

# NEWS NOTES CONDENSED

A Boiling Down of the More Important Events Here and There

### Foreign.

An individual believed to be insane and having an imaginary grievance against the war department, shot and seriously wounded General Verand in Paris on the steps of the Hotel Continental. It was later discovered that he had made a mistake in his man.

It is nineteen days since the Herrera line steamer Maria Herrera left Santiago, Cuba, with a cargo of cattle, bound for Ponce, Porto Rico, where she was expected to arrive November 11. The steamer, however, has not been heard from and it is believed that she was foundered.

The invitation from the United States for Great Britain to participate in an international conference with a view to regulating the killing of seals in the international waters of North America has been referred through the colonial office in Canada.

The London foreign office learned indirectly that Germany had informed the state department of the United States that she had agreed to the terms by which the British, French and German groups of financiers were each to surrender a portion of their shares in the Chinese railway loan in order to enable the Americans to participate.

The more liberal section of the French episcopate, headed by Archbishop Turinase of Nancy, are beginning to question the wisdom of the militant reaction which began the formation of a league of Catholic voters in the coming elections. Instead the former advocate a broader union, which shall include, with the Catholics, other conservative forces.

### General.

Senator Brown says the insurgents will be in evidence at the coming session of congress.

The president will exert all his influence looking to changes in the interstate commerce act.

President Delano of the Wabash railroad, is said to have been professed the Chinese mission.

A Greenville (Ohio) man killed his mother and a deputy sheriff, wounded two others and committed suicide.

Senator Aldrich says the panic of 1907 cost the country \$2,000,000,000.

Sec. Meyer has proposed sweeping changes in the navy.

Attorney General Wickersham, Senators Elkins and Cummins conferred on changes in the interstate commerce act.

After hearing Samuel Gompers speak at Cooper union 200 members of the Ladies' Waist makers union decided to go on strike for shorter hours and higher wages.

George Crocker, youngest son of the late California millionaire, Charles C. Crocker, is slowly dying at his home in New York from a malady said to be a cancer.

Bloodhounds proved so far unsuccessful in running down the assailant of seventeen-year-old Myra Smith at Lima, Ohio, who was attacked in the streets, that there came near being a lynching of the wrong man.

The gunboat Princeton was ordered by the navy department to sail for Corinto, Nicaragua, to join the gunboat Vicksburg, already at that port.

Speaker Cannon, in a speech at Kansas City, defended the rules of the house.

Serious rock and snowslides on the Canadian Pacific railway in the Rocky mountains have compelled the cancellation of all trains.

The Great plains reconnaissance party of the United States bureau of soils, is assembling at Victoria, Tex. During the winter work will be done along the Gulf coast north of Corpus Christi.

Low fares have been secured for the National Corn Exposition that opens in Omaha December 6th.

Congress will turn the light on the water power problem.

Heavy loss of life is feared as the result of an explosion in a coal mine at Onoura, Eukoko province, Japan. Fifteen men are known to have perished, while 228 miners are entombed in the workings.

Congress is to be assailed by reform organizations within a day or so after it convenes.

Governor Deneen of Illinois, it was made known recently, will postpone convening the general assembly in special session pending the outcome of the investigation of the Cherry mine disaster.

Congressman De Armond of Missouri, who lost his life in a fire at his home, had served nineteen years in congress.

The United States and Chile at last have reached final agreement as to the terms of a protocol referring to King Edward for a definite settlement of the celebrated Alsop claim.

Twenty Japanese were killed and fifteen injured, several of them fatally, in the wreck of a work train on the Great Northern railway between Vancouver and New Westminster.

In a fire at Kansas City 140 horses were burned to death.

Five members of family killed and two fatally hurt when trolley car hits an auto near Los Angeles.

The government faces important problems relating to channels and terminals in proposed waterways improvement.

Congressman Carter of Oklahoma is critically ill.

Rear Admiral R. R. Ingersoll, a member of the general board of the navy, will be placed on the retired list. James J. Hill has offered to give the Huron college at Huron, S. D., \$50,000 of its endowment fund.

