

# PUT INTO A PARAGRAPH

Washington, Congressional, Political and Other Events Briefly Told

### Foreign.

The Gross airship conducted a series of experiments over Berlin with wireless telegraphy. The apparatus was recently installed in the airship, and the trials lasted for some hours while the craft maneuvered over the city.

The population of the island of Corsica is in dire straits for the necessities of life, owing to the strike of Marseilles sailors, which has cut off their main source of obtaining supplies from the outside world.

H. A. Chauchard, proprietor of the Magasins Du Louvre, a big department store in Paris, is dead. To Americans visiting Paris the store of M. Chauchard was one of the points of interest.

The American lodge of Free Masons, for American citizens in London, under the grand lodge of England, was consecrated in grand lodge by Lord Amphill, provincial grand master.

Earth shocks, accompanied by subterranean rumbles, continue daily in the Ribatejo district, Portugal. No casualties have been reported, although many walls have collapsed.

A dispatch from Leopoldville in the Congo says the trial of Rev. William Morrison and the Rev. W. H. Shepard, American missionaries, for alleged libel, has been postponed to June 30.

Emperor Nicholas will visit King Edward at Cowes Aug. 2. The Russian imperial squadron will go first to Cherbourg, arriving July 31, and staying until the next day.

A dispatch received at the state department from Lisbon says the Portuguese government has authorized the importation of 8,000,000 bushels of wheat up to July 10.

### General.

The arrest of a St. Louis man so preyed on the mind of his wife that she killed herself and two children.

The past year has been one of unusual prosperity for national banks.

The Indiana balloon endurance race was won by Dr. Link and R. J. Irvin in Indianapolis. They were in the air about 22 hours.

St. Petersburg, Russia, faces an epidemic of cholera.

At Tallahassee, Fla., a negro already condemned to death was hung by a mob.

Harriman arrived in London, after a voyage in which he suffered from seasickness.

The house passed the Porto Rican bill without amendment.

Henry White is to be displaced as ambassador to France.

The demand has been made that Prof. George B. Foster of Chicago university withdraw from the Baptist church.

The plant of the Decatur Cereal company at Decatur, Ill., the largest corn mill in the world, was destroyed by fire.

Edward Callahan, famous as a Kentucky feudist, was shot from ambush.

A fare of one and a half fares the round trip—3 cents a mile the round trip—is announced from Nebraska points to the state fair at Lincoln by the Rock Island road.

Then governors of western states have responded to Gov. Norris' invitation to attend the fourth Dry Farming Congress at Billings, Oct. 26-28, 1909. Nebraska and Iowa are included.

President Taft appointed William A. Harr of the District of Columbia as assistant attorney general of the United States.

The Burlington crop report shows good conditions. Rains have fallen on all lines of the road in the Lincoln territory.

A portrait in oil of Senator Elihu Root, secretary of state for the greater part of the last term of President Roosevelt's administration, has been hung in the big diplomatic room of the state department.

The vice president of the Union Copper company was sentenced to the Tombs for contempt of court.

John S. Jones of Illinois lost his suit to recover \$460,000 from George Gould and others for the purchase of the Little Kanawha railroad and West Virginia coal lands.

Tremendous rains in Ringold county, Iowa, did great damage.

The United States transport John A. Dix arrived at Seattle from Honolulu Friday, bringing the Hawaiian exhibit for the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition.

Orders were received from the treasury department in Washington removing from office Deputy Surveyor John M. Bishop, who has been in charge of the third division of the surveyor's department in New York.

Senator Burkett had a narrow escape in an automobile accident near Washington.

The Y. M. C. A. conference in Omaha closed with an address by Hon. W. J. Bryan.

Merchandise from the United States forms a steadily increasing share of the imports of Canada, as shown by figures from Canadian official publications.

Col. Roosevelt made an address to a missionary assembly. Marked interest abroad in the currency problem of the United States was noted by Jacob H. Schiff, banker, who returned from a six weeks' trip in Europe.

The Wholesale Grocers' association selected Louisville, Ky., as next year's convention seat.

