

PUT INTO A PARAGRAPH

Washington, Congressional, Political and Other Events Briefly Told

Foreign.

A special dispatch from Teheran says that despite his protests, Ahmed Mirza, the young shah of Persia, will be officially married soon and that his household is now being arranged.

Oscar Malmros, American consul at Rouen, France, is dangerously ill, according to a dispatch received at the state department in Washington.

A special dispatch from Teheran says that Mohammed Ali, the deposed shah of Persia, will leave the country August 17, and that the young shah, who is his favorite son, is downcast at the prospect of a separation from his parents.

Madame B. F. Gayan, the wife of the Argentine consul general at Budapest, in a sudden fit of madness, drowned two of her children in the sea at Cirkevna, Hungary, and was restrained with difficulty from putting an end to the life of her third child and herself.

The Duke of the Abruzzi has established another record in mountain climbing. He ascended Mount Godwin-Austen to a height of 24,600 feet. Perfect weather was enjoyed during the ascent.

William Sterne, the long distance swimmer of Manchester, attempted to swim across the English channel from South Foreland, England, to the French coast, but was obliged to give up on account of seasickness.

General.

Occasional threats are heard of a tariff war between the United States and France.

No postal savings bank legislation can be expected of the next congress.

President Gomez has selected a new cabinet for Venezuela.

A boy of 18 was drowned in the Niagara whirlpool after making a desperate fight for life.

Eleven deaths attributable to the heat occurred in Omaha.

The late dry and hot weather is said to have cut down former estimates of the corn crop.

Prince Albert Leopold, heir to the Belgian throne, arrived at Antwerp on his return from the Congo, and was given an ovation.

Gustave Hering, sr., a bookkeeper, shot and instantly killed his wife, Louisa, probably fatally wounding his son, Gustave Hering, jr., and then killed himself at their home in Chicago.

While driving to church at Frisbee station, Mo., five children of H. A. Hyde, a farmer, were killed by St. Louis and San Francisco train No. 811, which struck the wagon on a crossing a mile east of the Hyde home.

Near beer was voted out of nearly half the state of Georgia by the legislature when a few minutes before joint adjournment the senate high license bill was passed by the house 81 to 77.

In the veterans grand review at Salt Lake there were nineteen Nebraskans, twelve of them being from Lincoln.

The intense heat kept many veterans out of the ranks in the parade at Salt Lake City.

The National Association of State and Municipal Boiler Inspection Departments was organized at Detroit to promote a uniform inspection of boilers.

A. C. Van Sant, the new national commander of the G. A. R., has a brother living in Omaha.

A number of Nebraskans and Iowans were successful in the land drawings at Spokane.

Members of the Omaha Grain exchange are inclined to dismiss as untrue stories of damage done to corn and wheat in Nebraska by the recent hot wave.

Arthur Hale Smith, third son of Joseph Smith, who founded the Mormon church, died at Montrose, Ia., where he was attending the convention of Latter Day Saints.

Secretary Ballinger and Gifford Pinchot hold radically different opinions on the question of conservation.

Two men were killed and property to the amount of \$25,000 was destroyed in an explosion at the Aetna Powder mill at Aetna, Ind.

Allen Newton, aged 24, of Helena, Mont., drew No. 1 in the Spokane reservation land drawing. David C. Ruhl, of Ord, Neb., drew No. 41.

Nine are dead and fifty injured in a head-on collision on the Denver & Rio Grande near Husted, Col. Mistaking the headlight of an engine on a switch for a section of another train was the cause of the accident.

Ohio republicans are looking about for a strong man to run for governor.

Driving up to the Valley bank of Santa Clara, Cal., in a hired automobile, two youths covered Cashier Birge and his assistants with shotguns and, after securing \$7,000, fled in the machine.

The extra session of congress cost \$500,000.

The last shadow of the trouble between the street railway companies of Chicago and their employees, which threatened to lead to a strike of great proportions, passed away last week.

At Bisbin, Arizona, A. T. Hoy and William Bockholtz, linotype operators, of the Daily Review, were murdered while at work. William Pfanueck entered the office and, without a word, drew a revolver and opened fire. After killing the two he also fired at Miguel Avareta, a printer; a boy helper and at Jay Wilmonthe, a special officer, wounding the latter.

