

AS TOLD IN A LINE

A BOILING 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 salary of the president of the United States has been definitely fixed at \$75,000 per annum, without any additional allowance for traveling expenses.

A complete agreement was reached by the conferees of the general deficiency bill. The amendments making an appropriation of \$500,000 to pay the first two installments to Colombia under the provision of the treaty recently ratified and appropriation of \$20,000 to pay the expense of a commission to investigate the interests of the United States in Liberia were adopted.

Senator Burkett's bill to amend the federal court law governing the Nebraska district passed with some amendments in the senate and was sent at once to the house.

A bill was presented in the house by Representative Bird S. McGuire of Oklahoma to confer upon the court of claims jurisdiction to hear and determine claims of the Pawnee tribe of Indians in Oklahoma against the United States government.

Senator-elect Joseph L. Bristow of Kansas has reached Washington, and was a visitor at the capitol, where he was introduced in the senate side by Senator Curtis.

Now that billion-dollar sessions of congress are the rule, little other than appropriation legislation can be enacted during the short session. The appropriations for the session probably will be the largest on record—even exceeding the \$1,908,000 provided for at the first session.

Representative Hinshaw introduced a bill appropriating \$25,000 to purchase a quarter section of land near Beatrice, Neb., for the purpose of a public park.

The immigration commission, composed mainly of members of the senate and of the house of representatives, was sharply criticised in the senate by Senator Gary of South Carolina.

The senate ship subsidy bill was lost in the lower house.

Congress worked nearly all night on the 3d to finish up business.

The president sent to the senate the following nominations: To be consul at Boma, Congo Free State, William W. Handley of New York. To be associate justice of the supreme court of New Mexico, Edward A. Mann and Ira A. Abbott.

Senator Burkett of Nebraska introduced a bill providing for an inspection of locomotive boilers similar to that now required in the case of steamboat boilers.

General.

...L... and the man went down.

The ceremony of inauguration of Taft and Sherman took place the usual way and at the usual time, except that exercises were held in the senate chamber on account of severe storms. Immediately after Taft had taken the oath of office Roosevelt left for Oyster Bay. The street parade and grand ball in the evening were features of the inauguration.

President Taft will convene congress in extra session March 15th.

Secretary Wright approved the findings of the retiring board in the case of Colonel William F. Tucker of the pay department of the army, and son-in-law of Mrs. John A. Logan. This places Colonel Tucker on the retired list for life on three-quarters pay.

It is rumored that Harriman has made a deal for an entrance to Seattle over St. Paul tracks.

State Senator Skinner charges that the saloon element is spending large sums of money in influencing legislation in Colorado.

The lower house of the Arkansas legislature has passed a state-wide prohibition bill.

Deadlocks in Illinois and Wisconsin may cause two senate vacancies in the next congress.

The pope of Rome is indisposed from a severe cold.

The ninth attempt of Mrs. Elizabeth Lowery of St. Louis to end her life was successful. She drank carbolic acid because of despondency.

Many new faces for both house and senate will be seen in the coming congress.

The house passed the sundry civil appropriation bill after a debate marked by much bitterness.

Appropriations of the present congress will pass the billion dollar mark.

The Russian government has sent a telegram to the Serbian government counseling Serbia to renounce all territorial claims and await the decision of the powers.

Rebuilding at Messina, Italy, is going on with funds from America.

The price of May wheat surpassed all records of recent years on the New York produce exchange, when it advanced 2 cents a bushel to \$1.22½. The final price was \$1.22½, a net advance for the day of 1½c.

The Kansas house and senate voted to concur in the second conference report on the bank guarantee law and the bill will become a law as soon as it is signed by the governor and published.

One hundred thousand strangers were in Washington to witness the inauguration.

Mobilization of troops by the Serbian government continues.

Venezuela is not regarded a safe place for ex-President Castro.

Prominent cigarette dealers throughout the country have decided to abolish cut prices on standard brands of cigarettes.

The Columbus Memorial commission has awarded the contract for making a statue of Columbus, to be erected in the plaza of the union station in Washington, to Lorado Taft, of Chicago, a relative of the president-elect.

The inquiry into the beef trust may result in landing big game.

The purchase of upwards of \$21,000,000 of general development bonds of the Southern Railway company by J. P. Morgan & Co. was announced. The price was stated to be about 75.

Bishop Richard Scannell of Omaha was a passenger on the steamer Adriatic which arrived in New York from Southampton.

Judge Taft says he has been misquoted on his tariff views.

The Kansas senate passed the bill already passed by the house prohibiting bucket shops in Kansas. Not only the establishments are illegal but telegraph operators taking quotations for such purposes are subject to heavy penalties.