The convention of Iowa registered nurses in their sixth annual meeting went on record in opposition to the woman's suffrage movement in Iowa. Government attorneys in the criminal libel suit against the Indianapolis News were forced to take a continuance to secure witnesses.

By adopting a resolution for night sessions and by interpretations of rules, the senate will endeavor to curb western senators.

The Nebraska tax board increased the assessed valuation of Burlington, Northwestern and Union Pacific railroads, and decreased Missouri Pacific.

The first night session of the senate brought a display of temper and exchange of personalities.

Detective McDonald, from Spokane, Wash., arrived in Omaha and at once identified Woods, Torgerson and Gordon, the three men under arrest for the Union Pacific railroad robbery, as far western criminals who are supposed to have had a hand in the Great Northern holdup.

Edward Dana Durand, the new director of the census, was born in Michigan in 1871. He was legislative librarian of the New York state library from 1895 to 1897. Later he was instructor of economics at Harvard and Stanford universities.

Germany resents the charge that that country is meddling in the tariff affairs of the United States.

The three alleged bandits who held up the Union Pacific Overland train had examination at Omaha and were held to the grand jury, with bail fixed at \$25,000 for each. All indications are the men held are the guilty parties. Their case will come before the grand jury in a few days.

The negro John Junkin received a death sentence for murder at Centerville, Ia.

Bert M. Taylor, slayer of Pearl Taylor, was found guilty of murder in the first degree at Minden, Neb., and is sentenced to be hung.

Marcel Prevost, the French author, has been elected a member of the academy in succession to the late Victorien Sardou.

In the big reward offered for apprehension of the Union Pacific railroad robbers, many will share, including a number of school children.

Dr. Elliott, former president of Harvard college, will make a tour of the west.

Senators Aldrich and Stone had an angry clash in the senate.

### Washington.

President Taft sent to the senate the nominations of the following postmasters: Nebraska—William H. Reed, North Loup; Empire, Sioux county, C. M. Cunningham, vice H. B. Cunningham, resigned.

The attorney general says that the charges against Judge Edward R. Meek of the United States court at Dallas, Tex., and United States Attorney William H. Atwell of the northern district of Texas "are wholly without foundation, cruelly unjust and for the purpose of securing a delay in the prosecution of a man whose offense against innocent victims, in the fraudulent use of the mails, deserved the severest punishment."

Senators Gamble and Crawford of South Dakota continue to do business together, notwithstanding that a number of newspapers in the state are persistent in their declaration that quarrels between the senators are of almost daily occurrence.

The twenty-sixth annual readjustment of postmasters' salaries was announced to become effective July 1.

At the annual conference of state and territorial health officers with the United States public health and marine hospital service it was declared that rabies frequently is contracted from the bites of "skunks, wolves and other wild animals."

President Taft approved a change in the navy regulations, recommended by Secretary Meyer, by which midshipmen are prohibited from marrying until the completion of the prescribed six years' course of training.

Thomas C. Dawson of Council Bluffs, for some years United States envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary at Bogota, and recently promoted to be United States envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary at Santiago, was here, receiving final instructions previous to departure.

### Personal.

Vice Admiral Baron Uru of Japan placed a wreath of red and white roses, colors of the land of the Mikado, on the tomb of Washington at Mt. Vernon, Friday.

Former Gov. Folk of Missouri gave a lecture in Crete, Neb.

Ambitious congressmen out for good committee places next fall are hanging close to the speaker.

Senators Burkett and Brown took opposite sides on some tariff schedules.

James J. Hill appeared before the grand jury at Spokane to answer questions as to the correspondence between the Great Northern officials and former Judge M. J. Jordan, who is under indictment on the charge of embezzling large sums while counsel for the railroad.

## TAFT'S WITH PAYNE

SOME UNFOUNDED REPORTS REGARDING VETOS.

### LEADERS HAVE A CONFERENCE

Speaker Cannon and Others See the President and Have a Talk Over Tariff Situation.

Washington—Senate and house leaders who are directing the course of the tariff bill through congress and who will be members of the conference on the bill after it has passed the senate, took measures to ascertain whether there was any foundation for reports that President Taft would veto the bill. They have reached the conclusion that there is no basis whatever for such reports.