Thomas Meagher of Manila, P. I., son of the Irish patriot, died of pneumonia following an attempt to commit suicide.

Five miles of the Panama canal have been opened to navigation. This includes the channel from a point in the Bay of Panama. Steamships plying between San Francisco and Panama and the west coast ports of South America and Panama are using this part of the canal daily.

James Freeman Curtis of Boston, now United States district attorney and once intercollegiate golf champion of the United States, has been chosen assistant secretary of the U. S. treasury.

Mrs. Roosevelt and her daughter have returned from Europe.

Customs frauds at New York are not limited to the sugar cases.

What appears to have been an attempt upon the life of Baron Albert Rothschild of Vienna is reported from Schillersdorf, the Rothschild hunting seat in upper Silesia.

Oslerization of army officers to a radical degree was recommended to the war department by General Leonard Wood, in command of the department of the East. He wants an elimination law enacted, so that officers above the grade of captain will attain grades on an average of at least ten years younger than at present.

The Chilean government has again announced its desire to subscribe to a protocol submitting the Alsop claim to the Hague tribunal for arbitration, and has deposited in London \$1,000,000 to the order of The Hague permanent court.

Nicaragua insurgents are preparing for a final struggle.

Lyman J. Gage, former secretary of the treasury, was married at San Diego to Mrs. Ada Ballou. Gage is 73, his wife 35.

Power of revolutionists is gaining strength in Nicaragua.

At this writing, November 27, President Taft has not done anything on his forthcoming message to congress.

It may be many weeks before all bodies are removed from the Illinois mine, wherein they were killed by black damp.

Morgan Chambers, a negro, was and Deputy Joe Camp at Meehan, Miss., by a mob of 200 masked men and his body riddled with bullets.

### Washington.

The forthcoming report of the special naval board, of which Rear Admiral Swift is chairman, it is declared, will submit recommendations to the secretary of the navy that will revolutionize the operation of American navy yards. Officials refuse to give any idea of what the report will be, but experts are of the opinion that concentration will be the burden of the report.

Practically every small railroad in the country carries the United States mails at a dead loss, according to Ralph Peters, president of the Long Island Railroad company, who called upon President Taft to pay his respects. The appropriations made by congress for carrying the mails, Mr. Peters declared, are utterly inadequate and he stated that he would take up the subject with that body this winter.

"I shall cheerfully aid you in your proposed temperance movement in the army," promises General Frederick Grant, in command of the Department of the Great Lakes, in a letter addressed to the Rev. Wilber F. Crafts of Washington, superintendent of the International Reform Bureau.

President Taft said he enjoyed his Thanksgiving dinner because no speechmaking had to follow.

Secretary of Agriculture Wilson, outlining work mapped out for certain bureaus of the Department of Agriculture next year, said that a soil survey would be made of the western part of Nebraska and Kansas in the development of a plan comprehending the survey of the entire United States.

The interior department has withdrawn from disposition, as containing water power possibilities, about 9,604 acres of land along the Smith river in Montana. This tract will be held in reserve pending action by congress, which is expected to enact legislation governing the disposal of power sites on the public domain. A portion of the lands withdrawn are unsurveyed.

### Personal.

Walter Wellman calls Dr. Cook a fraud, and says his claim to the pole discovery is bogus.

Cubans are becoming dissatisfied with the administration of President Gomez, and want him displaced.

Dr. Cook, of Arctic fame, is said to be on the point of a nervous breakdown.

Secretary of the Interior Ballinger has made his annual report.

In a street duel with knives at Alca, Ark., Miss Nora Owens was fatally injured by Miss Stella Belk and died within a few minutes.

It is thought that bodies of many men in the Illinois mine will never be recovered.

Six summary dismissals were made at the New York customs house.

The general counsel of the Standard Oil company sees the bright side of the court decision.

Castro is accused of trying to foment trouble in Venezuela.

