

The Avoca Department

News Items Gathered Each Week by a Special Reporter for This Department of the Semi-Weekly Journal

Croquette sets and hammocks at Copes'.
H. G. Wellenseik was at Lorton Sunday.

Try the flavoring extracts that Copes sells.
Gus Kegley was down from Weeping Water Monday.

John Neumeister is working for Contractor Smoots.

D. M. Johnson was down from Weeping Water Monday evening.

The Rebekahs were busy Tuesday evening initiating two candidates.

Mrs. Gus Mohr spent several days this week with Syracuse relatives.

Louis Carsten is taking treatment at the sanitarium at Lincoln.

One of the heaviest rains of the season fell here Wednesday afternoon.

L. J. Marquards and son, Freddie, were at Omaha the first of the week.

I. S. Feris was up from near Nehawka Tuesday trading with our merchants.

John Henry Busch was transacting business at the state metropolis Wednesday.

Misses Pearl Harmon and May Bogard spent Sunday with friends near Talmage.

J. C. Zimmerer and sister Mary went to Omaha Wednesday via the Buick route.

The Avoca Paving Company is putting in the new concrete crossings this week.

H. M. Townsley was here from Union this week painting and papering the interior of W. H. Betts, Jr., residence.

Sheriff Quinton, wife and daughter, were over from Plattsmouth Sunday, visiting at the Quinton home east of town.

Mrs. F. E. Brickta and daughters were down from Weeping Water several days last week visiting at the home of Henry Franzen.

The Congregational Sunday school pupils observed Children's Day last Sunday by giving a program in the evening at the church.

The children reflected credit on those who had trained them for the occasion. The decorations were tasteful and artistic, flowers, plants and vines being used. A collection for home missions was taken at the close of the exercises.

An Enjoyable Event.
Last Friday, June 11th, Miss Judith Straub of district No. 77, closed a very successful term of nine months' school. A large crowd was in attendance and a long program enjoyed.

The parents of the scholars provided a bountiful dinner for the visitors as well as scholars. There were about thirty visitors which made, in all, seventy, who partook of the enjoyable dinner.

The song of welcome was given by the school. Five of the scholars received honor prizes, which was a certificate from the County Superintendent, for perfect attendance for six months. They are Viola, Lucretia and Nora Harshman, Gladys August and Francis Straub.

One Who Was There.

Local Events.

John Albert was a passenger this morning for Omaha going up to attend to business matters in that city.

Wm. Holly, the clothing man, is spending the day in Omaha being a passenger for that city this morning.

Thos. Wiles departed this morning for Sioux City, Ia., where he has some business matters of importance to look after.

Ed. Donat was among those going to Omaha on business matters this morning, having gone on the early train.

A. W. White is looking after business matters today in Omaha being a passenger for that city on the early train.

Mrs. Frank Buttery and daughter are spending the day in Omaha with friends, going to that city on the early train.

Charles H. Bailey is spending the day in Omaha having been a passenger for that city this morning on the early train.

Mrs. Robt. Ward and sons are spending the day in Omaha being passengers for that city this morning on the early Burlington train.

Mrs. Jos. Wales is among those spending the day in Omaha having been a passenger for that city on the early Burlington train this morning.

M. J. Sweeney, the Omaha monument man, is attending to business matters in the city today, coming down on the early train this morning.

W. H. Venner and daughter De-Elia, are attending the Christian Science lecture today in Omaha, going to that city on the early morning train.

Miss Frances Thomas is spending the day at Fort Omaha with relatives and friends, going to the city this morning on the early Burlington train.

Charles L. Martin and wife were passengers this morning on the early Burlington train for Omaha where they will spend the day visiting with friends.

M. Weybright is among those looking after business matters today in Omaha having been a passenger for that city on the early train.

Mrs. S. E. Carrigan of Havelock who has been spending several days in the city with friends, departed this morning on the early train for her home.

Mrs. M. W. Morgan accompanied by Mrs. F. J. Morgan and son Paul, departed this morning for Osceola, Ia., where they will visit with Mrs. Morgan's brother for several days.

Osceola is Mrs. Morgan's old home and as she had not been there for many years, she will doubtless have a very pleasant visit with her brother and early friends.

