

**PUT INTO A PARAGRAPH**

Washington, Congressional, Political and Other Events Briefly Told

**Foreign.**

Orville Wright made a new record at the Templehof club, Berlin, for sustained airplane flight with a passenger. He remained in the air for one hour and thirty-five minutes, carrying Captain Englehardt. He broke his own record made July 27, when he stayed up with a passenger for one hour and twelve minutes.

Louis Paulhan, the French aviator, flying in a Voisin biplane at Osend, won a prize of \$5,000. He covered seventy-three kilometers (forty-five and one-third miles) in one hour at an altitude ranging from 240 to 300 feet.

The insular government at Manila soon will ship to the bureau of insular affairs at Washington nearly half a ton of opium—the proceeds of many custom seizures. The government plans to dispose of the opium for medicinal purposes among drug manufacturers.

Mrs. Morris, widow of the late Nelson Morris of Chicago, died at Fontainebleau, France, from injuries received in a motor car accident which occurred there September 10.

Edward Marjoribanks, second baron of Tweedmouth, who was first lord of the admiralty in the Campbell-Bannerman administration, and later lord president of the council, died in London. He was born in 1849.

Taking advantage of the prevailing shortage in and the advanced prices for canned meats, the thrifty British war office is reported to have reaped a handsome profit by selling back to certain houses large stocks of canned meats ordered before the prices advanced.

**General.**

By special request of the president no effort was made to operate street cars during his visit to Omaha. A terrific tropical storm visited New Orleans and other sections along the gulf coast.

President Taft discussed railroad and trust laws in his speech at Des Moines.

The Netherlands financial department has submitted to the state council a bill providing for an increase of 20 per cent on all import duties.

In a running battle with John Schelzer at Des Moines City Detective Frank Delmege, one of the best known detectives in the west, was shot and killed.

Packey McFarland and Ray Bronson fought twenty rounds to a draw at the West Side Athletic club in McDonoughville, just across the river from New Orleans.

Revenues for the year ending June 30 last are greater than the railroads earned in the preceding year.

That former Governor Folk of Missouri will be induced to stay out of the senatorial fight next year, under promise that he will be given the support of the Missouri delegation for the Democratic nomination for president in 1911, is the latest "tip" from the inner circles of the Democratic state committee.

J. P. Morgan was elected a director of the City National (Standard Oil) bank of New York.

The fee for the registration of mail will be increased from \$ to 10 cents after November 1, 1909, according to an order signed by Postmaster General Hitchcock.

The residence of Charles I. Gibson, general manager of the St. Ruthers plant of the American Sheet and Tinplate company, was dynamited at Youngstown, Ohio.

Bankers at Chicago before adjourning denounced both postal savings and guaranty of deposits.

In starting on his western trip it is said that President Taft is in reality opening his campaign for another term.

John W. Titcomb, for a number of years connected with the United States fish commission as assistant in charge of the division of fish culture, has resigned to engage in private business.

Professor Sweeney says that Halley's comet recently re-discovered will probably later be visible to the naked eye.

David E. Thompson, United States ambassador to Mexico, has secured control of the Pan-American railway, a line extending from San Gerónimo on the Tehuantepec National railway to Mariscal, a town on the Mexican-Guatemalan frontier.

Russia is taking an active although belated interest in aviation. The new budget contains an appropriation for the opening of courses in aeronautics.

Opposition to postal savings and guaranty of deposits was declared by bankers at Chicago.

The T. H. Bunch company, one of the largest grain concerns in the United States, filed a petition in bankruptcy at Little Rock, Ark. It is reported that local banking institutions are involved to the extent of \$300,000.

Business of the country continues to expand, passing the mark of last year, and approaching that of 1907.

Senator Theodore E. Burton, chairman of the National Waterways commission of the United States, accompanied by several of the other commissioners, spent a day inspecting the Willebroeck canal, which runs from Brussels to the River Rupel.

The condition of Bishop B. C. Lenahan of Fort Dodge, who is critically ill, has become alarming and it is feared the end is near. A few days ago he underwent an operation for a carbuncle on his neck.

An agreement has been signed which assures three years of peace with street car operators in Chicago.

L. R. Clavis, late chief of the Seattle field divisions of the United States land office, has written a letter to President Taft, in which he says he will publish the evidence in the Cunningham coal land cases shortly.

The comptroller of the currency approved the conversion of the Fort Pierre bank of Fort Pierre, S. D., into the Fort Pierre National bank, with \$25,000 capital.

William Buckley, convicted of the murder of George W. Rice in San Francisco during the machinists' strike in October, 1901, was sentenced by Judge Lawler to be hanged at San Quentin on November 19.