## NICARAGUA TROUBLE

### MEXICO MAKES SUGGESTION OF SETTLEMENT.

### POINTS OUT A WAY OF PEACE

Set Forth in Letter to Washington, but Nothing Received From Mexican Capital.

Mexico City.—A suggestion for a peaceful solution of the Nicaraguan trouble has been made by the government of Mexico to the United States. This was admitted by Minister of Foreign Relations Ignacio Mariscal.

Mr. Mariscal said that no definite agreement had been reached up to this time and that he had not received a reply to his letter sent to Washington about six days ago.

Mr. Mariscal refused to discuss the nature of the suggestion in question, which, he said, was purely voluntary. At a late hour Tuesday night he made the following statement:

"About six days ago I wrote a letter to Washington in which I made several suggestions regarding a peaceful solution of the Nicaraguan troubles. No agreement of any kind has as yet been made up to this time. The matter rests purely in the form of a voluntary suggestion by the government."

Mr. Mariscal is suffering from a throat affection and has not been at the foreign relations office for several days. Despite his illness he attended the presidential banquet to Ambassador Thompson, but remained only a short time.

Washington.—No announcement of the plan which Mexico is said to have proposed to the United States for a peaceful settlement of the Nicaraguan trouble was made here. Assistant Secretary of State Dilon announced no development of any importance had taken place.

### Two Men Executed.

New Orleans.—It was reported here by George S. Lacoza, a planter near Leon, Nicaragua, that Francisco Lapinosa, father of Rudolfo Espinosa, former Nicaraguan minister at Washington, and of Emil Espinosa, one of the leaders of the revolutionary movement in Nicaragua, had been executed by order of Zelaya. According to Lacoza, Espinosa was seized on his arrival at Corinto from Washington, where he had been visiting his son, was taken to Grenada and there shot.

### WETS WIN IN ALABAMA.

Prohibition Amendment Defeated by Large Majority.

Birmingham, Ala.—All indications point to a majority of between 18,000 and 20,000 in Alabama against the prohibition constitutional amendment. Chairman J. Lee Long, who has been in charge of the fight against the amendment, claims that the majority against the amendment will be fully 20,000.

The early returns indicated a landslide against the amendment and succeeding bulletins fully bore out the early indications.

Jefferson county, in which is Birmingham, the largest city in the state, in spite of the fact that the fight has been concentrated here, gave a majority of over 1,000 against the amendment.

### SWITCHMEN ON A STRIKE.

Twenty-three Hundred of Them Quit Work.

St. Paul.—After fifteen days of negotiating between the Switchmen's Union of North America and the joint committee of railroad managers representing thirteen railroads of the northwest, a strike involving 2,300 switchmen became effective at 6 o'clock Tuesday night. The men are employed by the various railroads running west and north of St. Paul from Lake Superior to the Pacific coast and unless speedily settled will mean a serious interruption to traffic.

The first effect of the strike was a sharp bulge in the price of wheat in the Chicago grain market. As the roads entering the Twin Cities and Duluth and Superior are largely grain carriers from the west the prospect of a long interruption to this traffic will mean something.

### Egan at Cook Hearing.

Copenhagen.—Rector Torp of the University of Copenhagen extended an invitation to Dr. Maurice F. Egan, United States minister to Denmark, to be present when the North polar records of Dr. Cook are examined. The Cook records are expected to arrive here about December 6.

### Plan to Murder Rockefeller.

Cleveland.—Acting upon information given by a man who said he overheard a conversation in which plans to assassinate John D. Rockefeller were discussed, East Cleveland police guarded Forest Hill, the oil magnate's home, all night.

### Banquet for Thompson.

Mexico City.—American Ambassador David E. Thompson, formally vacated the diplomatic office Tuesday to assume official charge of the affairs of the Pan-American railroad, which he recently purchased. A sumptuous banquet in his honor was given by President Diaz. The occasion assembled a large number of Mexican officials, members of the diplomatic corps and their wives. Until the successor of Mr. Thompson is appointed and arrives, the embassy will be in charge of First Secretary Bailey.

