

The State Capital

Matters of General Interest FROM Nebraska's Seat of Government

Appropriation May Lapse.

The \$9,500 appropriated by the late legislature for building a brick addition to the hospital at the Soldiers' home at Grand Island is liable to lapse back into the state treasury. The State Board of Public Lands and Buildings is not going to make any more improvements at the home until the title to the property is quieted in the state. The bill provides that this appropriation shall become available only after the title is vested in the state. When the board made an effort to get the title straightened out some of the original signers refused to sign the deed until they had been paid \$2,000. This the board had no authority to pay. Attorney General Thompson then brought suit to quiet title in the state. Should the state lose the suit then the board will not make any more permanent improvements. Should the state win the suit, there will be nothing to prevent the legislature from removing the home to Milford should it desire.

Heretofore it has been the custom for the adherents of Grand Island to urge that it be provided in the deed that the home should not be removed from the Hall county town. Inasmuch as the orders of the board have been disobeyed at Grand Island and the board has had considerable trouble managing the home, there is a disposition on the part of the individual members to assist in any movement tending to move the home to Milford.

Clarke to Have a Hearing.

Harrison Clarke will have a hearing before Governor Sheldon December 9, at which time the chief executive will decide whether he is entitled to a commutation of sentence. He renews the charge made after his trial in Omaha that his lawyers were selected for him by Judge Sutton of Douglas county in the face of a request to retain his own counsel and that the attorneys consulted him but once previous to trial and that in effect his case was "railroaded" through the trial court. He asks the governor to commute his death sentence to one for life, or if on reading the record, the governor shall conclude that he is no more guilty than Cathright, already sentenced to fifteen years, to make the term of the same length.

A letter containing his request was received by Governor Sheldon, who, on reading it, fixed December 9 as the time for a hearing. The date of execution has already been fixed by the supreme court at December 13.

Law Reaches Farmers Too.

A citizen of Brainard complains that he bought two dozen eggs from a farmer for which he paid the highest market price for fresh eggs and that out of the two dozen only seven were fit for use. The theory advanced is that the farmers pack their eggs earlier in the season, holding them for the higher price, and then market them at the highest price without reference to their condition. When evidence can be obtained by the food commissioner that is definite and certain as to this bad egg cheat prosecution will be instituted against farmers as well as grocerymen and others who sell bad eggs. The commissioner holds that the farmers who persistently sell bad eggs, bad cream and low grade milk to the townspeople are deserving the penalties provided in the pure food law and there will be no leniency shown to the seller because he is a farmer.

Governor Endorses President's Ideas.

"President Roosevelt is intensely interested in saving the natural resources of the country," said Governor Sheldon, in discussing his invitation to meet the president and other governors in Washington next year to discuss the question of the salvation of the country's resources. "He is going to do all he can to get the most good out of the rivers and at the same time, protect the forests. I will be able to attend the meeting, though I believe the congressmen know the wishes of the people about as well as the governors and could get along very well without suggestions from the governors."

Packers and the Food Law.

The case against Armour & Co. for not branding their meat packages has been continued by County Attorney Tyrrell to December 10. In connection with this case L. W. McCandless of Chicago, attorney for Armour & Co., writes the food commissioner that he is endeavoring to have the packers come to an agreement whereby they will comply with the law in which case the pending suits will probably be dismissed.

To Get Guard in Shape.

Adjutant General Schwarz has received an order from the war department showing the rules applying to the organization of the National Guard to be effective January 1, 1908. The adjutant general is urged, if his guard is not already organized along the lines indicated, to secure such legislation as will be necessary to meet the requirements. With the exception of a few details, the guard is now organized along the lines set out and orders will be issued to meet demands of the department.

Death of J. Sidney Wilson.

Deputy Insurance Auditor Pierce received news of the death of J. Sidney Wilson, a stenographer in his office, which took place at the home of his father, Aaron Wilson, who lives near Tekamah. Mr. Wilson was 29 years of age and was regarded as one of the most capable stenographers in the state house. He was appointed by Auditor Weston and was retained by Auditor Searle. He has been sick for nearly two years and has not been in the office for a year. His ailment was hardening of the spleen.