Harry K. Thaw's latest attempt to gain his liberty with defeat when Supreme Court Justice Isaac N. Mills dismissed the writ of habeas corpus and declared that the release of the petitioner would be dangerous to public peace and safety.

Standard Oil company will have to pay a duty of about 10 per cent ad valorem on oil since the new tariff bill became effective, although oil under that measure is admitted into the United States and the Philippines free of duty.

Almost the entire town of Milton, Delaware, was destroyed by fire early on Friday. Nearly 100 houses, a lumber yard and a bank building were destroyed. The loss will exceed \$100,000.

Joseph Furay of Warsaw, Ind., who drew No. 1 in the Flathead land distribution, is apparently not excited over his good fortune, although he has been informed that his allotment is worth \$50,000.

The district attorney of New York is confident of uncovering wholesale crookedness in the stock market.

The national irrigation congress wants nation to issue billions in bonds.

Charles F. Curry, secretary of state of California, has announced himself as a candidate for the republican nomination for governor of that state.

Receipts reached on Tuesday from the operation of the new tariff law amounted to \$930,944 as against the receipts under the Dingley law for the same day last year amounting to \$676,578.

Former Governor Van Sant of Minnesota was elected commander-in-chief of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Gifford Pinchot charged at the irrigation congress that a water power trust was being formed.

Reports are in circulation of serious agitation in Albania against the attempt of Greece to annex Crete.

Washington.

Senator Gore in an address on "Local Duty" at a Chautauqua assembly here highly eulogized Senator A. B. Cummins, saying if the new tariff bill proves good it will elect Taft again, but if not then it will elect a thoroughly progressive republican such as Albert B. Cummins of Iowa. Tremendous cheers followed the assertion that Cummins is the insurgent who insurges.

Much interest was manifested in Washington by interior development officials in reports from Denver, Colo., that a hearing in Seattle, Wash., next month will disclose proof of gigantic frauds in connection with coal lands in Alaska.

Senator Norris Brown of Nebraska, author of the income tax amendment, believes that the legislatures of three-fourths of the states will indorse the measure. Since Alabama leads the alphabetical list of states he regards its indorsement of the measure as an omen of success. Ratification by a majority of both houses of the legislatures of three-fourths of the states is necessary for the constitutional amendment which will admit of the tax.

Rules governing the Philippine tariff act were sent to customs officers.

The names of the more than 300 supervisors of the thirteenth census to be appointed by President Taft will be made public in a few days by the president. Throughout most of the country there will be a supervisor for each congressional district, but in large cities one supervisor will be appointed, regardless of the number of congressional districts.

The report spread abroad that Count Zeppelin is dead proves to be unfounded.

Van Sant, the new national commander of the G. A. R., was twice governor of Minnesota.

Personal.

Mayor Busse announced the appointment of Leroy T. Steward, superintendent of city delivery of mails in the Chicago postoffice, as chief of police to succeed George M. Shippey, resigned.

President Taft may meet in New Orleans on his visit there about November 1. President Obaldia of Panama and President Gomez of Cuba.

Rear admiral Judah Thomson, U. S. N. (retired), died at Providence hospital in Seattle, Wash., after a long illness, aged 67 years.

In view of the precarious health of King Menelik, full powers of regency have been granted to Ras Tesama, the guardian of Prince Lidj Jeassu, the heir presumptive to the Abyssinian throne.

It is reported that the young Shah of Persia attempted suicide.

Gov. Shallenberger of Nebraska, accompanied by his staff, has gone to the Yukon expedition.

One hundred "undesirable" students have been dropped from the University of Chicago. Seventy-five are freshmen and the remainder second and third-year men.

WANT BETTER RATES

FREIGHTS MUST BE LOWERED IN THE WEST.

AS TO THE REGENT ADVANCE

Trans-Mississippi Commercial Congress Likely to Be the Scene of Vigorous Contest.