## CALLS AN ELECTION

### GOVERNOR PROCLAIMS REGARDING NEW COUNTY

### VOTE TO BE TAKEN JAN. 10TH

One of the Important Features of the Corn Show Soon to be Held in Lincoln.

Governor Shallenberger has issued a proclamation calling an election in the new county of Garden to be held January 10. The polls open from 8 a. m. to 6 p. m. Polling places shall be the same as at the last general election. At the election the location of a county seat shall be determined and the following officers chosen: County clerk, clerk of the district court, treasurer, judge, sheriff, assessor, surveyor, superintendent, three commissioners, and all township and precinct officers, except those previously elected and qualified in the county of Deuel from which the new county has been formed and whose terms of office shall not have expired at the time of the election and whose residence in embraced in the limits of the new county, shall continue in office until their terms expire. The notice of election shall be published for two consecutive weeks preceding the election in a newspaper of general circulation in the county, and by posting in a conspicuous place at each polling place at least two weeks before the election.

### Lincoln Has Corn Show.

One of the important features of the State Corn Growers' show, to be held in the Lincoln Auditorium January 17-21, will be an exhibition of wheat. Up to date corn has always had precedence in both local and national shows, but the Nebraska Millers' association, realizing the importance of wheat to the state, has decided to assist in a movement toward increasing its quantity and quality. With this end in view the millers have arranged to co-operate with the Corn association and have offered a valuable trophy for the best exhibit of wheat, to be given at the annual show each year. Much of the widespread interest in corn throughout the state is due to the efforts of the state association. It is hoped that the society will be as successful with wheat.

In addition to the Millers' trophy several cash prizes for wheat exhibits have been offered. The Millers' trophy for sweepstakes, will be a large silver piece of a special design mounted on an ebony base. The base will be hollow and a sample of the winning exhibit will be kept in it and shown whenever the cup is on display. The trophy will be formally presented to the association at its annual banquet to be held in connection with the show. After this it will be awarded annually.

### Majors Does Not Want It.

A friend of Senator T. J. Majors has reported that Mr. Majors does not care for the appointment on the old normal board to fill a vacancy in the term of Mr. Hays of Alliance which has expired. It was reported that a movement is being started in the Third congressional district in favor of the appointment of Mr. Kohl, a real-estate dealer of Wayne. He is a well known democrat and represented his district in a national democratic convention.

### A Fine Picture.

Will M. Maupin, head of the state labor bureau, has received a fine picture of the delegates attending the American Federation of Labor convention taken in a group at Toronto. This picture is fifteen inches wide and about six-and-a-half inches long, and the face of every delegate can be plainly recognized. Gompers, Mitchell and Morrison, the indicted labor leaders, occupy prominent positions. The picture will be placed in Labor temple.

### Union Pacific to Issue Bonds.

The state railway commission held a conference with Edson Rich, attorney for the Union Pacific Railroad company, and issued an order granting permission for the company to issue \$141,598,000 of first lien and refunding mortgage bonds for the purpose of buying and constructing new lines, double track, rolling stock, real estate, terminals, yards and shops.

### Governor Sells to State.

Coupland, a special committeeeshrdl The state farm, through Regent Coupland, a special committee with power to act, has bought of Governor Shallenberger four short horns, paying therefore, \$1,040. The animals will be used for instruction purposes.

### W. R. Patrick Resigns.

Ex-Senator W. R. Patrick of Sarpy county has resigned from the board of trustees appointed to control the state school for blind at Nebraska City and the state school for deaf at Omaha.

### Johns Dismisses Complaint.

The complaint of John Johns of Constance against the Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha railroad has been dismissed by the State Railway commission. John Johns alleged that the town of Constance needed a station, and it needed certain sidetracks and a few other things which he alleged it was the duty of the railroad company to furnish, so he filed his complaint. A hearing was had and testimony introduced, after which the commission decided John Johns had failed to make his case.