Governor Harmon of Ohio has invited the governors of all the states and territories of the United States to attend with delegations the national good roads congress to be held October 26 to 29 in Columbus.

William Brown of Philadelphia, one of the occupants of the automobile which was wrecked near Reading, Pa., while bearing a message from President Taft to the management of the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition, died at the Reading hospital making the second death as the result of the accident.

In a speech at Winona, Minn., President Taft gave unreserved support to the Payne tariff law.

Export trade of the country is tending more to gulf ports than to the Atlantic seaboard.

J. J. Hagerman, builder of the Colorado Midland railway and one of the foremost among Colorado pioneers died at Milan, Italy, as the result of a lung affection.

Secretary Wilson says high prices for products of the farm are destined to continue.

Victory for the street car men in their long drawn out negotiations with the traction companies for increased wages was announced in Chicago.

Halley's comet has been located by Heber D. Curtis and photographed with the aid of the Crossley reflecting telescope at Lick observatory.

Mrs. Harriman is now put down as the richest woman in America.

**Washington.**

Protesting against the treatment they received at the hands of the state and county officials of Oklahoma, 16,000 Oklahoma Indians, comprising the Creeks, Cherokees, Chickasaws and Choctaws, have caused a petition to be sent to Washington seeking relief.

Representative Good of Iowa will introduce a resolution in the house early next session for investigation of the Sutton case. Mr. Good was in Washington while the case was being heard at Annapolis. He became much interested in it and was convicted from his attention to the testimony that young Sutton did not commit suicide, but was killed.

President Taft's appointment of the new tariff commission or board, which was announced from Beverly, is looked on in Washington as the most important development in tariff matters since the enactment of the new Aldrich-Payne measure. The make-up of the commission is such as to leave no doubt that President Taft has concluded the tariff question is not settled for an indefinite period.

Despite the announcement made by Baron Takahira before leaving the United States for Japan a month ago that he expected to return to this country as ambassador, the belief is growing that the Japanese government will send another ambassador to Washington. For this reason credence is given at the state department to the Associated press dispatch from Tokio to this effect.

The days of the 13-cent postage stamp are numbered. Instead of this denomination, by some supposed to be unlucky, the postoffice department will issue a 12-cent stamp. Acting Postmaster General Steward requested the secretary of the treasury to have the new stamp printed at the bureau of engraving and printing.

**Personal.**

The cabin boy aboard the Roosevelt was told in confidence by Dr. Cook that he had discovered the pole.

Unless signs fail the president and congress will have a brush when the next session begins.

Packey McFarland and Ray Bronson fought twenty rounds to a draw in New Orleans.

Cecil P. Drake, John D. Strong and Harold M. Lewis, three young bank clerks of Victoria, B. C., were arrested at the Waldorf Astoria in New York at the request of the chief of police of Victoria.

Former Vice President Fairbanks delivered an eulogistic address at the Methodist church in Manila, P. I., on the life work of President McKinley.

The party of United States congressmen who have been touring the Hawaiian islands are now on the way home.

The will of E. H. Harriman leaves all his property to his wife.

Sir Edward H. Seymour, admiral of the British fleet, has been designated by King Edward to command the British squadron which will attend the Hudson-Fulton celebration in New York.

**GOVERNOR JOHNSON IS DEAD**

**Minnesota's Chief Executive Expires as a Result of an Operation.**

**THIRD ONE PROVES TO BE FATAL**

**Last Words of the Governor Were to His Wife: "Well, Nora, I Have Made a Good Fight but I Guess I've Got to Go."**

Rochester, Minn.—Governor John A. Johnson, three times elected governor of Minnesota, a candidate for the democratic nomination for president of the United States in 1908, and looked upon by many throughout the country as the probable national standard bearer in 1912, died at St. Mary's hospital here at 3:25 o'clock Tuesday morning, following an operation the previous Wednesday.

After battling against death for almost a week the governor's life had a peaceful ending. Grouped about his bedside when the end came were Mrs. Johnson, Miss Sullivan, her personal friend; the attending physicians and two nurses.

The last thing Governor Johnson did before lapsing into unconsciousness one and a half hours before his death, was to take his wife's hand and weakly whisper: "Well, Nora, I made a good fight, but I guess I've got to go." Then as the last gleam of intelligence began to flicker he pressed her hand gently to his cheek in a parting caress.

All the splendid courage and marvelous vitality of the governor proved unequal to the terrible strain which had been put upon him. That his death was a matter of a short time at most became known twelve hours before life finally ebbed away. He was unconscious for two hours previous to death.

