

NEWS OF A WEEK IN ITEMIZED FORM

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

WASHINGTON NOTES.

Joseph G. Cannon was re-elected speaker and the rules of the house were amended at the opening of the extra session.

The Democrats in the congress have determined to fight any attempt to place a duty on coffee.

A bust of former Vice-President Fairbanks has been placed in the senate chamber. It was given a place in the reserve gallery on the Democratic side alongside of the bust of the late Vice-President Hobart.

Representative Henry of Texas has asked permission of Speaker Cannon to introduce the first measure in the Sixty-first congress, a joint resolution proposing to amend the constitution of the United States so as to change the date of inauguration from March 4 to April 30.

Minister Espinoza of Nicaragua called on Secretary Knox and presented important information concerning affairs in his country.

In a statement issued by the treasury department it is shown that the assassination of President McKinley cost the government \$42,517, in surgeons' bills and other expenses.

PERSONAL.

W. D. Stephenson has been elected mayor of Los Angeles, Cal., to serve until March 26, when a successor to former Mayor Harper is to be elected.

Judge George M. Dallas of the federal court at Philadelphia has sent his resignation to President Taft.

Edward Payson Weston, the veteran pedestrian, has started from New York on a walk across the continent to San Francisco, expecting to complete the journey July 3.

Former President Roosevelt was served with a subpoena to appear in a case growing out of the old "Fads and Fancies" scandal.

P. J. Kieran, former president of the Fidelity Fund, Company of New York, whose financial operations brought him into wide repute recently, was indicted in Pittsburgh on charges of embezzlement and larceny by bailie.

Robert O. Bailey, a Washington newspaper man, has been chosen as private secretary to Franklin MacVough, secretary of the treasury. Mr. Bailey, who is a native of Leona, Ill., has been in newspaper work in the national capital for the last 12 years.

Mayor Arthur C. Harper, who resigned from office at Los Angeles, Cal., rather than have facts about his private life published, is the first victim in the country of the "recall" system.

President Taft was made a member of the Optimist Club of America.

William Childs, who has been wandering over the country for two years, his mind a blank, was cured in Milwaukee by the click of a camera.

GENERAL NEWS.

The miners' and operators' conference at Philadelphia adjourned without any agreement being reached and it is believed a strike will result.

John W. Wallace and D. W. Lazelle, who have been engaged in a card-playing contest for 20 years at Manacelona, Mich., have played their last game, Wallace finally winning ten times in succession, which was the condition under which they played.

Mrs. John Davers, 26 years old, and her husband, 20, are the parents of five children, twins and triplets.

The Japanese naval training squadron, consisting of the armored cruiser Aso and the protected cruiser Soya, has sailed for Honolulu under command of Capt. Isoji.

The situation between Austria and Serbia is grave and advice received in Germany say war may be declared soon.

Senator Espinoza, minister from Nicaragua, told Secretary Knox his country had no intention of attacking any of her sister republics and wants peace.

Telegraphers and telephone girls in Paris have declared a general strike.

Ethel Barrymore, the actress, and Russell Griswold Colt were married in Hyde Park, R. I.

Railroad men will meet in Chicago next week and it is believed will raise the passenger rate to three cents a mile.

James Christensen, former state treasurer of Utah was arrested on a charge of being \$70,000 short in his accounts.

By a vote of 125 to 70 the Georgia division of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, decided on Andersonville as the location for the monument to Capt. Wirz.

Gov. and Mrs. Wilson of Kentucky and Robert M. Lyman of New York were hurt in a runaway in Frankfort.

Indians in the MacKenzie river district of the Hudson's Bay Company are dying from grip.

The interstate commerce commission has decided that railroads have been discriminating against Indianapolis in favor of Chicago.

Robert Strasser a rural mail carrier at Flora, Ill., killed his three children and then ended his own life.

Reports received in St. Petersburg say Persian soldiers are playing defenceless peasants and pillaging villages.

Joseph McCarthy, who has been sentenced at Danville, Ill., to the penitentiary, says he will be an evangelist when he leaves the prison.

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By the arrest of three negroes, one of whom pawned the dead man's watch, the Washington police believe they will solve the mystery of the murder of Walter F. Shultz of Chicago, slain near Alexandria, Va.