A wedding party consisting of Mr. F. L. Grainger, the prospective groom, Miss Louise Kissling, the prospective bride, Miss Elizabeth Hraskey and Mr. R. E. Mayfield friends, departed this morning for Omaha where the wedding will take place today. Mr. and Mrs. Grainger will make their future home in Lincoln out of which place Mr. Grainger runs on the Burlington road.

R. R. Nickles drove in from his home near Murray to do some business with our merchants. Mr. Nickles found the heavy rains did quite a good deal of damage to his farm during his absence and yesterday he got another soaker multiplying his troubles. He will return home this afternoon.

J. G. Richey, wife and son Livingston drove down to the home of Claude Everett near Union where they will spend several days. Mr. Richey has quite recovered from his illness although still very weak and there is small doubt but that he will get along nicely hereafter. He has had a long and hard siege of it but with the return of warm weather, he has improved a great deal.

Mrs. J. E. Hadley and daughter Bessie, came in this morning from Tabor, Iowa, where they have been visiting. They will spend the day with her sister, Mrs. H. E. Wilson and family, and continue their journey homeward to Cedar Falls tomorrow morning. Mrs. Hadley and daughter visited here several days a short time since, before going to Tabor.

Booze in Lincoln.
It would be seen from the following from the Lincoln News that prohibition fails to prohibit in our capital city: "Although it is the general understanding that Lincoln voted at the last election to prohibit the sale of intoxicating liquors, there are wagons going about the city every day making house to house deliveries of bottled beer in crates. It must be beer for a big sign on each wagon heralds the name of the commodity so dispensed. The police department is taking cognizance of this business and has started an investigation to find out where the liquor comes from, but so far nothing has been done. There are some people who believe that since the saloon keepers who paid licenses have been compelled to quit business it is not exactly a square deal to let somebody else come in and sell booze without paying a cent for the privilege. It also strikes a good many folks as inconsistent to be arresting bootleggers while permitting other non-licensed persons to vend their goods in the broad light of day."

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J. G. VanHorn is looking after business in Omaha today going to that city this morning on the early train.

Mrs. Silas Long and daughter were passengers this morning for Omaha where they will attend a lecture on Christian Science to be given today.

Mrs. George E. Dovey and daughters Mrs. Rea Patterson and Miss Catherine Dovey were passengers on the morning train for Omaha where they will spend the day visiting with friends.

P. P. Meisinger was a passenger this morning for Omaha where he will visit with his wife at the hospital in that city. Mrs. Meisinger is getting along nicely and soon will be able to return to her home, something which everyone will be pleased to note.

The condition of H. J. Streight remains about the same and he does not rally as fast as his friends might hope for. Mr. Streight's right side is paralyzed and his general condition is poor. It is to be hoped that a change for the better occurs soon and the gentleman may soon be able to be out and about once more.

H. E. Wilson, who suffered such a severe paralytic stroke some time ago has so far improved that he is able to be out and about again, and this morning he was a visitor down town. Mr. Wilson is still quite weak and cannot get around yet with his old time agility but still he has improved so rapidly and so well that it is not believed it will be long before he is able to look after his business. This is the hope of his many friends at least.

An annular eclipse of the sun takes place this evening visible in this city if the weather continues clear and the sky is not obscured by clouds. The eclipse will commence in this city about 6:15 tonight. The sun will probably get obscured. The eclipse is visible to all that part of the United States lying north of a line drawn from San Francisco through Tucson, Arizona to Corpus Christi, Texas. South of that line the eclipse is invisible. The eclipse is total in the Arctic regions and in portions of Alaska. As is known this kind of an eclipse is caused by the moon passing between the sun and the earth, darkening a portion of the surface of the former and in some sections totally obscuring it.

Hambietonian Horse for Sale.
A thoroughbred Hambietonian Kentucky Whip horse for sale. Has been tracked for about two weeks, and has made 2:28, after a few days of tracking. A picture and pedigree of this horse may be seen at the Journal office, and should you desire to see the animal and test his speed you may do so by calling at the J. R. Vallery farm near Mynard.

Call on James Sage, in the city of Plattsmouth, and he will drive you to the Vallery farm.
5-28-11 L. C. W. Murray.