The International Harvester company paid to R. L. Thomas, clerk of the Shawnee county district court \$13,702, the fine and costs assessed against the company by Judge A. W. Dana for violating the Kansas anti-trust laws.

Kentucky's governor has pardoned an editor who has been found guilty of telling the truth about certain evils.

A \$50,000 monument in memory of President James A. Garfield is proposed in a bill introduced by Representative Langley (Ky.) The measure provides that the monument shall be erected on or near the Middle Creek battlefield in Floyd county, Kentucky. General Garfield having commanded the union forces in that engagement.

Washington.

Thos. E. Stone, now chief usher at the White House, succeeds Major Charles D. A. Loeffler as doorkeeper to the president.

An immense big stick, handsomely carved and beautifully colored, was cleared through the customs house here. The stick is a gift to President Roosevelt from the American colony at Chihuahua, Mexico, and carries with it their wish that President Roosevelt may be recalled to office, so that he may use it.

Nebraska millers, and there are nearly 350 of them, according to recent statistics, are face to face with a situation that spells reduced prices for their flour unless Secretary Wilson modifies his recent order compelling Nebraska millers to mark their packages of flour "artificially bleached."

Representative Pollard has been getting many letters about the recent decision of the agricultural department in the bleached flour cases. He called on Secretary Wilson and raised with him the question of whether the matter might be reopened. Mr. Wilson said he had held hearings for five days on the subject and was satisfied the decision was right.

Senator Burkett had up with the postmaster general a petition of citizens of Bethany for the establishment there of a branch office of the Lincoln postoffice. The postmaster general called his attention to the section of the law providing that no substitution could be established in any town of less than 1,500 inhabitants and that in this petition the citizens had made a statement that their population was 1,200.

Senator Gamble went before the appropriation committee of the senate in behalf of an appropriation of \$100,000 for a new water system at Fort Meade, S. D.

On the recommendation of Senator Dawson, Dr. H. R. Dean has been appointed pension examining surgeon at Muscatine, Ia., vice Dr. C. C. Moyridge, deceased.

Both the president and the president-elect and their wives occupied the White House the night before inauguration.

The senate committee on judiciary voted to report a disagreement on the resolution providing for an investigation of the absorption of the Tennessee Coal & Iron company by the United States Steel Corporation.

Personal.

A committee to wait upon Mayor Busse of Chicago and ask for work was appointed at a meeting of 500 unemployed at Hull house.

Dr. Wm. D. Crum has resigned as collector of customs at Charleston, S. C.

The Honolulu legislature gives a premium to big families.

Nebraska legislators are half through with their work. No more bills will be introduced.

Speaker Cannon wrote a letter defending the rules of the house.

Rev. "Billy" Sunday was attacked and horsewhipped at a revival meeting at Springfield, Ill.

The question of woman suffrage will be put to a vote in Washington state. Senator LaFollette is marked for political extinction by some of his senatorial enemies.

The Berlin "ripper" has at last been caught red-handed by a policeman.

TAFTS WORK BEGINS

PROMPTLY AT HIS DESK FOR
LABOR BEFORE HIM.

MAKES PUBLIC HIS CABINET

Message for Special Session Will Ask
That Nothing Be Considered
But the Tariff.

Washington, D. C.—The Taft administration took its first stride Friday. The new president named his cabinet, the senate confirmed his selections, and its members will take the oath of office Saturday, with the exception of George W. Vickersham, who was sworn in as attorney general Friday, and of Messrs. Dickinson and MacVeagh, whose personal affairs will not permit of their reaching Washington for a week or more.

An important conference took place between President Taft and the republican members of the ways and means committee. The committee framed a tariff bill which it is understood contains a provision for the collection of an inheritance tax, one of the suggestions for raising revenue contained in the inaugural address of President Taft. President Taft told the committee there would be no delay in the official proclamation calling the extra session of congress for March 15. His message to this session, he said, would recommend that it confine its work exclusively to tariff revision, that there might be no unnecessary delay in enacting this most important law.

He would, he said, not discuss in his message any details of tariff revision, leaving all such matters entirely to the judgment of congress. The members of the committee left the White House expressing the utmost good feeling and the belief that the work of the extra session would be completed before June 1.

Aside from these important accomplishments, President Taft gave himself up heartily to the demands of his friends and thousands of inaugural visitors who wished to shake hands with him, see his smile and get a word to carry home with them.

Philander C. Knox had the honor of being the first caller on President Taft in the White House building at precisely 9:30 in the morning. A 15-minute interview, Mr. Knox said, had its importance, but not for publication. He was rejoicing that since when his resignation as a senator became effective, he was simply a private citizen. His rejoicing, however, was brief, for before the day was much older he had been nominated and confirmed as secretary of state.