Bad meat served at a banquet to celebrate the one hundredth anniversary of a Masonic lodge, poisoned 160 persons at Vincennes, Ind., and four may die.

Following a big parade in Boston union men met and adopted resolutions scoring Judge Wright of Washington for sentencing John Mitchell, Samuel Gompers and Frank Morrison to prison.

The American Railway Engineering & Maintenance of Way association convened in Chicago and heard a report, urging railroads to co-operate with the government in the preservation of the country's forests.

As a result of the assassination in Palermo, Sicily, of Lieut. Petrosino of the New York police department, a war on "black hand" societies has begun.

A graduate school will be established at Cornell at the beginning of the academic year next fall. The Cornell university faculty decided upon this step, the most radical advanced in some time. It is expected the trustees will ratify the action.

The police of Krasnoyarsk, capital of the government of Yeniseisk, Siberia, have practically exterminated a band of robbers that has long been harassing the people of the Turukhansk region. The police rounded up the bandits and killed ten of them.

Urry Jones, who was on trial for murder in Muscatine, Ia., committed suicide in jail a few hours before the time set for him to take the witness stand in his own behalf.

Col. Davidson, equerry to King Edward, denied the report that the British ruler is seriously ill.

Great Britain has welcomed the decision reached in Washington to send a special commission to Liberia to investigate and report on conditions in that republic and instructions have been sent out to British officials in West Africa to give the commission every assistance.

War between Salvador and Nicaragua has begun, gunboats of the two countries meeting in a battle early in the week. It is reported that a second engagement followed.

William F. Maines, president of the Rhode Island Retail Liquor Dealers association says John D. Rockefeller is putting up the money for the fight being waged against saloons.

The United States has severed diplomatic relations with Nicaragua because of President Zelaya's failure to bring about a settlement of the Emery claim.

Veterans in gray and veterans in blue marched side by side in parade at the fourth national encampment of veterans of the opposing side in Fitzgerald, Ga.

Maj. John B. Porter, for many years assistant to the judge advocate general of the army, has been relieved from duty in Washington and ordered to the Philippines as judge advocate of the Philippine division. Lieut. Col. George M. Dunn, now judge advocate of the Philippines, has been ordered to Washington.

Announcement has been made that December 6 to 18 has been definitely decided upon as the time for this year's national corn exposition, which is to be held in Omaha.

Frank Galt, member of the well-known Galt family of Illinois, and an implement dealer, died in Sterling. He was 52 years old.

Prof. C. A. Culver of Beloit college expects to have a wireless telephone in operation on the college campus soon.

Five indictments against pistol-carrying were returned by the grand jury of the circuit court at Farmington, W. Va., the result of a crusade to break up such lawlessness in the mining region.

A marriage license was issued in New York city to Peter Augustus Jay of Newport, secretary of the American embassy at Tokyo, and Susan Alexander McCook, daughter of Col. John McCook.

MESSAGE ON TARIFF

DOCUMENT IS REMARKABLE FOR ITS BREVITY.

SENT TO CONGRESS TUESDAY

Revision Urged, but No Details, the Inaugural Address Setting Forth Taft's Views.

Washington.—The second day's session of the house of representatives of the Sixty-first congress found the members in a much calmer mood. The question of the amendment of the rules having been settled, the tension was noticeably relaxed and a feeling of general good fellowship was apparent. The drawing of seats was the first business to be transacted and this proceeding, although rather monotonous to spectators, commanded the intense interest of the members.

The principal interest centered in the reading of the message of President Taft urging a revision of tariff laws. The message was remarkable for its brevity.

Text of the Message. President Taft's message follows: "To the senate and house of representatives:

"I have convened the congress in this extra session in order to enable it to give immediate consideration to the revision of the Dingley tariff act. Conditions affecting production, manufacture and business generally have so changed in the last twelve years as to require a readjustment and revision of the import duties imposed by that act. More than this, the present tariff act, with the other sources of government, does not furnish income enough to pay the authorized expenditures. By July 1, next, the excess of expenses over receipts for the current fiscal year will equal \$100,000,000.