Speaker Cannon, Senator Aldrich and Representative Payne individually have been to the White house several times in the last few days. They say that if President Taft is dissatisfied with the course the bill is taking in the congress he concealed his concern successfully.

As late as Tuesday evening the president told one of the republican leaders that no one had authority to suggest that he had in mind the veto of the tariff measure. Mr. Aldrich talked with the president for some time. When he returned to the capitol he told his colleagues that the president did not appear to be at all perturbed about the tariff situation and that he had expressed confidence in members of the finance committee.

Capital has been made of the fact that President Taft has been consulted frequently about amendments being made to the tariff bill. Senator Aldrich explained that whenever a tariff bill is under consideration it is usual for the head of the administration and all members of his official family to weigh the bill in every particular, especially with regard to its possible effect on the party responsible for it. President Taft will be expected by Mr. Aldrich and Mr. Payne, chairman of the house committee on ways and means, to give his personal attention to the bill in every stage of its progress. As a matter of fact, the president is regarded always as a member of the conference. It is not unlikely that republican conferees representing the house and senate will meet from time to time at the White house and go over the proposed law with Mr. Taft.

It was learned upon the highest authority that President Taft had not read the Chicago speech of Secretary of the Treasury MacVeagh before the secretary left Washington for Chicago, and the president was not aware of the speech to be made. This does not mean that the president finds fault with Mr. MacVeagh's utterance, but merely answers the report that it was an official view of the tariff situation and that it expressed Mr. Taft's opinion.

Republican leaders were inclined to assign to political inexperience Secretary MacVeagh's failure to consider that any speech delivered by him likely would be taken as the view of the administration.

### Would Back Mexican Airship.

City of Mexico.—Don Joaquin Casus, formerly ambassador to the United States from Mexico, authorizes the statement that it was his intention to back the scheme of William and Albert Samson, French Mexicans, to build an airship in Paris, provided that after a little more careful study their plans for the air craft looked feasible.

### THE PORTO RICO BILL.

Measure to Regulate Financial Affairs of Island Passes House.

Washington.—The house of representatives passed the Porto Rican bill without amendment. The bill provides that whenever the legislature shall fail to make the necessary appropriations for the ensuing year those for the current year shall be considered as in force and effect.

It also provides that hereafter all reports of an official character shall be made direct to an executive department of the government of the United States to be designated by the president and such department is authorized to take jurisdiction of all matters pertaining to the island possession.

### Mixup with the Police.

San Antonio.—Attempting to interfere in the festivities of a party of society people, who were bidding farewell to Miss Bessie Yoakum, daughter of B. F. Yoakum, president of the Rock Island Frisco lines, at the railroad station here Monday, Eugene Wahmud, a policeman, was assaulted and his gun and club taken from him. Charles C. Cresson, United States district attorney, and Sam Bennett, a prominent lawyer, were arrested in connection with the affair and received a fine.

### Diamond Collar Seized.

New York.—The customs authorities have on their hands, a diamond collar and bracelet appraised at \$12,120, which the owner did not value sufficiently to claim. The jewelry was seized on April 24, when Celso del Villar, a wealthy Mexican, who had arrived from Havana on the steamer Morro Castle, in company with a well known Mexican actress, failed to declare it. Villar was paroled in the custody of a representative of the Mexican consul, but when he was wanted could not be found.

## VALUE THREE ROADS

COMPARISON MADE WITH FIGURES OF LAST YEAR.

### BETWEEN TOWNS OR STATION

Burlington Assessment About Same as Last Year, with Union Pacific Something Less.

The following figures show the valuation of the three big railroad systems of the state, as made by the state board of assessment, compared with the valuation of last year:

	1908.	1909.
Burlington	\$116,179,870	\$119,290,500
Union Pacific	73,933,400	75,767,325
Northwestern	35,689,895	37,287,950
Missouri Pacific	11,345,620	10,732,450

The Burlington was increased \$1,125 a mile; the Northwestern \$1,500 a mile, and the Union Pacific Central City branch was increased \$1,667 a mile. The remainder of the increase on the Union Pacific was due to the valuation of new mileage. The total increase on the Union Pacific was \$1,823,925; on the Burlington, \$3,119,330; on the Northwestern, \$1,598,055; the decrease on the Missouri Pacific, \$613,140. The net increase on all the railroads amounted to \$5,928,470, actual value, or \$1,185,694 assessed value, upon which taxes will have to be paid. All the roads other than those named were valued at the same figures as last year.