Governor Hughes of New York, Gov. Proctor of Vermont and the senators and many of the representatives from those states next had the ear of the president and gained his consent to attend the celebration July 7 and 8 next, of the discovery of Lake Champlain at Plattsburg and Burlington.

The congratulations and good wishes of Cuba were extended to President Taft from President Gomez, Vice-President Zayas and a number of prominent Cuban officials and politicians in the form of a memorial presented by General De Metrio Castillo Duany, who came to the United States for that purpose.

"Taft-Class" Luncheon.

Washington.—"Taft's class" as it has been called for some time past the class of '78 at Yale, a large majority of the living representatives of which were here to attend the inauguration, gave a farewell luncheon. It included also the ladies of the party. President Taft was unable, owing to numerous other official and social duties, to be present.

Want Taft to Visit Texas.

Austin, Tex.—The lower house of the Texas legislature unanimously passed a resolution inviting President Taft to visit Texas.

Wine at the White House.

Columbus, Ind.—A number of women of Columbus have been circulating a petition addressed to Mrs. William Howard Taft that she should not permit the serving of wine at the dinners in the White house.

Nebraskans Urged for Place.

Washington.—The Nebraska delegation, it is understood, will ask from Taft's administration the retention of W. E. Andrews of Hastings as auditor for the Treasury department and the appointment of ex-Congressman Boyd as commissioner of Indian affairs.

Will Recommend Miller.

Washington.—C. W. Miller, who twice been attorney general of Indiana, will be recommended by Senator Beveridge for United States attorney to succeed Mr. Keating.

Retrial of Standard Case.

Chicago.—The government occupied the entire session of the retrial of the Standard Oil company of Indiana in seeking to prove the publication of the disputed tariff number 24, which carried the 18-cent rate for oil between Indiana and Illinois points. Several railroad men, formerly in the offices of the Chicago & Alton railroad at Chicago, Summit, Ill., and other nearby points, testified that the tariff was kept on file in their offices. It is thought the government will conclude by Monday.

NEBRASKA NEWS AND NOTES.

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

Two golden weddings were celebrated in Hall county last week. Thirty high school girls in Humboldt put on black faces and gave a minstrel show.

Seven of the alleged rioters in South Omaha have been bound over to the district court.

Allen B. Curran, an old soldier, and for many years a resident of Tecumseh, died at the Soldiers' home in Leavenworth, Kas.

The 2-year-old son of John Suva, of Cumming county, got hold of a bottle of strychnine, partaking of enough to cause his death.

The Beaver Crossing high school has been recognized by the state university as a full twelve-grade school accredited to the university.

Arrangements are being made for the Central Nebraska Teachers' association and declamatory contest to be held in the last week in March.

The bill granting an extension to the Central Railroad & Bridge company to build a bridge at or near Omaha has passed both houses of congress.

Sam Story has been arrested at Le Grand, Ore., for the murder of Fred Smith in Cherry county, this state, some months ago. The murderer will be brought to Nebraska.

Clyde Bower of Kearney, 17 years old, son of A. G. Bower, had a portion of his left hand blown off by the accidental discharge of a shotgun while hunting on the Platte river.

A man was picked up by the section men on the Union Pacific railway track about six miles east of Schuyler. Sheriff Kasper had him removed to Schuyler, where he now lies in an unconscious state.

Milford people are violently opposed to the legislature converting the Soldiers' and Sailors' home there into a dispensary hospital for the treatment of the drug and liquor habit.

L. A. Jewell was killed in a sand pit two miles southeast of Anale, while hauling sand for the Ansley Cement company. The sand caved in on him, crushing his head against a wagon wheel.

Fourteen members of the senior class of the Beatrice high school were dismissed for entering the room wearing red and white stockings and their trousers rolled up almost to their knees.

Sheriff Fischer of Otoe county took Mose Damme, a dipsomaniac, to Kansas City for treatment. He has been in Nebraska City jail for some time, having been brought there from London, where he has resided for many years.

When Riley O'Keefe and wife of Humboldt awakened about 2 o'clock in the morning they found their 4-month-old baby lifeless between them. The child had been suffering from whooping cough and a complication of diseases.

The delegates to the state Young Men's Christian association convention, which was held at Hastings, report that greater progress in the association work has been made in the state the past year than ever before. Information has been received in Hastings from Woodburn, Ia., by County Attorney Hartigan that Benjamin Marquis, now in the county jail in Hastings, is wanted in Woodburn for the negotiation of a check for \$500 at a Woodburn bank.