## CASH FOR DAIRYMEN.

### Improvement in Method of Testing Cream.

The Nebraska butter market is within 3 cents of the Elgin market, instead of within 4 cents, the differential which has ruled for years. During the next year this means \$250,000 for the Nebraska farmers. The efforts of the Nebraska state pure food commission to get absolutely correct tests of the butter fat percentages have brought this about.

Elgin is the butter market of the world. The Nebraska buyers, in purchasing butter, have paid 4 cents under the Elgin market for butter fat. This margin includes freight and other losses. In the latter one of the important items is dishonest, careless or incompetent grading by the local testers. Efficiency in cream testing has shaved the margin 20 per cent, and this difference now goes to the butter fat producer.

The difference of 1 cent a pound has proved a formidable item. During 1908, 37,144,000 pounds of butter were shipped. A difference of 1 cent a pound on this means \$371,440. A quarter of a million dollars in increased returns to dairymen is regarded as a conservative estimate of the saving.

Food commissioner Mains has been working for several months on the cream testing proposition. The improvement in testing methods has been rapid, and since the beginning of the term of Governor Shallenberger, the system has been entirely revolutionized. The testing is now a science. False grading is punishable by a heavy fine. Testers must prove their ability, and they lose their permits if they are caught making mistakes.

### House Journals Printed.

A half dozen copies of the house journals compiled by the Hon. T. Cone, chief clerk of the late house of representatives, have been received by the secretary of state and it is not near time for the next session to convene. The journal contains 1,167 pages; the pictures of the state officers, officers and members of the legislature and as a new feature a record in tabulated form of every official act of every member of the legislature during the session and a tabulated record of every bill introduced. The table refers to the page on which every motion was made regarding each bill. There is another table in the book which gives the epitomized title of every bill together with its number. At least 300 of the journals will be bound in heavy cardboard with leather covers. The book is much smaller than those of previous sessions and the paper on which it is printed is of better quality. Mr. T. Cone has made it possible for anyone to secure the official record of any members with little trouble.

### Nebraska an Apple State.

Nebraska fared well at the national horticultural congress at Council Bluffs, Secretary C. G. Marshall of the state horticultural society, assisted by Clyde H. Barnard, made a display for the Nebraska society that placed Nebraska in the front rank as a fruit growing state. For general display by any state, the Nebraska society took second premium, \$150 in cash. Iowa was first in general display only defeating Nebraska because it had a larger number of variety of apples.

The Nebraska state horticultural society was first and won a \$300 silver loving cup for having the best display by any state horticultural society. It was also first in the most artistic display and won a gold medal over such competitors as Maryland, Virginia and North Carolina. The latter state was second in artistic display.

On its display of home orchard collection of apples, Nebraska was first and won a silver loving cup.

### School Compilations.

State Superintendent W. C. Bishop was back in his office after an absence of several days over the state. At the present time he is compiling a list of the schools of the state having normal school branches. There will be more than a hundred Nebraska schools in the list.

### Water Bonds Registered.

The city of North Platte had the state auditor register water bonds by that city to the amount of \$100,000. State Treasurer Brian promised last summer to buy these bonds for the state as soon as he had sufficient funds on hand. The city still depends upon the state to make the promised purchase if possible.

### Is Out for Congress.

G. L. Shumway of Winter Creek precinct, Scott's Bluff county, has filed his name as a candidate for the democratic nomination for congressman in the Sixth district of Nebraska. Mr. Shumway filed his name with the secretary of state together with a receipt from the treasurer of Scott's Bluff county for the \$10 filing fee.

### Commission Slow to Act.

Because of the failure of the State Railway commission to report the name of Adna Dobson to the attorney general for investigation as to his right to receive a pass, as reported by the Burlington railroad, Mr. Dobson has been placed in a very embarrassing position. The report of the Burlington showed that he had received a pass to Madrid. Mr. Dobson said he has never received any pass from the Burlington or any other road since the anti-pass law became effective.