The total assessed value of all railroads in 1908, which is one-fifth of the actual value, was \$53,397,972.83, and this year the assessed value is \$54,483,656. The actual value of all railroad property last year was \$226,989,360, and this year the actual value is \$272,918,330.

With regard to the Burlington, the board adopted an entire new method of distribution. Instead of distributing to each subdivision of the system a certain amount of the total valuation, the board paid no attention to the subdivisions, but instead apportioned the valuation between towns or station. This, the board believed, would permit of a more equitable division. This makes a comparison of the apportionment this year with last year difficult.

In 1907 the Union Pacific was valued at \$75,000 a mile; in 1908 it was valued at \$70,970 a mile, and this year the average valuation per mile under operation is \$70,827. In 1907 the mileage returned under operation was 961.42. This year the mileage under operation is 1,065.39, and in 1908 it was 1,041.75.

For the three years the total valuation of this system was as follows: 1907, \$73,483,700; 1908, \$73,933,400; 1909, \$75,767,325.

Under the new plan of distribution of the Burlington the main line as now operated from Oregopolis to Omaha and Ashland and from Plattsmouth to the Colorado state line by way of Ashland, is now valued at \$80,000 a mile. Last year this same line from Omaha to Ashland was valued at \$45,000 a mile, from Kenesaw to Oxford at \$33,500, and from Oxford to the Colorado state line at \$50,000.

That part of the old main line from Kenesaw to Kearney which is operated as a branch, was formerly valued at \$85,000 a mile, and is now reduced to \$25,000 a mile.

The Omaha & North Platte, one of the old separate corporations of the Burlington, extended from Omaha to Ashland and then to Schuyler, and was valued at \$80,000 a mile last year from Omaha to Ashland, and at \$42,500 a mile from Ashland to Schuyler. Now that part of the line from Ashland to Schuyler is reduced to \$30,000 a mile.

The line from Nebraska City to York by way of Lincoln was formerly valued at \$40,000 a mile. The new valuation for the same line from Nebraska City to Lincoln is \$35,000 a mile, and from Lincoln to York and to the Wyoming state line is \$15,000 a mile.

### Union Pacific Company Fined \$100.

The Union Pacific Railroad company was found guilty in Judge Stewart's division of district court of having violated the state anti-pass law by issuing and giving to Dr. Frank A. Graham a free annual pass over its lines for the year 1908, and was fined \$100 and costs. The facts in the case were stipulated. It was agreed that the annual pass was issued to Dr. Graham, that he does not give the major portion of his time to the service of the company, and that he is not included in any of the exceptions enumerated in the statute.

### Burlington Crop Report.

J. J. Cox, division freight agent for the Burlington's Lincoln traffic division, issued his weekly crop report, showing the condition of crops on the lines embraced in his territory. The showing made is a good one, rains have been frequent, and moisture has fallen all over the Nebraska corn belt.

### To Seine and Net Fish.

Chief Game Warden Gellus has issued licenses to a dozen or more persons to seine and net fish in public waters in Nebraska. The licenses are issued under the terms of H. R. No. 224, by Noye of Cass, a bill which some persons interested in game and fish believe may in a few months result in undoing much of the work done by the state during the past 20 years in stocking the waters with fish. The law permits the use of seine or net having a 2-inch square mesh during daylight from June 1 to Oct. 31.

### INCOME OF FARMERS.

Is Small, According to Junkin's Investigation.

The action of the railroad tax agents in insisting that farm lands are assessed at only 75 per cent or less of their actual value, while the railroads are assessed at a full value, and are entitled to earn 6 per cent at least on the full value, has led to an investigation by Secretary of State Junkin of the earnings of farm lands.