Lost in the late storm, Miss Viola Fellows, a school teacher nine miles southwest of Lodge Pole, perished not more than 200 yards from her boarding place. Her body was found where she had fallen after becoming exhausted.

Luther Bush, who was sentenced recently to five years in the penitentiary on a charge of robbing a saloon at Arapahoe, escaped from the county jail at Beaver City. He secured an iron leg from the radiator and with it pried open the cell door.

State Treasurer Brian has made his monthly report to State Auditor Barton, showing the transactions of his office for the month of February. He has cash on hand and cash items, \$223,141.35; cash on deposit, \$611,539.61. In the permanent school fund he has on hand \$335,483.49.

Rev. Hiram B. Harrison, pastor of the First Congregational church of Hastings, created a sensation when he announced from the pulpit that it was his intention to have a roller skating rink established in the basement of the proposed new church edifice, which is to cost \$20,000.

At Grand Island the case of Mrs. A. Maggie Marsh against the Union Pacific, damages in the sum of \$15,000 being asked for on account of the death of her husband at the Union Pacific shops, was settled by agreement between the parties at bar, the company paying \$5,000 and costs.

Johnson county was first in butter awards at the recent meeting of the Nebraska Dairymen's association held in Lincoln. George S. Phillips, proprietor of the Guernseydale dairy farm, near Tecumseh, received first premium on dairy print butter and first premium upon ornamental design in butter.

F. B. Thurber of Tecumseh has a building which will climb trees. The dog is good-sized, and he goes up a tree a great deal as a cat does, although not as sprightly.

Miss Nannie Oppie, a young lady residing near Minersville, Otoe county, has filed a suit in the district court against Noah Morrow, the postmaster, and a merchant at Minersville, wherein she demands \$10,000 damages. She says in her petition that she went into the postoffice after her mail a short time since and the defendant attacked her and called her vile names.

CAPITAL CITY NEWS

ITEMS OF INTEREST AROUND THE
STATE HOUSE.

THE WORK OF THE LAW MAKERS

Legislative Facts and Coss.—News
of the State Capital.

Finance Bill.

The house finance committee has completed its budget bills for all but the special appropriations for buildings and kindred subjects, and for those things which are specially appropriated for in the bills which created the need.

By this bill the governor's office is to have incidental expenses together with the executive mansion of \$7,900 for the biennium, the commissioner of public lands and buildings \$4,600, the attorney general \$10,000 to enforce the rules of the railway commission and the Junkin act, the expenses of the state banking board are to be \$11,000, the state historical society gets the customary \$15,000, the pure food commission \$15,800 exclusive of the commissioner's salary, the national guard \$51,800, Peru normal excluding salaries and new buildings \$39,000, the state university \$145,000 divided into permanent improvements \$100,000, expenses of farmers' institutes \$20,000 and the North Platte sub-station \$25,000, the Kearney normal gets \$24,700, the institute for the blind at Omaha \$49,666.09, the boys' industrial school at Kearney \$85,500, the girls' industrial school at Geneva \$32,750, the home for the feeble minded at Beatrice \$90,500, the Lincoln hospital for the insane \$171,300, the penitentiary draws \$130,200, and the soldiers' home at Grand Island \$123,230. All these are exclusive of salaries and buildings that may be ordered by special bills.



Senator Jas. A. Donohoe, of O'Neill.

Quick Action on Insanity Bill.

Upon motion of Ransom the senate rules were suspended and H. R. No. 118 was advanced to a third reading and passed. This measure was introduced in the house by Wilson, but Ransom explained that it had been prepared by Attorney General Thompson and his deputy, Grant Martin, who were anxious that it pass at once. It carries the emergency clause and will become a law as soon as it receives executive approval.

This measure provides that when a person has been condemned to death and the question of sanity is raised, the matter shall be referred to the district judge from the district in which the condemned person was convicted. Should the judge, upon making investigation, find that the prisoner might be mentally deranged, he shall summon the superintendents of the three state insane hospitals, who shall pass upon the case. Should they report that the convict is insane, sentence will be suspended, otherwise it will be carried out.

Changes Banking Bill.

The joint committee on banking in the legislature has been at work for the past two or three days, and has made several changes in the bill as originally drawn.

One of the most important is that relating to assessments to build up a guaranty fund. Instead of making the first two assessments 1/2 of 1 per cent, it is proposed to make one assessment of 1/2 of 1 per cent in July of this year, 1/4 of 1 per cent in January of next year and 1/4 of 1 per cent in July, 1910. After that there shall be an annual assessment of 1/10th of 1 per cent.