River on the Rise.
The Missouri river last night rose an additional five inches and this morning stood at eleven feet, the highest of the year but still several feet below the high mark of last year. The water is now out on the bar in front of the city and should it continue to rise which is indicated for several days at least there is a good prospect for the entire bar being covered to the depth of several inches. The cows which have been pastured on the bar for several weeks past are now compelled to forage for their food as the pasture is threatened with overflow any time. The river is still cutting above the city and the current is filled with trees and rubbish cut from the banks. The indications this morning were that the stream had commenced to fall as there were marks indicating higher water during the night than the gauge showed.

The fall however, is not due here for several days as it was stationary at Sioux City night before last and still rising at Blair. It is possible the Platte water may be the cause of the apparent fall.

At noon today the river is apparently at a standstill and there are some signs which would indicate it is slowly receding. These are offset however, by an increase in the quantity of surface on the sand bar covered by water which is slowly extending along the city water front.

It was reported that the river was flowing over the top of the rip-rap on the Iowa side just below Henton's and if this is the case it probably accounts for the apparent fall in the river on this side. If the water is commencing to go through on the Iowa bottom it would probably lower the height on the sand bar in front of the city.

From the court house, however, no water was apparent in the bottom and it is thought the rumor is probably without foundation. There is little likelihood of a much higher stage of the river this spring as it is falling above Blair while the water in the tributaries is also subsiding.

COUNTIES SAVE ON BOND FEES

State Commission Promulgates Schedule of Rates.

LOOKS OVER THE PREMIUMS.

Reports Show Bonding Companies Last Year Collected \$575,000 in Nebraska and Paid \$95,000 in Losses in Three Years—University Athletic Board Will Ask Rockefeller for Gift of \$50,000—Pharmacists in Session.

Lincoln, June 17.—The state commission to fix the rates to be charged by bonding and surety companies in Nebraska promulgated its schedule. In many instances the proposed rates of the companies were rejected and the board in these instances adopted the 1907 rates.

For county treasurers the proposed rates would have cost the counties a total of \$35,311.50, but the board adopted a rate which will cost the counties \$30,870. This was the 1907 rate. In Lincoln county the board reduced the rate from \$400 for the two years to \$250 for the same period.

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Want Rockefeller Coin.
The University of Nebraska, through its athletic board, will make a formal request to John D. Rockefeller for a gift of \$50,000 to equip its new athletic field.

If the oil king answers the request he will be honored by having the field named after him, the title proposed being "Rockefeller Field."

The scheme of raising the money for fixing up the field has just materialized and has the support of Chancellor Avery and Governor Shallenberger. A petition that will be sent to Mr. Rockefeller has been drafted and the men in control of athletics at the university are getting the signatures of several of the leading men of Lincoln and Omaha to it.

Creamery Workers Examined.
Food and Dairy Commissioner Mains held an examination in representative hall for those persons who desire a permit which will entitle them to sample and test cream. All the permits which have been issued by the department expire June 30 and in order that no one will be kept out of work because of having no license Mr. Mains has been conducting examinations in various parts of the state during the entire month.

The Nebraska State Pharmaceutical association is holding its annual meeting here, with more than 300 druggists in attendance. Mayor Love welcomed the druggists to Lincoln, and the response was made by Dan J. Killen, chairman of the executive committee.

REPAIRING THE AIRSHIPS
Fort Omaha Aviators Are Mending Balloons Wrecked in Last Flight.

Omaha, June 17.—Ballooning at Fort Omaha is taking a rest on account of the unfavorable weather. Repairs to the damaged dirigible balloon have not yet been completed. Parts of the machinery to supplant those put out of commission in the wreck of the balloon two weeks ago are of such a delicate nature they will have to be specially manufactured and the Fort Omaha authorities are awaiting their arrival daily.

Captain Charles DeForest Chandler, who has been assigned to duty as chief disbursing officer of the signal corps, left for Washington. The actual balloon work will be left in charge of Lieutenants R. S. Bamberger, J. G. Winter, C. A. Dickinson and J. F. Weare.

As soon as the dirigible is again put in repair, another detail of officer students will come to Fort Omaha from Fort Leavenworth for instruction in the art of ballooning.

Breaks Arm in Card Game.
Ponca, Neb., June 17.—A gang of men and boys assembled at Nelson's brick yard to play cards. In the course of a game the excitement ran high, some words were passed and Charles Matson picked up a brick and threw it, striking Earl Johnson in the arm, breaking the bones about three inches from the wrist.