Mr. Junkin wrote to the county clerks in some 27 counties, and he has received numerous replies. The answers are to the effect that farmers realize an income of from 2 to 5 per cent on the assessed value of their lands after all expenses have been paid.

Following is the rate of interest earned on the assessed value of lands as shown in the answers received to date: Johnson county, 4 per cent; Washington county, little less than 4 per cent; Clay county, 5 per cent; Madison county, 4 per cent; Furnas county, 2 per cent; Frontier county, 5 per cent; Nance county, 4½ to 5 per cent; Richardson county, 6 per cent; Buffalo county, 4 to 5 per cent; York county, 4½ to 5 per cent; Wayne county, 3¼ to 4 per cent; Jefferson county, 5 per cent; Saunders county, 5 per cent; Otoe county, 3¼ per cent; Phelps county, 3¼ to 4 per cent; Keith county less than 5 per cent.

In several instances the county clerk wrote that the lands in his county were overvalued, insofar as making interest on an investment is concerned, the prices being raised by parties who had bought places for homes, rather than for investments. Mr. Junkin asked the county clerks to consult with the assessors and others to secure the information. From the income of the farm he asked that there be deducted insurance, taxes, the keeping up of improvements, and a reasonable amount for waste and diminish for the fertility of the soil.

### Ex-Convict Supplied Dope.

August Muller, a convict in the state penitentiary, caught by Warden Smith smuggling in morphine, made affidavit that he had received the dope from George Scharon, an ex-convict of Lincoln. County Attorney Tyrell has sworn to a complaint against the named. Nineteen ounces of morphine were taken from Muller. Muller was a trusty under the late Warden Beemer, and the latter told Warden Smith that he was reliable in every way. For some time Muller had been in charge of the hog barn, in which he slept, enjoying practical freedom.

Warden Smith became suspicious some days ago and searched Muller for dope, but found none. Then the warden set a trap for his man and discovered where he had hid eleven ounces of the poison in the barn. Muller was then thrown in the dungeon, with the statement that he would remain there until he told at what drug store he got the dope. For several days the man refused to divulge the information, but finally he made his affidavit, implicating Scharon.

According to the information received by the warden, Muller would sneak out of the barn at night and meet the ex-convict on the railroad track and pay him for the poison at the rate of 35 cents an ounce. He would then bring it to the prison and retail it to the other convicts. Frank L. Dinsmore, who is steward of the hospital, was said to have bought five ounces from him at the rate of \$1 an ounce. In turn, Dinsmore retailed the dope at the rate of from \$3 to \$5 an ounce.

Warden Smith has discovered that the convicts have a system for getting money from each other that borders on high finance. The convict who has cash will exchange it with another convict who has money coming to him at the office at the rate of \$1 for \$2. This system made it unnecessary for many of the convicts to draw money at the office, but they simply had the transfer made on the records of the warden.

### Money for Soldiers' Homes.

Gov. Shallenberger has received two checks for \$5,575 and \$3,100 from the federal government for the support of the soldiers' homes. The state provides for the maintenance of the homes, the federal government providing for the expenses of the soldiers at the rate of \$100 per year per man.

### Pollard Will Speak.

Secretary C. S. Paine, of the State Historical society, has secured the consent of former Congressman Pollard to deliver the principal address at the opening of the Mississippi Valley Historical association, which is to be held in St. Louis on June 17. The meeting of the association will be their second annual session and will last three days. The address of welcome will be delivered by Gov. H. S. Hadley of Missouri, and the meetings will be devoted to the address of Mr. Pollard and to the reading of papers on various phases of American history, particularly that portion of it relating to the Mississippi Valley.

### Military Orders Disobeyed.

Adjutant General Hartigan's orders for Company F of the Second regiment to participate in the Memorial day exercises in Lincoln were disobeyed by the company and the adjutant general is up against the proposition of figuring on what punishment to mete out to the soldiers. This company was ordered to report to the commander of the post Grand Army of the Republic, and obey orders not in conflict with the laws. The company failed to report and its duties were taken over by the hospital corps.