Instead of a maximum of 2 per cent that may be levied in any one year the maximum is placed at 1 per cent a year. The provision prohibiting loans to stockholders in excess of 50 per cent, once taken out, was restored.

To Elect the Local Assessors.

After a discussion ranging from Friday morning until Friday afternoon the two Sken bills providing for the election of precinct assessors were passed. The two bills, H. R. 214 and 215, contain one of the chief "home rule" pledges of the democrats.

The chief point of discussion was the retention of county assessors. The counties of small population want to do away with the county assessor as a useless luxury. The richer counties want him retained believing he is worthy of his hire. The bills finally passed without amendment.

Six Departments for University.

The Kotouc house bill providing that the state university shall be divided into six departments passed the senate Friday. The bill will have to be returned to the house for the approval of the amendment which the senate added, denying the right of the university regents to offer new courses at will and to divide the university into new departments as the board might see fit. As the bill is approved it makes no changes except to separate the agricultural and engineering schools and to place them under Dean Richards and Dean Burnett.

There is another measure in the senate that aims to legalize the present college of education. The school was not approved by the legislature and it has been running since the first of last September. It is expected that the bill will be passed, as it, like the other measure makes no changes in the present work except in name.

At the close of the afternoon session Friday the senate took a vacation until 2 o'clock Monday afternoon. The slow progress that the upper house has made in disposing of and passing bills caused a number of the senators to oppose the adjournment. Those who voted against it are: Brown, Diers, Donohoe, Fuller, Klein, Majors, Ollis, Raymond and Warren.

Killed Nettleton's Insurance Bill.

After a long debate the house Friday morning, indefinitely postponed the Nettleton bill making notes given for insurance non-negotiable until the delivery and acceptance of insurance policies.

Shoemaker urged that new insurance companies would be put out of business inasmuch as many of them depend on notes for insurance for the money with which agents are enabled to continue seeking business.

Boyd of Hamilton said that he thought there were few Nebraska companies that had to depend on patrons before the goods were delivered.

Begole said that the notes now allowed to be given were an incentive to men to take out insurance, a proceeding which he viewed as highly meritorious.

Clark thought the bill would discriminate against the man seeking insurance in the country as against the man in the city as the expense of securing farm business is greater than the expense of city soliciting.

Kelley thought no man's note should be made non-negotiable. Taylor and Nettleton, the introducer of the bill, concluded the argument.

The bill was introduced to catch fraudulent insurance agents. The house generally thought the bill would go farther than the introducer intended, however, and on division killed the measure.

Annual Fee From Corporations.

The state committee on miscellaneous corporations Thursday decided to report senate file No. 98, by King of Polk, to be placed on the general file. The bill provides for an annual license fee to be collected by the state from corporations, the fee to range from \$5 to \$500 according to the capital stock of the companies. Senator King has agreed to have the bill amended so that it will not apply to banks which are taxed annually upon their capital stock or to other corporations that pay a license fee. The measure is considered one of considerable importance. It has been discussed for several years by legislators and has been urged as a measure that will raise considerable revenue to defray the expenses of the state. In other states where it has been tried and where there are many corporations the fee goes a long way toward paying the annual expenses of the state. Agents of corporations allege that the constitution does not permit the collection of such a tax and it may be opposed on that ground. Friends of the bill deny that the constitution prohibits such a tax or license fee.

Attacks Game Department.

King of Polk made an extended speech in favor of his bill to reduce the list of fish and game wardens to one who shall have charge of the state hatcheries and the enforcement of the game laws. He said the state spends \$28,000 every two years for the fish and game department and only a few thousand dollars annually each for health, state library commission and the board of charities and correction. He considered that this expenditure for the fish and game department was out of proportion to the other departments and that the game is the only one department of the state that is made up entirely of men who enforce the law and do nothing else. He thought the local officers ought to see to the enforcement of laws and permit the department to cut down expenses.

\$5,000 for the Fish Hatchery.

An appropriation of \$5,000 for the maintenance and improvement of the fish hatching sub-station in Cherry county was recommended for passage in the house Friday morning. The bill, H. R. 369, was a committee bill and had been threshed out by the members. The action of the committee was in line with the recommendation of Game Warden Carter.

Insurance Bills Were Considered.

The senate committee of insurance Thursday night held its last "hearing" for the insurance men of the state who cared to discuss the merits of the various bills that are now before the upper house. Room 49 at the Lindell hotel that night was crowded with local insurance agents and with lobbyists from nearly all of the large companies, but the meeting was a peaceful one. The members of the committee heard the arguments of the attorneys and the agents of the companies and noted what they deemed worthy of consideration.