloon experiments to \$250,000.

A bill passed the senate to permit drainage of Omaha Indian lands.

Congressman Pollard appeared before the interstate and foreign commerce committee of the house in behalf of his bill providing for the standardizing of grain for export only.

The senate passed the house bill making hundredth birthday of Abraham Lincoln a legal holiday.

Senator Gamble's bill providing for the creation of a new land district at Belle Fourche, S. D. has passed both houses.

The house incorporated an amendment in the army bill appropriating \$750,000 for experiments in aerial navigation.

Organization of the committee of the next house presents a big problem to leaders because of defeat for reelection of chairmen of a number of important committees and promotion of others.

Bills were passed by the house extending the time in which the city of Burlington may construct a bridge across the Mississippi at that point and creating a new land district in South Dakota to be known as the Belle Fourche district.

Senator Burkett's bill appropriating \$15,000 for the purpose of additional ground for the postoffice at Beatrice passed the senate and probably will be attached to the sundry civil bill when that bill reaches the senate.

Representative Kennedy introduced a bill appropriating \$100,000 for the erection of a postoffice building at Fort Madison, Ia.

Senator Aldrich introduced a bill providing for court of inquiry to pass upon application of discharged negro soldiers for enlistment.

General.

The California house passed the separate school bill, aimed at Japanese, the worst of all, the president says.

The two Nevada senators are not in sympathy with anti-Japanese legislation in that state.

There is no indication that the Illinois senatorial deadlock will soon be broken.

Gov. Haskell of Oklahoma will not resign because he has been indicted. Senator Cummins is an advocate of specific, rather than ad valorem duties on imports.

An increase in battle efficiency has been shown by the Atlantic fleet.

Captain Quattrough is reported to have been found guilty in the court-martial trial at Gibraltar.

Venezuela refused to sign the protocol drawn up by Buchanan.

Speaking to an immense crowd at the race track at Tampa, Fla., William J. Bryan said he brought to the democrats of the south a message of good cheer and declared there is a steadily increasing sentiment that makes for the growth of the democratic party in the United States.

The governor of Tennessee vetoed the bill prohibiting the manufacture of liquor in that state, but it probably will be passed over the veto.

The governor of Kentucky issued a proclamation asking the state to do honor to Lincoln on his birthday.

Captain Quattrough of the battleship Georgia was tried on the charge of intoxication.

The historic coach in which Abraham Lincoln rode to Washington to be inaugurated was burned at Sharpsville, Pa.

The South Dakota legislature passed a 2-cent passenger fare law. The state court has issued a writ of mandamus to compel its observance, and the federal court enjoins officials from enforcing it.

M. Loupinko, former director of police in Russia has been arrested on charge of high treason.

Standard Oil company makes a proposition for a compromise in the suit in which it was ousted from the state of Missouri.

Henry Lair, promoter of the white slave traffic, was sent to prison for two years and fined \$2,500 by the federal court in Chicago.

Foreign Minister Komura in an address to the Diet declares Japan's policy is for peace and he says anti-Jap legislation will not lead to complications.

There is three hundred thousand dollars in sight for an Omaha university if that city will raise \$200,000.

The Federal grand jury at Muskogee is expected to bring in at least 300 bills involving about twenty persons in lot frauds.

The Countess De Lesseps, widow of Count Ferdinand De Lesseps, promoter of the ship canals of Suez, Corinth and Panama, died in Paris.

Gompers says he will not stop talking, notwithstanding court injunctions.

President-elect Taft is pouring oil on the troubled political waters in Panama. Colonel Goethals says the Panama canal will be completed by January 15, 1915.

The lower house of congress met on Sunday to hear enclaves of the life and public service of the late Congressman Powers of Maine.

The lower house of the South Dakota legislature killed the senate resolution for the submission of a woman's suffrage amendment.

The California court of appeals in deciding a will case holds that a man's divorced wife is still his wife, although she has remarried.

The Burlington and Missouri Pacific have come to an agreement about terminal differences in St. Joseph.

Governor Hughes in an address in New York said he hoped to see the time when legislators are accountable to their constituents only for their official acts.

President Gomez of Cuba has withdrawn the nomination of Ricardo Aranao for chief of secret police at the demand of Vice President Zayas and several cabinet members.