The successful party in the late election is pledged to a revision of the tariff. The country and the business community especially expect it. The prospect of a change in the rates of import duties, always cause a suspension or halt in business because of the uncertainty as to the changes to be made and their effect. It is therefore of the highest importance that the new bill should be agreed on and passed with as much speed as possible consistent with its due and thorough consideration. For these reasons, I have deemed the present to be an extraordinary occasion within the meaning of the constitution, justifying and requiring the calling of an extra session.

"In my inaugural address, I stated in a summary way the principles upon which, in my judgment, the revision of the tariff should proceed and indicated at least one new source of revenue that might be properly resorted to in order to avoid a future deficit. It is not necessary for me to repeat what I then said.

"I venture to suggest that the vital business interests of the country require that the attention of the congress in this session be chiefly devoted to the consideration of the new tariff bill and that the least time given to other subjects of legislation in this session, the better for the country. (Signed) WILLIAM H. TAFT. "The White House, March 16, 1909."

WHITE MAN SUCCEEDS CRUM.

Bitter Race Fight at Charleston is Ended by Selection.

Washington.—The long contest over the appointment of a collector of customs at Charleston, S. C., which was waged so long over the selection of Dr. William D. Crum, was terminated by the appointment by President Taft of Edward W. Durant, jr., for the position. Mr. Durant is a white man, and as the only objection to Dr. Crum was based upon the fact that he is a negro, it is presumed that Mr. Durant's nomination will be confirmed.

To Participate in Guaranty.

Topeka, Kas.—State Bank Commissioner J. N. Dolley has asked President Taft and the controller of the currency for opinions on the new Kansas bank guaranty law, which will go into effect June 30. National banks want to be allowed to participate, and the state authorities are in doubt on this point. Many have declared their intention of reorganizing as state banks in case they are not allowed guaranty privileges.

Steal Forty Horses.

Norfolk, Neb.—Forty head of horses were stolen from a ranch near Merriman. This is the biggest raid in western Nebraska in recent years. Sheriff Rossetter of Valentine and posse are pursuing the trail of the rustlers.

Want Hides on Free List.

New York.—The Hide and Leather association of New York adopted a resolution demanding that hides be placed on the free list.

New Ship Subsidy Bill.

Washington.—A bill to provide subsidies for the ocean mail service will be introduced in the senate in the near future by Senator Gallinger. This will differ from the ocean mail bill, which failed by three votes in the house, in that it does not increase the compensation of third-class steamers of fourteen knots and does not specify the ports from which lines shall run, nor fix any limit of expenditure. Mr. Gallinger is confident the measure will be favorably acted upon before adjournment.

THE NEWS IN BRIEF.

Frank Galt, member of the well-known Galt family of Illinois, and an implement dealer, died in Sterling. He was 52 years old.

Louis McClough, formerly president of the State Agricultural college of South Dakota, died in New Britain, Conn., aged 73 years.

An observatory devoted to the study of earthquakes will be erected in Washington by the Jesuit order at Georgetown university.

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A. E. Rice, aged 53, president of the Ohio Bankers' association, died at his home in Fremont, O., from a complication of diseases. He was president of the Croghan Banking & Savings Company.

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With nine weeks of proceedings entered upon the records of the court and but six jurors sworn to try the case, the bribery trial of Patrick Calhoun, president of the United Railroads, is making little progress.

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Mrs. T. P. O'Connor, wife of the Irish parliamentary leader, who has arrived from London, says her visit here is in the hope of establishing a depot for the Irish Industries society, an organization that has been in existence on the other side for some years.

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MULE CATCHES BIG FISH.

Story Sounds "Fishy," But Animal's Owner Says It's True.

Waterbury, Conn., Mar. 16.—Gilbert Rogers has a mule that catches fish. For the last week Rogers, a gang of men and the mule have been harvesting fish at Reynolds bridge. The mule once gave way and the mule fell into the pond. Rogers and his men had a hard time in the rescue work, but despite the excitement they noticed that the mule gave never a single bray for help.

When the animal was finally landed the reason for its silence was plain. It held in its jaws a fine pickerel 23 inches long. Rogers has the pickerel on exhibition. Tooth marks prove the truth of the story.