## NEBRASKA IN BRIEF

### NEWS NOTES OF INTEREST FROM VARIOUS SECTIONS.

### ALL SUBJECTS TOUCHED UPON

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

The corn yield in Taylor county has given a boost to land in that vicinity. One hundred citizens of Genoa met and reorganized the commercial club. An industry for the manufacture of cement posts has been put in at York. Company K of Wymore has been reorganized by Major Hollingsworth. The national corn show at Omaha opens December 6th and continues until the 20th.

Owing to bad weather the first annual Modern Woodmen log rolling at Broken Bow was not well attended. Mrs. Charles Boudegard of Hamilton county, died from the effects of carbolic acid swallowed through mistake.

A fine showing of Aberdeen-Angus cattle were shipped from Red Willow county to the Chicago Live Stock show.

The Corn Show in Nebraska City was a success in every way. Exhibits were more than double those of the previous year.

The government exhibit at the National Corn Show was the first to be put in. Most of the showing comes from the Seattle exposition.

Religious revival services are being held in a number of Nebraska towns and others will get busy in the same direction in the near future.

Fred T. Robinson, a Lincoln barber, shot and fatally wounded his wife and attempted to take his own life at Beatrice. He is thought to be insane.

William, the ten-year-old son of B. A. Richards, a ranchman of Hillside, forty-five miles north of Ogallala, was killed by being dragged and kicked by a broncho.

During the past year the Omaha Child-Saving Institute has placed sixty-two children in homes for adoption, according to the report submitted by Superintendent A. W. Clark.

Edward S. Miller, whose corn mills were burned in Beatrice, states that he will rebuild the plant provided the city council will run a water main to the structure.

Arthur Nickols of Odessa was taken to the asylum for insane at Hastings, he having become violently insane. This is the second time Nickols has been confined in that institution.

The annual exhibit of the Nemeha Valley Poultry association closed at Adams after a three-days run. About 400 birds were on exhibition, and the show was one of the best ever held.

John Mandery, a former saloon keeper of Tecumseh, was accidentally killed by the discharge of a shotgun which he had between his legs, as the team he was driving tried to run away.

Burlington passenger train No. 14 ran into and killed L. C. Brant, when about three miles west of Dawson. Brant was flagman for a dirt train working out of Dawson and was sent ahead to flag the passenger.

Leo Lung, proprietor of the Chinese restaurant in Grand Island, and Miss Lulu Ansler, a white girl of Omaha, were married in Cheyenne, and have just returned to Grand Island to reside. The two allege that they have been acquainted for two years.

L. B. Shepherd of Arlington, a pioneer business man and prominent citizen and United States commissioner to Alaska under the late President McKinley, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Fuller, in Arlington, last week.

The Union Pacific has secured permission from the state railway commission to issue bonds to the amount of \$11,598,000. The issue will be first lien and refunding mortgage bonds. The money will be used to buy new lines, make extensions and improvements.

Governor Shallenberger has appointed Charles C. Ellis of Sterling adjutant of the soldiers' home at Grand Island. Mr. Ellis was the democratic candidate for county treasurer of Johnson county at the late election and was defeated by W. C. Redfield, the republican candidate.

A cornhusker unknown at Pender was killed south of that place by the northbound passenger train. The engineer says he stepped into the track just in front of the train. The upper part of his body was so badly mutilated that he could not be recognized. In his pocket was a quarter and a husking pin.

An accident which culminated in the death of the 2-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Nelson at their home in London precinct, Nemaha county, occurred recently. The child was playing in the kitchen with a toy wagon and was backing along the floor with it and watching it, when he backed and fell into a bucket of scalding water.

The dedication of Wayne's handsome and modern high school building took place last week, attended by a large number of citizens of Wayne and visitors from abroad.

A resolution urging congress to establish a national park on the homestead of the late Daniel Freeman, located six miles west of this city, has been unanimously adopted by the city council. A special council committee of three will be named to present the council's action to Congressman E. H. Hinshaw and urge upon him the advisability of pushing his bill to secure the desired recognition.