Anthony Howard, a car cleaner of Council Bluffs, Ia., was frozen to death during the late storm.

A Japanese student who is a graduate of the Imperial University of Tokio was driven from the campus of the University of California by a group of white students.

President Roosevelt has given his consent to the placing of the head of Lincoln on one of the popular coins.

Southern Spain was shaken up by an earthquake shock and the city of Barcelona is reported overwhelmed by a tidal wave.

Trouble between the president and vice president of Cuba over political appointments may lead to resignation of latter official.

New York importers are preparing a protest against the attitude of the people of California toward the Japanese.

Loan agents have discovered it will not be safe to loan on Tripp and Gregory county lands until five years from date of entry.

Fire in retail district of St. Paul, Minn., destroyed six buildings, causing loss of \$600,000.

Washington.

Recommending that the standard of the different grades of cotton as fixed by them be adopted as the official classification of the government, the committee of export cotton classifiers designated by the secretary of agriculture to assist him in establishing such a standard, have made their report to the latter.

John Norris, of the American Newspapers Publishers association sent to the house ways and means committee, a letter wherein he charged that the International Paper company in presenting its argument for the retention of the tariff on paper, had deliberately misrepresented to the committee the amounts paid by the paper company as wages to paper makers.

Surgeon Francis C. Nash, who has been on duty at the Naval academy at Annapolis, is to be tried by court-martial in Washington February 10 on charges of having administered improper treatment to Midshipman Harry W. Stephenson of Nebraska.

The supreme court of the United States refused to advance on the docket the case of the Noble State bank of Noble, Okla., vs. Governor Haskell and other members of the Oklahoma state banking board, involving the validity of the Oklahoma bank guaranty law.

The annual report of the United States commissioner of patents shows that there were issued during 1908 to citizens of Missouri patents to the number of 955, or one patent to every 3,253 persons in the state; to citizens of Kansas 434 patents, or one to every 3,388 persons.

The Nebraska delegation and their wives were entertained at dinner by Senator Burkett. All were present except Congressman Hitchcock.

The Bulgarian government sent a note to the powers complaining of the uncompromising attitude of Turkey.

Personal.

Judge J. J. Sullivan took the oath of office at Omaha and accepted appointment as justice of supreme court of Nebraska from Governor Shallenberger.

First division of American battleship fleet under Admiral Sperry reached Gibraltar Sunday morning.

Samuel Gompers addressed a labor meeting at New York in defense of his attitude toward courts.

Charles E. Magoon, provisional governor of Cuba, is in Washington preparing his final report.

VETO BY PRESIDENT

REFUSES TO PUT HIS SIGNATURE TO CENSUS BILL.

OBJECTS TO SPOILS SYSTEM

Work that He Thinks May be Done by Congress if the Eight-Hour Law is Applied.

Washington—"The evil effects of the spoils system and of the custom of treating appointments to the public service as personal perquisites of professional politicians are peculiarly evident in the case of a great public work like the taking of the census, a work which should emphatically be done for the whole people and with an eye single to their interest."

In these words President Roosevelt summed up a message to the house of representatives returning without his approval the bill providing for the taking of the next census, because of the provision providing that appointments shall be made on the basis of non-competitive examinations instead of through the Civil Service commission. As passed by congress the bill permitted members and senators to designate persons for positions after they had undergone a simple examination.

Incidentally the president referred to the provision authorizing the printing of census reports by private concerns and laid stress on the point that where work was so allotted the eight-hour law should be applied in effective fashion.

Outside of these matters the president said that on the whole the bill was satisfactory to him and represented an improvement on previous legislation on the subject. The house adjourned without action on the message.

The president says he vetoes the bill with extreme reluctance, realizing the value of time in beginning the census, but declares it is of high consequence that it shall be conducted with extreme accuracy, that it shall not be open to suspicion of bias on personal and political grounds nor to bring a waste of the people's money and a fraud.

"Section 7 of the act," he says, "provides in effect the appointments to the census shall be under the spoils system, for this is the real meaning of the provision that they shall be subject only to non-competitive examination. The provisions added that they shall be selected without regard to political party affiliations. But there is only one way to guarantee that they shall be selected without regard to choosing them after competitive examinations from the lists of eligibles provided by the civil service commission."