Denver, Colo.—Coupled with the possibility of renewed hostilities between the Pinchot and Ballinger forces, the Trans-Mississippi commercial congress, in session here, promises to become the battlefield of a fight for better rate regulation for the west.

Assertion that the fight on railroad rates may break any time and become a predominant factor in the deliberations of the congress, was made by Colonel Ike Pryor, of San Antonio, Tex., chairman of the executive committee. He declared Galveston and Denver business men would bring in a resolution demanding equitable revision of rail and ocean rates between New York and Denver.

According to Colonel Pryor's statement, the ocean rate between New York and Galveston has been low enough to provide Denver shippers an incentive to bring their goods to the Texas port for shipment over local lines to Denver, thus obtaining a reduced rate. It is now charged that the railroads have increased the local rail rate between Galveston and Denver to a point where it is a matter of choice whether goods are brought via ocean or entirely by rail.

Thomas F. Walsh, and John Barrett, director of the bureau of American republics, were the principal speakers of the afternoon. Mr. Walsh made a plea for opening vast tracts of western land to the eastern farmer and city-bred man. He believed that the answer to crowded tenements lies in the irrigation of the arid west.

Mr. Barrett spoke of improvements in reclamation among the Latin-American countries.

Laverne W. Noyes of Chicago, president of the National Business League of America, spoke on the American consular service. He told of the value of the consular agent to the American shipper in producing a market.

Truman G. Palmer of Chicago spoke of the sugar beet industry.

Insurance was the topic at the evening session and the principal address was delivered by Samuel Bosworth Smith of Chattanooga, Tenn., president of the American Life convention. He said the people of the middle-west and Trans-Mississippi states paid in premiums to life insurance companies, \$171,000,000. He attacked the tax laws proposed in various states and particularly the tax on corporations proposed by President Taft.

Returns of Primaries.

Lincoln.—Returns from the state primary are very meager, only 133 out of a total of 1,767 precincts in the state having reported. The late hour at which the polls closed, the complicated ballot and the few fees over which there were contests detracting from the interest, so that the country precincts were slow in reporting. At the republican headquarters at Lincoln it was considered that the returns received indicated the nomination of Barnes and Sedgwick as two of the republican candidates for supreme judge, with the third place in doubt.

UNION STATION FOR CHICAGO.

New Structure Costing Twenty-Five Millions to Be Built.

Chicago.—The old Union railroad station, Adams and Canal streets, will be replaced by a \$25,000,000 structure according to an announcement. The new building will be erected on plans harmonizing with the "City Beautiful" and will be opposite the \$20,000,000 terminal which the Chicago & North-western railroad is building. The railroads planning the project are the Pennsylvania, owner of the present Union station; the Chicago & Alton; Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul, and the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy.

Thaw Back to Asylum.

White Plains, N. Y.—Harry K. Thaw packed up his grips in the county jail here Tuesday preparatory to his return to Matteawan Wednesday. He had to purchase an additional grip in order to house all his belongings. As it was, he threw out several hundred of letters, most of which were from cranks and women.

Trust is Sued for Million.

Norfolk, Va.—Alleging illegal practices by the tobacco trust, designed, it is charged, to destroy the plaintiff's independent business, the Ware-Kramer Tobacco company has brought suit in the United States circuit court at Raleigh, N. C., against the American Tobacco company, claiming \$1,000,000 damages.

Burial Societies Illegal.

Jefferson City, Mo.—The attorney general in an opinion declared the formation of burial associations was illegal. Superintendent of Insurance Kennish will advise prosecuting attorneys to proceed to dissolve such associations.

Steward is Now Chief.

Chicago.—Chicago aldermen in special session confirmed the appointment of Colonel LeRoy T. Steward, as chief of police to succeed George M. Shippey, resigned.

NEBRASKA NEWS AND NOTES.

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

The school levy in Hastings has been considerably reduced.

Louisville will hold a merchants' carnival from September 1 to 6.

The building going forward in Ainsworth amounts to a veritable boom.

Enraged because he had been jilted Harry Bliss of Portmouth, 18 years old, shot and fatally wounded Miss Minnie Clarke, aged 17 years.