THE MARKETS.

Table with market prices for various commodities like Live Stock, Flour, Wheat, etc. Columns include item name and price.

Table with market prices for Grain—Wheat, No. 1, No. 2, etc. Columns include item name and price.

Table with market prices for Cattle—Native Steers, Texas Steers, etc. Columns include item name and price.

Table with market prices for Sheep—Native, etc. Columns include item name and price.

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.

Gates Bill to Go to Governor.

Another liquor question was decided in the senate Thursday morning when by a majority of one vote the upper house decided that Fort Crook should be permitted to have a saloon. The measure that was voted on was the Gates bill from the house, and the measure will now go to the governor. The enactment is to repeal the present law, which was passed two years ago, to the effect that no saloon should be placed within two miles of a military post. The vote for the bill was: Banning, Bartos, Besse, Buhman, Diers, Donohue, Fuller, Henry, Howell, Klein, Lavery, Myers, Ransom, Tanner, Thompson, Tibbets and Volpp. Those opposed: Bodinson, Brown, Buck, Cox, Cain, Gammill, Hatfield, Ketchum, King, Miller, Ollis, Randall, Raymond, Warren and Wiltse.

The measure in question further provided that the corporate authorities of all villages shall have power to prohibit the sale of liquors or to grant the same and providing that the license fee shall not be less than \$500 in cities of less than 10,000 people or less than \$1,000 in cities having more than that number of people.

Provisions in the bill relating to the control of the sale of liquor by the different authorities does not affect Lincoln, as a special provision is made for this city, vesting the control in a license board, but in most of the towns a fire and police board will have the exclusive control over saloons.

The measure provides that for the issuance of any license the position of the saloon in any ward must be approved by a majority of the freeholders.

Charte Bill Goes On General File.

The Lincoln charter bill was reported Friday morning in the house from the committee on cities and towns, and went to the general file to be reached in order. The file is already well laden.

As reported the charter bears an amendment providing that it be submitted as a whole to the people of the city for ratification. No minority report was made by the Lancaster county and other members of the committee who oppose this action, as had been talked of. It was thought that this matter could be more appropriately and properly fought out on the floor of the house when the bill comes up for consideration in the committee of the whole. It is argued that no other charter for Lincoln at any previous session nor any other session has been so submitted. It is also contended that there is no legal provision for such submission, and that such an amendment would be invalid.

President Taft Answers.

The following telegram was received from President Taft in response to the telegram of congratulation sent by the two houses on the day of the inauguration. It reads as follows:

"The White House, Washington, March 6, 1909.

"Gentlemen:—I greatly appreciate the message of congratulation and good wishes from the house and senate by your telegram of March 4. Will you please express to the entire membership of both bodies my cordial thanks and assure them that I value their friendly sentiments?

Very sincerely yours,

"WILLIAM H. TAFT."

"HON CHARLES W. POOL,

"Speaker of the House,

"HON GEORGE W. TIBBETTS,

"President of the Senate."

Governor's Bill.

Governor Shallenberger's bill, introduced by Snyder of Harlan, providing some amendments to the law on sealing pardons from the executive was recommended for passage without discussion. This bill is aimed partly as a relief for the executive from the flood of applications he receives at all times from criminals under sentence asking for hearing with a view of securing a pardon and partly to allow the governor to use his discretion in pardoning a criminal under death sentence when afflicted with an incurable and contagious disease without having absolutely to pardon them. These two points only are added to the present law, and beyond asking a few questions the house made no objection to recommending it.

For District Referendum Bill.

One form of the initiative, restricted to a small unit, a legislative district, was recommended for passage by the committee on privileges and elections Thursday morning despite the fact that the senate turned down the initiative and referendum as applied to a larger unit, the state.

Marlett's bill provides that 10 per cent of the voters of any legislative district may petition to have placed on the primary ballot any subject of prospective legislation, the description of the proposed act not to exceed forty words.

Seven Railway Bills Reported.

The railroad committee has been an exceedingly industrious body according to the chips that flew from the committee workshop to the floor of the house Thursday morning, seven bills being reported in all.