Continuing, the message says: "To provide that the clerks and other employes shall be appointed after non-competitive examination, and yet to provide that they shall be selected without regard to political party affiliation, means merely that appointments shall be treated as the perquisites of the politicians of both parties, instead of as the perquisites of the politicians of one party. I do not believe in the doctrine that to the victor belong the spoils, but I think even less of the doctrine that the spoils shall be divided without a fight by the professional politicians on both sides; and this would be the result of permitting the bill in its present shape to become a law."

WEST BOOTS GRIGG BILL

Farmers and Others Urge Congress to Pass Measure.

Washington—Westerners interested in agriculture are writing to members of congress urging the passage of a bill introduced by Congressman Griggs of Georgia, appropriating \$237,000 for soil investigation. The bill was reported back carrying \$137,000 and an effort is being made to get the additional \$100,000.

Auto for President Taft.

Washington—When Mr. Taft becomes president he will ride in an automobile furnished by the government. That question was settled by the adoption of the report of the conferees on the urgent deficiency bills, which carries an item of \$312,000 for the "purchase, care and maintenance of automobiles for the use of the president." The appropriation of \$500,000 to enable the secretary of agriculture to continue his campaign against the foot and mouth disease, also in dispute, was reduced to \$315,000 and adopted.

Refused Drink, Kills Three.

Salina Cruz, Mexico—Plaz Lopez, in the Twenty-fifth Mexican infantry, went on a rampage because the bartender at La Union Cantina refused to give him a drink, and began shooting into the crowd. When he had finished three were dead.

Hanging Stopped at Gallows.

Bismarck, N. D.—The hangman's noose was ready and invitations had been issued for the hanging of Joe Peltier, an Indian, when notice was received that a new trial had been granted the condemned man.

To Publish Tolstol's Works.

Moscow—A local publishing house is planning to bring out the long awaited complete edition of the works of Count Leo Tolstol, an undertaking that up to the present time has been impossible.

NEBRASKA NEWS AND NOTES.

Items of Interest Taken From Here and There Over the State.

A new bank is soon to be organized in Arlington.

The hard wind storm played havoc with windmills all over the state.

The Midwest Life of Lincoln sells life insurance to prudent, thrifty and sensible men and women. Write for an agency.

Orlando Davison, Rock county, was found guilty on six counts for cruelty to domestic animals and was fined \$200.

The annual corn show of Washington county will be held in connection with the Washington county farmer's institute on February 11 and 12.

Fire at Cairo destroyed property valued at \$25,000, made three families homeless and damaged adjoining property to the extent of several thousand dollars.

Dr. R. H. Holyoke, a physician of Lincoln, was found dead in his room at the Windsor-Clifton hotel. His death is believed to have been caused by poisoning.

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."

Gery Gates a colored porter in a barber shop at Holdrege was found at the foot of the stairs leading to the room occupied by him over the shop dead. It is thought he fell down the stairs.

An action for \$10,000 damages has been filed in the district court of Gage county by John Trsek against Jake Divoky to recover for loss of a hand in a corn sheller.

Bert Wendt, a roomer at the Prague hotel, Omaha, was found dead in bed. The gas in his room was turned on full and the cracks in the door and windows and the keyhole were plugged.

The Travelers' Protective association of Beatrice held a largely attended meeting at the Paddock hotel at which plans for the coming convention, to be held in that city April 23 and 24, were discussed.

The "wild" man found north of Oedy was declared insane by the board and sent to Norfolk. He has only muttered three words in answer to different questions asked him. "Joe Bohemia, fourteen."

Walter B. Rowan, general manager of the Lincoln Coffee and Spice Mills and a prominent business man of Lincoln, was found dead in an excavation near the city. He had suicided by shooting himself.

Thomas Andrews, of Nebraska City, who runs a lunch counter and used a gasoline stove on which to do his cooking, came near being cremated. The stove exploded, throwing gasoline all over the interior of the building and over him.

Fire originating in the heating plant of the Green & Wiley greenhouses at Kearney partially destroyed several hot houses. Broken glass and cold completed what the flames started and the damage to the plant and stock is extensive.

County Treasurer Lord of Richardson county, has remitted to the state the taxes collected in that county in 1908 for the state, amounting to \$46,420.18. This is one of the largest amounts remitted in one year from Richardson county to the state.