The best yield of wheat reported so far in Gage county is on the farm of C. A. Reel, 22 1/2 acres threshing out 852 bushels, or 38 bushels to the acre.

So many cows belonging to Omaha dairymen have been condemned by reason of tuberculosis that the price of milk is going to be put at ten cents a quart.

Etta Johnson, the little daughter of Mrs. W. J. Johnson, living northeast of Beatrice, died from injuries received by being crushed against the manger by a horse.

Ed. G. Maxfield sold his farm, which was one and a half miles north-east from Dorchester, to Andrew Kramer for \$121 an acre. This is the highest price paid for land there for some time.

Although uninjured, Arthur Allen, formerly private secretary to ex-Gov. Mickey, was a passenger on the Denver & Rio Grande train which was wrecked at Husted, Colo., when nine were killed and fifty or more injured.

H. H. Stine, a farmer living two miles north of Hastings, was seriously injured in a collision with an automobile at the outskirts of the city. He was driving home with his daughter, when a touring car ran into him.

Mrs. Gertrude Seymour of Pender received a telegram from the sheriff at Davenport, Wash., stating that her son, Hiram, aged 30 years, had been killed. No details were given, and further information is awaited with anxiety by the family.

The new Edholm Grain company of Schuyler, composed of farmers, have had such a prosperous season that they will celebrate their success by holding a picnic. A noted Chicago speaker will be present to entertain and instruct.

Frank Marsh, living eight miles northwest of Beatrice, has an orange tree growing in his yard which will bear considerable fruit this year. A branch of the tree containing about sixty peaches the size of plums was exhibited in Beatrice.

"Sod" Reynolds, the young man from Humboldt, who drew No. 909 in the Coeur d'Alene land allotment, is a son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Reynolds, pioneers of that section. He has spent the last few years traveling through the west.

The 7-year-old son of Henry Moelle, of Custer county, found a pistol and some cartridges. He loaded the gun and then by some means fired it. How he did it is not known, for the hammer of the old pistol was broken. The bullet entered his chest, proving fatal in a few minutes.

W. G. Templeton of Omaha, secretary and treasurer of the Union Loan and Investment company, recently received from the United States treasury department a certificate for \$14.43 for back pay due when he was a soldier of Uncle Sam during the civil war, nearly a half century ago.

Chas. Knapp of Madison county, charged with shooting his wife with intent to kill, and who was bound over until the fall term of the district court in the sum of \$2,000 bail, which was given by his brothers, Jake and John Knapp, has engaged the services of Allen & Dowling of Madison to defend him.

County Attorney Will G. Ramsey of Cass county has filed a complaint in county court charging Charles J. Baker with bigamy. It is charged that Baker deserted his wife and children at Ashtabula, O., and came to Plattsmouth and married Mrs. Lillian Vroman without first securing a divorce from his former wife.

News has reached West Point of the death at Meeker, Okla., of Mrs. Edgar N. Sweet, the wife of Judge E. N. Sweet, formerly of West Point. The deceased was well known there, her husband being a former county judge of Cumming county and the founder of the West Point Republican, the oldest paper in the Elkhorn valley, which he established in 1870.

C. L. Hoover, who recently returned to the United States from the Philippines, and who has been appointed United States consul to Madrid, Spain, is a sturdy defender of the work done by the Americans in the islands. The parents of Mr. Hoover's wife live in Lincoln, and he has spent recently some time with them. He will sail for Spain next month after a short visit in Washington, D. C.

The county board of York county, in attempting to compel an estate to pay taxes on property it claims to have been hid and not returned for several years. When the estate was probated it was learned that from \$50,000 to \$100,000 had not been returned for valuation. The county attorney and leading attorneys in York after investigating and looking up decisions, refused to take the case and advised no good action could be brought and held good.

Dr. G. W. Weeter of Grand Island is plaintiff in a suit against the Union Pacific, filed in the district court, asking for \$5,000 damages alleged to have been sustained by him in an accident while crossing the company's tracks.

While attempting to board the way car of Burlington freight train at Hebron, W. G. Smith of Alvia, Mo., had both of his feet cut off near the ankles. He was a passenger on the freight and when it arrived Hebron he left the train. When it started to leave he missed his footing and fell under the train.