Riverton Man Whirled to Death.
Riverton, Neb., June 17.—His clothing catching in the main drive belt of the Riverton roller mill, Frank Morgan, an employee of the mill, was hurled round and round the shafting until his life was crushed out and his body reduced almost to a pulp. He is a son of Charles Morgan, the town marshal.

Train Accident or Suicide.
Omaha, June 17.—A note found in the pocket of John Brakefield, who was fatally injured in the Missouri Pacific yards and died at the General Hospital, indicates that he might have taken his own life in a fit of despondency.

Sheridan Smashes Record.
Pittsburg, June 17.—Martin J. Sheridan, champion all around athlete of the world, wearing the insignia of the Irish-American Athletic club, lowered his own record in the standing hop, skip and jump, hurling himself 32 feet 6½ inches.

TAFT'S PLAN IN TARIFF MEASURE

Congress Likely to Accept Corporation Tax Provision.

PROGRESSIVES STILL FIRM.

Cummins, LaFollette and Others Want Income Tax—Senate Adopts Finance Committee's Recommendation Regarding Admission of Philippine Products—Substitute for House Zinc Schedule Is Adopted.

Washington, June 17.—The message of President Taft recommending the incorporation of a provision in the tariff bill for the taxation of the earnings of corporations and the adoption of a resolution looking to an amendment of the constitution so as to permit the levying of an income tax without interference from the courts was generally regarded by senators as of such importance as to place in the shade all questions pertaining strictly to the schedules of the tariff bill. It was referred to the finance committee.

In his message the president speaks of the apparent inability of congress to agree to an inheritance tax, and as regards an income tax he refers to the decisions of the supreme court in the case of Pollock vs. the Farmers' Loan and Trust company, in which the court held that tax to be unconstitutional unless apportioned to population. "It is," says the president, "undoubtedly a power which the government ought to have. It might be indispensable to the nation's life in great crises."

The amendment, therefore, he declares, was the only proper course. Such an amendment to the constitution, he contends, was preferable to the one proposed of reviving a law judicially declared unconstitutional.

A Tax on Privilege.
The amendment which he says should be made to the tariff bill, provides for the imposition on all corporations and joint stock companies for profit, except national banks (otherwise taxed), savings banks and building and loan associations of an excise tax of 2 per cent on the net income of said corporations. This, it is estimated by him, will bring an annual revenue of \$25,000,000.

"This is a tax on privilege and not on property," he says, "and is within the federal power without apportionment according to population."

The president points out that another merit to the tax on corporations is the federal supervision which will give to the government, the stockholders and the public knowledge of the real business transactions and the gains and profits of every corporation in the country.

Gore's Motion Voted Down.
Senator Gore attempted to have the committee instructed to report on the income tax feature of the message tomorrow, when, under general agreement, the income tax question is again to be taken up for consideration. His motion was, however, voted down, and for the first time in many weeks the division was strictly along party lines, all the Republicans voting to lay on the table, while all the Democrats voted against that proposition.

Senator Bailey gave notice that he would demand that provision be made for a graduation of any income tax that might be provided for and intimated that much time would be necessary to get through a provision which did not carry that qualification.

The senate adopted the finance committee's recommendation regarding the admission of Philippine products, but not until after two or three amendments had been voted down.

Senator Aldrich presented the finance committee's substitute for the house zinc schedule. The committee amendment provides for a graduated scale of duty on the zinc in zinc ore in place of the fixed rate of the house bill.

Senator Burton spoke against any duty on zinc ore, while Senators Heyburn, Guggenheim and others advocated even a stiffer rate than was proposed by the committee.

All the finance committee's recommendations as amended were finally adopted. The committee's suggestion of the changes in the silk schedule also were adopted.

Progressives to Continue Fight.
Five progressive Republican senators, Borah, Bristow, Cummins, LaFollette and Clapp, conferred to determine what their attitude is to be in relation to the income tax amendment to the tariff bill in the face of President Taft's special message to congress favoring the submission of the question to the states for a constitutional amendment.

They decided that the president's plan is not inconsistent with their demands for the adoption of an amendment taxing incomes and that both may be adopted in harmony. They assume that the president's plan, endorsed by leading Republicans on the finance committee, is designed to "chloroform" the income tax amendment, but nevertheless they will continue to fight for its adoption.

Great Western Delayed.
Benton, Ia., June 17.—A big washout occurred between Benton and Atholston, delaying Great Western traffic for six hours. The heavy rain wrecked three sections of the track.