Amherst, Mass. dispatch: David R. Mowry of York, Neb., has been chosen to the "Hardy Sixteen" at Amherst college to try for prizes of \$30 and \$20. The men are selected for excellence in debates from the senior course in public speaking.

State Treasurer Brian has compiled a report that shows the debt of the state of Nebraska, before any warrants for appropriations made by this legislature have been paid out, to be \$288,169.95, considering all the state funds.

The Missouri Pacific depot at Glenrock together with four boxcars which were near, was burned to the ground. An extra train happened into Glenrock just in time and pushed the burning cars down the track a ways and saved the elevator and other near buildings.

Nebraska furnished the earthquake sufferers in Italy through the National Red Cross society alone \$1,305.36. This information is contained in a statement sent the governor from the headquarters of the society. Considerable was furnished, of course, through other channels.

Wetenkamp & Schueler have just completed a job of sawing 2,300 feet of cottonwood lumber on Herman Oelslagler's farm, one and one-half miles south of Walton. The trees were planted thirty-four years ago by Mr. Eldenberk, pioneer, with the exception of a few logs that were hauled in by neighbors.

Governor Shallenberger issued a proclamation which was read in both houses of the legislature on the celebration of the centennial anniversary of the birth of Lincoln, February 12. He asks that all "citizens of Nebraska display the flag, and assist all patriotic societies and institutions in their efforts to venerate the memory of the lamented Lincoln."

Ex-Governor Sheldon and family have gone to Mississippi, to remain till mid-summer.

The handsomely remodeled Christian church was dedicated at Central City Sunday with impressive services, conducted by the Rev. Alton Jay, of Indiana, who has been dedicating churches in different parts of the United States for fifty years. A donation and subscription was taken at different hours during the day and about \$2,800 in cash and subscriptions were taken, \$1,500 over and above the amount needed to liquidate all outstanding indebtedness.

LIQUOR REGULATION

A MEASURE THAT IS APPROVED BY TEMPERANCE WORKERS

SOME OF ITS MAIN FEATURES

Two Bills Providing for Agricultural Experiment Stations Passed—Other Legislative Matters.

Senator Miller of Lancaster introduced senate file No. 209, a bill that has been approved by temperance workers. The bill provides that county boards may grant license upon the application of a majority of the resident freeholders of the town, if the county is under township organization and if it is not under township organization then upon petition of a majority of the resident freeholders of the precinct. The applicant must be a man of good character and standing and a resident of the state. The price for a county license shall not be less than \$500. Such board has no power to grant a license in any city or incorporated village or within two miles of the same.

In counties having 150,000 inhabitants the county commissioners may grant or refuse license within two miles of any city in the county.

In all cases the power to grant a license shall be subject to the following conditions: When petitioned by not less than 20 per cent of the qualified voters of the county, as shown by the votes at the last state election, praying that the question of prohibition in the county be submitted, said question shall be submitted at a special election, which shall be called in ten days after the filing of such petition and held not less than sixty days and not more than ninety days after filing of said petition. Several petitions may be joined together and constitute one petition. Ten freeholders are to verify on oath that they believe the signature are genuine.

The form of the ballot shall be "Against saloons in _____ county," and "For saloons in _____ county" with a square following each proposition wherein the voter may make a cross. The laws and rules of county and state elections shall govern and the expense shall be paid by the same authorities that pay for county and state elections.

Important Road Bill.

The joint committee on highways is preparing a bill that is intended to be in harmony with Senator Laverty's bill for state supervision and state aid in road building. The committee is revising Laverty's bill, but in addition it will introduce a bill of its own to create the office of county highway commissioner. Senator Banning of Cass, chairman of the senate committee on highways, says it is desired to have a county highway commissioner who shall appoint a deputy for each road district. The deputies shall be responsible to the county highway commissioner and that officer shall answer to the county for the work under his control. The county highway commissioner is to be the county surveyor or some other suitable person.

Sink's Bill Recommended.

The railroad committee decided to recommend John Sink's fifty-car train bill for passage, but it is doubtful if Mr. Sink will recognize anything more of the bill than the number and enacting clause. It was not any snap judgment, that which the railroad committee took, when it decided to simplify the bill. It was after four long, weary sittings that final action was taken.