THE OCCUPATION TAX

JUDGE SULLIVAN TO FILE SUIT TESTING SAME.

MANY HAVE NOT YET PAID

Secretary Junkin Has Under Consideration an Amendment to the Revenue Law.

John J. Sullivan is going to file a suit in the district court of Douglas county to test the legality of the occupation tax act passed by the late legislature. Judge Sullivan called upon Attorney General Thompson and announced to him that the suit would be filed within a short time.

Up to this time 1,195 corporations have paid the occupation tax, the fees amounting to \$29,150. Of this sum \$2,425 has been paid under protest. This money paid under protest, however, will go into the state treasury with the other, as there is no law by which it can be held out. The fact that it was paid under protest, however, may help the corporation to get it back should the law be declared unconstitutional and the matter is taken up with the next legislature.

There are still about 5,000 corporations which have not paid the tax. Of the letters sent out 2,000 have been returned because the corporations have gone out of existence.

Under the law the tax must be paid by September 1, or a penalty of 10 is tacked on. If not paid by Nov. 1, then it is the duty of the state to cancel the license of the corporation and prevent it doing business in Nebraska.

Proposed Change in Law.

Secretary of State Junkin has under consideration an amendment to the revenue law which he believes will be good. His amendment provides that the State Board of Equalization shall have power to equalize values of the various counties solely for state purposes, leaving to the county boards the authority to place a value on the property for county purposes.

Delay, then, on the part of the state board would not affect the counties to any great extent because the officials could go ahead and extend their levies for county and school purposes, while waiting for the state board. The levy for state purposes is always small compared with the levy for county and city purposes, and the secretary believes there would be no objections to the work of the state board, whether the values were high or low. As it is now, he says, persons are vitally interested in the work of the state board because it is on the values fixed by this board that county and city levies are made. The board has no right to change the assessment of an individual, but merely equalizes values between the counties, so he believes this valuation so fixed should be used solely for realizing taxes for state purposes.

Contractor Gets Stung.

The contractor who is drilling the holes on the granite pedestals at the state house through which electric wires are to be run, got "stung" when he thought he was welding the stinger. When the bids were opened it was discovered that the successful contractor had bid 25 cents a foot, while others bid as high as \$1.75 a foot. The successful contractor, several days later, when asked why he put in such a low bid, laughed at the board and informed its members that the pedestals were hollow. When he examined these same pedestals, however, he discovered he was badly mistaken. There are four pedestals to be drilled through, and they are about eight feet high, which makes \$2 each. Two men working constantly got the hole through one pedestal in two and a half days.

Big Race Expected.

Secretary Mellor of the state fair board has received inquiries regarding the twenty-five mile relay race to be pulled off at the fair from South Dakota, North Dakota, Missouri, Kansas, Colorado, Montana and Nebraska, and the indications are a big number of horses will be entered. Horses will be changed at every mile and five miles a day will be run. The prizes are as follows: \$900, \$400 and \$200. For the derby eight horses have already been entered and for the Nebraska-bred 3-year-olds six horses have been entered. These races are as follows: 2:30 trot, \$500; 2:25 trot \$500; 2:18 trot, \$500; 2:25 pace, \$500; 2:18 pace, \$500.

Illegal to Deliver Beer.

District Judge Stewart has upheld the decision of Police Judge Riser that it is illegal to deliver beer in Lincoln, and the fine levied on Robert Barrett for doing this, he holds, was proper. The case will be taken to the supreme court.

Estimates on Lands Vary.

Engineer Hurd, who has charge of the work of finding the physical valuation of railroads, has sent out cards to prominent or posted citizens in the various towns asking the value of real estate adjacent to the railroad right-of-way. The answers show a great difference of opinion. From one town, one party said land next to the right-of-way of the railroads was worth per acre for the best \$125, and \$90 for the poorer. Another party who should be equally as well posted said the land was worth \$90 and \$75.

THE STATE ASSESSMENT.

Everything Arranged Except in Douglas County.