Mrs. Johnson, who had been at the bedside almost constantly since the operation six days before, is in a state of almost complete collapse. She was half carried from the hospital by Dr. C. F. McNevin and Miss Margaret Sullivan. She was sobbing and shook convulsively.

Mayor Thompson has issued a proclamation declaring the town to be in a state of public mourning and flags were flying at half mast from the city buildings, school houses and many private buildings.

At a conference in which Frank A. Day, Fred B. Lynch and Fred Johnson, the governor's brother, participated, it was arranged to take the body to St. Paul on a special train.

A detail of militia met the cortège at the station and escorted it to the state capitol where the body will lie in state Wednesday.

The funeral will be held Thursday afternoon at St. Peter. The services will be held in the Presbyterian church. Governor Johnson's body will be buried beside his mother.

The late Governor John A. Johnson had been operated on twice before by the Drs. Mayo, first for the removal of an ulcer and afterwards for an abscess of the bowels. Both were acute, prolonged cases and the governor was in a serious condition each time.

There had been obstructions of the bowels in each instance and during the second operation the appendix was removed. After the second operation Governor Johnson enjoyed fairly good health, but had spells of indigestion, which later developed into serious attacks. These came on with increasing frequency during the last two years.

The last operation was described by a surgeon who watched it as follows: "The operation lasted two hours and ten minutes. The preliminary work disclosed a small deep seated abscess pocket, which connected with the seat of previous operation for the removal of the appendix to the small intestines. It required a difficult, serious and somewhat prolonged operation to remove the fistula. There were also unusually numerous and difficult adhesions of the smaller intestines to one another and to the abdominal cavity."

**Sketch of His Life.**

Governor Johnson was born in Nicollet county at St. Peter in 1832. His father was a blacksmith who emigrated from Sweden in 1853. He was early a republican, but later became a democrat. He established the St. Peter Herald in 1855. He was elected to the state senate in 1895 in a republican district.

In 1902 Johnson was renominated for the senate, but was beaten by two votes. Two years later he was nominated by the democrats for governor and was elected after a bitter fight. He was re-elected twice and was serving his third consecutive term when he died.

Personally Johnson was the kind of man who made friends readily. Hundreds of people visited the big new state house at St. Paul, and Governor

Johnson met most of them, only for a minute to say a few pleasant words and go on with his work. He disposed of business rapidly yet never was in a hurry. He discussed public questions in the most frank manner.

Adolph C. Eberhart, by the death of Governor Johnson, becomes the chief executive of the state, was born in Sweden thirty-eight years ago, coming to Minnesota in 1881. He attended the public school and was afterward graduated from Gustavus Adolphus college at St. Peter, as a minister of the gospel.

Soon after his graduation, Mr. Eberhart abandoned church work and took up the study of law. He soon built up a large practice. For many years Mr. Eberhart has been interested in politics and has worked hard for the success of the party.

He was at one time clerk of the United States circuit and district courts and later was United States commissioner for the district of Minnesota. In 1903 and 1905 he was elected to the state senate.

In 1906 he was elected lieutenant governor and was re-elected in 1908. Mr. Eberhart's name originally was Olson. In Mankato, where he formerly lived, there were half a dozen or more Adolph Olsons, and much confusion of identity resulted. So when the future state official was married he asked the court to permit him to take the name of his wife, a petition that was granted.

**From W. J. Bryan.**

Douglas, Ariz.—William J. Bryan when apprised of the death of Governor Johnson said:

"I have just heard with deep sorrow of the death of Governor Johnson. His career illustrates the possibilities of American citizenship and his death is a great loss to our party and the country. His civic virtues won for him a host of admirers and his personal qualities won many friends."

**Taft Sends Condolence.**

Limon, Colo., Sept. 21.—President Taft sent the following telegram to Mrs. John A. Johnson:

"My heart goes to you in sympathy for you and your children in your present deep sorrow. Governor Johnson was a national figure of great ability and great capacity for usefulness to his country, as he had already demonstrated, and his loss will be felt far beyond the state that loved him so well. I sincerely hope that the fond remembrance in which he is and always will be held in Minnesota and elsewhere, and the record of his high and valued public service may come as a boon to you in your sorrow, and may in time lighten the burden you are now called upon to bear."

**Shallenberger Condoles.**

Lincoln, Neb.—Governor Shallenberger sent the following message to Mrs. J. A. Johnson, wife of the late Governor Johnson of Minnesota:

"I extend to you and the people of Minnesota my deepest sympathy in the hour of your great grief. The country mourns a great man gone."