In the first place, the bill is not to be a fifty-car train bill at all, but a sixty-five car train bill. In the second place the bill as amended will provide that the railroad commission may remove this limitation whenever in its judgment the removal of the limitation is in line with better train service.

City Comptroller Bill.

The senate passed the bill which repeals the act of the last legislature making the county comptroller ex-officio city comptroller, in cities of the metropolitan class.

The Commission to oControl.

Stoecker of Douglas county would place in the hands of the State Railway commission practically complete control over every public franchise corporation in Nebraska, and to that end he has introduced H. R. 239. It provides that no corporation operating under a franchise shall extend that franchise or exercise any of its rights without first having obtained the consent of the railway commission. No corporation operating under a franchise shall assign, transfer or lease, nor shall it make any contract or agreement affecting its franchise.

Advertising Amendments.

The bill introduced by Senator Tanner of Douglas county, providing that the governor shall instruct the secretary of state in what newspapers to advertise the amendments to the constitution, passed the senate, the combined force of republicans, against it, making the vote of 19 to 12. It was this bill which the republicans so bitterly contested in the committee of the whole, because the secretary of state who has done this in the last few years is a republican, while the governor is a democrat.

DRY FARM STATIONS

The Lower House Endorses Two Bills for Same

The house stamped its approval upon furtherance of dry farming experiments for sand hill farmers when it endorsed in committee of the whole two bills for the establishment of experiment stations in the semi-arid regions of the west and northwest.

The limitations upon the location of these stations require that they be located somewhere in Kimball, Scotts Butte, Sioux, Sheridan, Cherry, Keya Butte, Sioux, Sheridan, Cherry, Keya Paha, Brown or Rock counties.

Brown of Keya Paha pleaded, in asking for the establishment of one of the stations, that it has taken the dwellers in the sand hills twenty-five years to find out what they can grow in those regions.

The bill carry appropriations each of \$15,000. Representative Clark, in urging its passage, declared that he believes the state could not spend money to better advantage than in testing the resources of the sparsely populated, semi-arid portions of the west.

There is a tendency on the part of a good many of the members to consider that the establishment of experiment stations will answer the purpose of a western agricultural college. Mr. Kelley denies this, however. He says a college is a college and an experiment station is an experiment station, and this legislature will leave one platform unfulfilled if it does not provide for a school similar to the Lincoln school somewhere in the west.



M. A. BATES Float Representative from Cass and Otoe Counties.

Long Hours for Saloons.

Nebraska's saloons will not be closed all over the state from 7 p. m. to the same hour in the morning, the senate committee on judiciary reporting to postpone indefinitely the bill offered by King of Polk to this effect.

Insurance Bill is Killed.

H. R. No. 15, by Gates of Sarpy, was put to rest by the house in the committee of the whole. The bill provides that farm mutual insurance companies had the right to insure detached residence property and limited the liability of the members to one and a half times the board rate, and that losses could be prorated. The bill was indefinitely postponed.

As to "Dope Fiends."

Senator Henry of Colfax does not believe the state should have to take care of dipsomaniacs and "dope fiends." He introduced a bill repealing all acts that had to do with the examination of such persons and providing for their care.

Want New State School.

The Nebraska association for the protection of the blind has drawn a bill for the erection of a new state institution, a manual training school for the blind. The school is to be located by the state officers, and buildings are to be erected at a cost of \$50,000.

Placed on General File.

The house committee on railroads placed on the general file the Evans bill to compel railroads to furnish scales for weighing grain, without recommendation, and deferred action on the Sink bill limiting the number of cars in a freight train to fifty.

Miller's Divorce Bill.

S. F. 120, by Senator Miller of Lancaster county, is drawn to amend the divorce law in general in accord with the uniform divorce law that has been drafted by the congress on divorce Senator King of Polk has a measure that is drawn exactly in accord with the uniform divorce act, but the Miller bill is a modification, and while it is intended to prevent emigrant divorces it does not pretend to enact the entire law.

For District Clerks.

A bill in which district clerks of the state are interested was introduced into the senate by Senator Ransom. It provides that orders of the courts will be filed without charge and fixed specific charges for entering all other papers. The clerks have had a difficult time in collecting the money on judgments and other orders by the court, and in many cases these have never been filed. The new law raises the process of filing other documents so that the charge will not have to be made for the order.