Henry's bill placing in the hands of the state railway commission the right to supervise the manner in which wires are strung over railway tracks was recommended for passage.

H. R. 493 Dan Killen's measure defining trespass upon a railroad track and subjecting trespassers to penalties was recommended for passage. This is a bill primarily for the benefit of the railroads and incidentally for the benefit of the public. Railroads are frequently made defendants in damage suits where persons have been injured who have trespassed on railroad property and who have been run down while on the track. The trespass is frequently unintentional but the railroad attorneys are forced to sweat and lose sleep nevertheless. To this they object. The bill provides a fine for trespass and limits recovery from the road only in case the road has shown wilful neglect.

The Nettleton-Taylor bill requiring appeals from decisions of the railway commission to be made only to the supreme court of the state was recommended to pass. The section providing that to court in the state except the supreme court shall review orders of the commission was cut out. The bill is intended to cut out appeals direct to federal court and to a variety of district courts. The objection to the federal court is alleged improper jurisdiction. The objection to the district court review is that the attorney general is compelled to maintain suits in so many localities that he cannot properly attend to them. This important measure is catalogued as No. 558.

Both of Senator Randall's bills providing for the connection of lines at junction points were acted upon favorably.

Two bills by J. A. Ollis prescribing those exempt from the prohibitions of the anti-pass act and the free transportation of shippers of live stock were also recommended to pass.

Governor Signs Anti-Frat Bill.

Secretary Furse Thursday reported to the houses the following bills signed by Governor Shallenberger: S. F. 159, by Miller of Lancaster—Authorizing school boards to expel students of public schools who belong to school fraternities and to make it unlawful for any one to solicit membership for any fraternity upon public school grounds.

H. R. No. 2, by Griffin—For the appointment of judges and clerks of election fifteen days before primaries.

H. R. No. 291, by Case—Appropriating to the use of the state university 95 per cent of the one mill levies for the year 1909 and 1910 and the delinquent taxes collected under the last levy.

H. R. No. 73, by Taylor of Custer—To authorize the moderator of school board to administer oaths.

H. R. No. 76, by Katoue—Designating the departments that shall comprise the state university.

H. R. No. 89, by Hadsell—Binding twine offered for sale to be stamped with the name of the manufacturer or importer, feet per pound, material and tensile strength.

H. R. No. 133, by Barrett—Appropriating the library fund of the Kearney normal school for the purchase of books.

H. R. No. 110, by Fries—Exempts precinct officers from the provisions of the primary law.

H. R. No. 170, by Moore—Establishing the legal number of pounds of farm products to the bushel.

H. R. No. 49, by Thomas—Creating and providing for the distribution of a police relief and pension fund for the city of Omaha.

Executor to Select Newspaper.

C. W. Poole's bill providing that the legal representative of the estate of a deceased person shall name the newspaper in which notice of the sale of the property of the deceased shall be published was reported for passage by the house committee on the probate printing Thursday morning. The probate judge has the power to name the paper in which the notice shall be published under the present law.

While Poole does not charge anyone with a graft as a result of the present statute, he is sure that much favoritism is shown by the county judges and depletes the ability given the probate judge to build up a political machine.

To Probe the Packers.

Connolly of Omaha Friday afternoon offered a resolution in the house looking toward the investigation of meat packing companies in Nebraska with a view to ascertaining whether they are in a combination to regulate prices. The investigation is to be made by a committee of three appointed by the speaker. On an objection from Raper the bill went over for one day under the rules.

Recommend State Buys It.

The special committee of the house sent up to look over the Wayne normal school reported Friday afternoon recommending that the state purchase the buildings and grounds at a price of \$90,000. The president of the institution has just died, and the property is on the market for \$100,000. The committee thinks it is worth fully \$150,000 and will supply a section of the state that needs normals.

Carnegie Bill Killed.

In the house Friday afternoon an effort to reconsider the vote of Friday morning, indefinitely postponing the bill to allow the state university to accept the benefits of the Carnegie pension fund, failed by a vote of 47 to 45.

Kills Binding Twine Bill.

By a vote of 21 to 10, the senate Friday afternoon killed the bill providing for a binding twine factory at the state penitentiary, and appropriating \$200,000 therefor.