**DR. COOK IN NEW YORK.**

**Has Come From the Pole, Bringing His Story Along.**

New York.—"I have come from the pole. I have brought my story and my data with me. I have not come home to enter into arguments with one man or with fifty men, but I am here to present a clear record of a piece of work over which I have a right to display a certain amount of pride."

"I am perfectly willing to abide by the final verdict on this record of competent judges. That must be the last word and that alone can satisfy me and the public."

"Furthermore, not only will my report be made out in black and white, but I will also bring to America human witnesses to prove that I have been to the pole."

Such is the sum and substance of the first message Dr. Frederick A. Cook brought home in person to America Tuesday, answering his critics the world over. Under seas and overland it traveled forth as fast as electricity could carry it to where another explorer, Robert E. Peary, homebound from the pole, was pacing the decks with his hands to his eyes for a sight of his wife and children.

**Precedence is Ignored.**

Behl.—Admiral von Koesler, who now is in New York, where he will represent the German navy at the Hudson-Fulton celebration, has no intention of engaging with Admiral Sir Edward Seymour or any one else in a controversy over the question of precedence. It came to Admiral von Koesler's attention before he left that some doubt had arisen as to whether he or Admiral Seymour had the highest rank. Admiral von Koesler and Admiral Seymour are old friends, and that friendship will not be broken.

**NEBRASKA NEWS AND NOTES.**

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

**The Midwest Life.**

A mortgage on good Nebraska real estate is conceded to be as high class security as a live company can have in its vaults. The Midwest Life has the distinction of having a greater per cent of its assets in mortgages than any other life insurance company east or west, and it has maintained this position for the three years it has been in business. On December 31, 1908, the date of its last annual statement, the Midwest Life had ninety-two per cent of its total assets in mortgages, all on Nebraska real estate. This money will stay in Nebraska and will not be sent elsewhere for investment in case of a panic or business depression. The officers, stockholders and policyholders are physically and financially part and parcel of this state. Their whole interests are here. Every premium paid The Midwest Life for life insurance helps a Nebraska institution and every premium paid an eastern company for life insurance helps an eastern institution. Home office of The Midwest Life, 1007 O street, Lincoln. Write for an agency.

Stromsburg is about to put in a complete sewerage system.

A movement is on foot in Hebron for beautifying the town by a park and other improvements.

Wm. Ramsey of Johnson county was badly hurt in a runaway, started by bumble bees attacking his horses.

Tecumseh is in great need of more school room and some provision must be made to care for the increase.

Planting and sowing wheat is now the order among farmers. The land is in fine condition for the work.

The citizens of Fairbury have taken a hand in the fight against a renewal of the franchise of the local electric light company.

At Crawford eight men went down twenty feet by a scaffolding giving way. One of the men will probably die from his injuries.

Mrs. Jones of Table Rock last week celebrated her ninetieth birthday, there being a large attendance of relatives and friends.

George Brewer of Gordon was arrested by Sheriff Rosseter and brought to Valentine and landed in jail on a charge of horse stealing.

J. B. Smith, a dairyman of Beatrice, took ten first, five second and four championship prizes on his herd of Jersey cattle at the Kansas state fair at Topeka.

The peach and grape crop in the section about Dorchester is plentiful. The farmers will have thousands of bushels of peaches for sale. The apple crop there is also large.

In the land drawing at Lake View, Ore., W. R. Stewart of Dorchester drew an eighty-acre tract and a town lot. The land lays about seventy-five or eighty miles from the town.

U. G. Chapman purchased the J. W. Roberts quarter section farm four miles south of Wymore for \$130 per acre. This is the top price paid for farm land in that section.

Richard H. Burrill of 2720 Normandie avenue, Los Angeles, Cal., aged about 27 years, died on the overland limited, west bound, just as the train was pulling into Sidney.

A large shipment of sheep from western ranges were quarantined in North Platte and are being held in the old stock yards. The inspector found them affected with mouth and hoof diseases.

Ray Martin, who was arrested in Belgrade a short time ago, charged with criminal assault on his 14-year-old niece, had his preliminary trial and was bound over to the district court.

Deputy Grand Master J. Robinson of the A. O. U. W. was at York for two weeks and with the assistance of members secured nearly fifty applications for membership in the local lodge. Arrangements will be made to take in a large class and at the time Grand Master A. M. Walling will be present.

The fifth year of the Kearney Normal opened with about 300 students enrolled for the work of the coming year. The main building has been re-decorated and thoroughly renovated and the dormitory has been carefully gone over and improvements in the way of paper and varnish applied, so that the quarters of the students will be most comfortable.

The county of Richardson has appealed to the supreme court from a judgment for \$18,500 obtained by drainage district No. 1, Richardson county. The judgment was given on the theory that public highways were subject to tax within the drainage district. The county alleges that the roads are not owned or controlled by the county, but by townships.