## NEBRASKA IN BRIEF

NEWS NOTES OF INTEREST FROM VARIOUS SECTIONS.

### ALL SUBJECTS TOUCHED UPON

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

Friend has decided to have a big celebration on the Fourth.

The McCook band has been engaged for a two days' engagement at the Hastings Chautauque.

The Midwest Life wants more general and local agents. Write to N. Z. Snell, president, Lincoln, Nebraska.

The fund of \$75,000 for the new Child Saving Institute building at Omaha has been raised, and the work of construction will soon commence.

Gov. Shallenberger delivered the address of the thirty-eighth annual commencement of Peru Normal before the largest class in the Normal's history.

The new Home Telephone company system at Beatrice and Wymore has passed into the hands of the Lincoln Telephone and Telegraph company, known as the automatic.

Taylor, the Minden man who last September assaulted and murdered his sister-in-law, has been found guilty and sentenced to hang. Efforts will be made by his lawyer for a new trial.

County Treasurer John Ward of Gage county, owing to continued ill-health, has departed for his ranch near Cody, Wyo., where he will spend the summer. His family will join him there late in June.

Johnny Schneider, 12 years of age, is in the county jail at Hastings, awaiting a hearing on a charge of burglary. He was caught in a building with a glass cutter, cold chisel, small hammer, knife and other articles in his possession.

New Haven (Conn.) dispatch: Among the students who will receive the bachelor of laws degree at Yale law school commencement, June 25, is Chauncey Church Jones of Trenton, Neb. He is a B. A. graduate of Doane college, '04.

John Huhr was kicked to death by a horse while adjusting its harness, on his farm near Pauline. He was struck several times on the head and about the body and was unconscious when picked up by a farmer who went to his aid.

Local democratic workers met at Kearney and perfected preliminary arrangements for a dollar dinner, at which 200 guests are expected. The date was fixed for June 19, this being the only date available on which Gov. Shallenberger can be present.

The Midwest Life of Lincoln now has \$1,600,000 of insurance in force. It is an old line company doing business only in Nebraska. It offers liberal agents' contracts to reliable men with or without experience in the sale of insurance. Write N. Z. Snell for particulars.

The village treasurer of Chapman has been enjoined from paying out any of the funds in his care. This is a development in a troubled state of municipal affairs caused by two village boards claiming to have the legal legislative powers. The injunction was secured by William Corbell.

A large number of persons at the Electrical Show in the Auditorium building, Omaha, recently witnessed one of the most remarkable demonstrations of "wireless" energy heretofore made in any country—in fact, a feat not accomplished before in the world's history, so far as is known—when Dr. Frederick H. Miller, experimental electrician, Union Pacific Railroad company, Omaha, turned on the lights in the building, the impulse being sent from the Fort Omaha wireless tower, six miles distant. This demonstration was made possible through the courtesy of Colonel Glassford, Signal Corps, U. S. A. The wireless impulse operated on a specially constructed coherer (which is very delicate and will receive the faintest impulse) similar in construction to that used about a year ago on the electrically controlled "wireless" truck in the shop yards of the Union Pacific, at Omaha. By means of a large solenoid switch, which is closed when the impulse passes through the coherer, seventy-five horses power were turned on and the Auditorium lighted. By means of a similar mechanism the power was turned off and the operation repeated several times—in other words, the local circuits in the Auditorium were closed by wireless impulse from Fort Omaha. The public is beginning to realize the immensity and the importance of the work being done by Union Pacific railroad in its efforts to safeguard the lives of its passengers and the property of shippers, via its lines, and, by reason of the experimental work being done by it, what an important factor it is in this country's progress.

While Henry Seymour is acting as secretary of the state board of assessment, several parties have made application for the job made vacant by the death of Chris Schiavini. Frank Helvey of Nebraska City, who was the head of the publicity bureau of the republican state committee, is one of the persons who has applied for the place, says a Lincoln dispatch.

Katie Timm, aged about 22 years, committed suicide in her room at 105 South Eleventh street, Omaha, by swallowing carbolic acid. It is thought that jealousy caused her to take her life. Her parents live in Fremont.