The determination of Secretary of State Junkin to force an increase in the valuation of the merchandise of Douglas county or secure a reconsideration of the action of the state board of equalization in increasing the value of bank stock, has delayed action on Douglas county's assessment, until the return of State Treasurer Brian. Even then it is possible no agreement can be reached and that it will be necessary for the board to defer action until the governor gets back from the northwest. Auditor Barton has returned from the east, but as Land Commissioner Cowles and the secretary of state do not agree about Omaha merchandise or banks the auditor's vote would not settle the question.

So Secretary Henry Seymour was instructed to proceed to certify out the valuation of all the other counties, together with a statement showing the amount of money each county is expected to pay in taxes.

Without Douglas county the total valuation of the state is \$363,230,086. The levy of 4 1/2 mills for the general fund will raise \$1,634,535; the university 1 mill levy will raise \$363,230, making a total of \$1,997,765, the total state and school tax to be paid by all the counties except Douglas.

The total appropriations to be paid out of the general fund amount to \$3,976,969. It is estimated that of this sum \$600,000 will be realized by fees paid to the state and money received from miscellaneous sources. This will leave a total of \$3,376,969 to be raised by levy. One-half of this to be raised the first year will be \$1,688,484.

The total assessed value of the state is approximately \$399,000,000. The levy for the general fund on this sum is 4 1/2 mills. This will realize \$1,795,500. It is estimated that 95 per cent of this will be collected, or \$1,705,725.

State Fair Athletic Meet.

The State Fair association will hold its third annual track meet at the state fair this fall. The meet will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 7, as follows: Weight events, 4 p. m.; field events, 5 p. m.; track events, 6 p. m. Because of the danger to spectators the weight events will be held at an appointed place outside the fair grounds, the field events will be held in the circle of the race track, and the athletic events will be run on the track in front of the grand-stand.

The board offers the following inducements to athletes: Gold, silver and bronze medals to the winners of first, second and third places in all events except the relay tests, and the team winners in this event will be given four gold medals. Contestants are given admission to the fair grounds on the day of the meet and succeeding days of the fair. Out-of-town contestants will be given hotel expenses on the day of the meet.

Herefords at the State Fair.

An exhibitor of Hereford cattle living in another state has written Secretary W. R. Mellor that he has not shown in Nebraska for several years and does not like the premium list which provides that if there is no competition only one-half of the premium shall be paid, but he thinks he will come with his Herefords. Secretary Mellor has written him that he is likely to find a little competition in his line and he promises to make it interesting for him. The reluctant exhibitor will find when he arrives at the state fair that he will have to compete with Hereford herds entered by seven different exhibitors alone will have herds aggregating more than 149 animals, which was the total number of animals in this class exhibited last year at the Nebraska state fair.

Cash Prizes for Hustlers.

The Union Pacific has hit upon the novel scheme of giving cash prizes to its station agents for expediting the shipment of grain. This is one of the methods adopted in the effort to handle the enormous grain crop. All railroads are confronted by the task and are preparing in various ways to meet it. For some months they have been hustling cars needing repair to the shops so they might be ready for the rush when it came. The new system is one of merit for agents during the months of August, September and October.

Pullman Rates Reduced.

The State Railway commission issued an order reducing Pullman rates in Nebraska. The minimum of \$2 was cut to \$1.50 and the maximum from \$3.50 to \$2.50. Instead of seats being 25 cents, 50 cents and on up at a jump of 25 cents, 5 cents was the unit.

Many Fine Stock Entries.

The fine stock entries for the state fair are coming in faster than in any previous year, there being 240 entries to date with prospects for at least 636 before the fair opens. This number will just fill the new live stock barn. Entries made before August 15 will be listed in the official catalog of the fair.

The Albion Chautauqua was successful throughout.

Tangle Over Normal School.

A delegation called at the state house from Dawes county to get information regarding the proper steps to take to get a state normal school located at Crawford. As there are two boards, each of which claims to be the real board with power to act in the matter of the selection of a site for the new normal school, towns in the west end of the state that are anxious for the school are at a loss just how to proceed. The delegation, headed by C. F. Coffey, paid its respects to the governor.