Relatives of Will C. Phillips, former district clerk of Lancaster county, who killed himself in Kansas City recently, have started a fight to see who shall be the executor of the estate. Mrs. Phillips had recently secured a divorce from her husband and she is an applicant for the position, holding that under the new law the divorce is not absolute for six months.

In York county there would have been thousands of bushels of peaches of the best varieties, but owing to the dry weather in August and the wet weather in September peaches did not ripen as they should and most of the crop is not marketable by reason of the peach breaking open, exposing the stone and rotting before getting ripe.

The state Christian Endeavor convention will be held in Fairbury October 29, 30 and 31. The local committee held a meeting and appointed subcommittees to arrange the program and entertainment for the delegates while in the city.

**TAX CASE ARGUMENT**

**SULLIVAN FILES BRIEF IN THE DISTRICT COURT.**

**BRIEF OF ATTORNEY GENERAL**

**Railroads Must Post Copy of Law Relative to the Drinking of Liquor On Trains.**

Judge J. Sullivan, who is for fulfillment of the law enacted by the last legislature providing for the payment of an annual license fee by corporations, filed his brief in the district court of Lancaster county. He argues that the occupation fee charged by the state is a license for the right to do business. As a license he insists that the money should go into the school fund or municipal division in which it is paid, according to the constitution. He argues also that the decisive test of a law licensing a business is that such business or occupation shall be under the supervision of the government. In the law under dispute no mention is made of a governmental supervision. The brief refers the court to the section of the constitution which provides that taxes shall be raised by taxation on the valuation of all classes of property. This section refers to persons and corporations and thus prohibits the levy of such a tax as contemplated in the law.

Deputy Attorney General Grant Martin for the state filed a brief in which he declared it to be the right of the legislature to enact such a law, even if it did refer only to corporations and not to individuals. Corporations are creatures of the law, he argued, and are given liberties not enjoyed by the people. He upholds the law in every respect.

**Railroads Must Obey.**

It is up to the railroads of the state to post in their cars a copy of the law relating to drinking of liquor on trains. Complaint having been made informally to the railway commission that drinking had been permitted on trains and that the notices provided in the law had not been posted in the cars. At a meeting of the commission it was decided to insist that the notices be posted.

The law provides that it is a misdemeanor for any person to be drunk on a train or to drink liquor on a train. It is made the duty of the conductor to notify the drinking passenger to stop, and if the passenger fails to obey the first objection the conductor is to repeat it. Then it is the duty of the conductor to oust the passenger at some station. No penalty is attached to the train crew if the law is not obeyed.

Ben T. White of the Northwestern informed the commission that his road had several suits started against it for putting drinks off of the train.

**Program for Teachers.**

The program of the Nebraska State Teachers' association convention in Lincoln for November 3 to 5 has been issued. The opening day will be devoted to reunions and college banquets. The graduates of the state university will hold a banquet, also the Peru normal graduates and the Kearney, Wayne and Fremont graduates. The general sessions will begin on the following day, to close with a big meeting Friday night. Among the notable men who will appear before the teachers is Booker T. Washington, who will speak upon the subject, "Solving the Negro Problem in the Black Belt of the South." W. N. Clifford of the government forestry service will speak on the topic, "How Forestry Can Be Taught in the Public Schools." Prof. George Howard will talk on "Social Problems and Their Relation to Public Health."

**Inspection of National Guard.**

Under general order No. 20, Major E. H. Phelps, assistant inspector general of the Nebraska National Guard, will begin his inspection of companies October 4. The three companies now in Omaha will be inspected December 1, 2 and 3. An inspection of armories will be made at the same time that the companies are inspected.

**Grain Movement Heavy.**

Grain movements in Nebraska are much heavier now than a year ago, according to reports filed with the state railway commission. For the twenty-four hour period ending at 4 p. m. September 15 there were 456 cars loaded for shipment, against 297 last year. Cars ordered for loading are 1,357 this year, as against 839 last year.

**Money for Prize Cattle.**

Secretary Mellor received a check for \$823 from the American Shorthorn Breeders' association. This represents the amount the association gives in premiums to the exhibitors at the Nebraska state fair.

**List of Delinquent Corporations.**

Walker Smith, corporation clerk to the secretary of state, is about to certify to the governor the names of five thousand corporations which have failed to pay their occupation tax as provided in the law enacted by the recent legislature. The governor will then designate two daily papers in which the names of the delinquent corporations are to be published for one issue. Under the law the characters of those which have not paid the tax by November 30 are to be declared cancelled.