Dig Money in Alfalfa.

"Running well over the mark of \$11,500,000, the value of the alfalfa raised in 1907 shows pretty conclusively that the farmers of Nebraska are fully awake to the importance of this great fodder crop," said Labor Commissioner Ryder. "The figures on the state production of alfalfa have just been completed, and give a total production of 1,450,759 tons. Figured at a very conservative valuation, this is worth \$11,500,072.

The total acreage was reported as 455,592, and the average yield is 3.16 tons per acre, which Mr. Ryder insists is away within the facts, and reports from other sources bear out his judgment.

Dawson county leads in acreage, with 27,293, but Buffalo is in the lead on production, with 93,810 tons, while Dawson totals 92,132. Buffalo's acreage is 26,803. There are four counties reporting an acreage of over 20,000, ten counties report an acreage of from 10,000 to 17,000. Only six counties are given a value of less than \$10,000 for the crop.

Trust Must Obey Law.

The alleged cracker trust found an eloquent advocate in the person of United States Senator A. J. Hopkins of Illinois. In company with Attorney L. Babst of New York he called on Governor Sheldon and asked that the National Biscuit company be relieved from the burden of placing net weight bands on packages. Babst is the New York attorney who cordially invited Food Commissioner Johnson to come to Chicago to talk matters over, the cracker concern to pay all expenses. Johnson refused and gave Babst's letter to the newspapers. Babst, reinforced by Senator Hopkins, pleaded with Sheldon to set aside the provisions of the pure food law. Sheldon declared that he must enforce the statutes and the cracker concern must obey the law or suffer the consequences.

Roads Report on Traffic.

The railroad commission has compiled the aggregate business of the railroads of the state for August from reports that were submitted to them. The total state and interstate freight business for August was \$900,000 more than in July and the total receipts for passenger business, both from state and interstate ticket sales, was over \$100,000 more for the mid-summer month.

Figures for state business are as follows:

	July	August
Freight received	\$658,856.10	\$628,123.29
Pet. forwarded	588,722.75	880,491.94
Ticket sales	439,622.62	452,485.32

Figures for interstate business are:

	July	August
Pet. received	\$411,227.29	\$1,234,139.69
Pet. forwarded	331,531.00	1,312,935.25
Ticket sales	294,520.96	297,849.32

The total freight business, state and interstate, for July was \$2,723,186.19 and for August was \$2,386,198.08. The total ticket sales for July, state and interstate, were \$634,964.52 and for August were \$711,826.02.

State Must Pay in January.

Remittances from counties is increasing and in a short time it is believed the treasury will be in good condition to meet the semi-annual school apportionment. This fund now amounts to \$255,327 and collections will not cease until in the early part of December. The state treasurer must then certify to the state superintendent the amount available for the apportionment. Last year \$251,000 was apportioned in December. The state auditor draws warrants later and receipts are sent to the various counties to be returned and signed and when these are returned the warrants are sent to the counties. All this will require until the first of the year and by that time it is believed the financial situation will be normal.

Union Pacific Waives.

Attorney General Thompson has been informed by Attorney Edison Rich for the Union Pacific that the road will waive examination in the matter of the Deuel county complaint charging the road with discrimination in supplying shippers with cars for live stock. This means that the road will be bound over to the district court and the attorney general will file an information in the district court. His first information was filed before a magistrate, the judge of the county court. The maximum penalty is a fine of \$5,000.

Hogs Dying of Cholera.

Hog cholera is raging in the southern counties of Nebraska and hundreds of animals are dying daily. State Veterinarian McKim is busy visiting the various farms and recommending sanitary measures for stopping the epidemic.

Big Attendance at School.

The second week of the University School of Agriculture is a surprise in the number of attendance to the officials of the school. The attendance at this time is 269. At the same time a year ago the attendance was 190.

A fire company has been organized at the state house for the purpose of protecting the building in case of a spontaneous combustion due to the excess of hot air which daily permeates the building. The water pipes have been connected up and at intervals on each floor is a reel of hose for use at any moment. The statutes makes the land commissioner responsible for the building and his conduct and Mr. Boston is anxious that a company be organized and each member drilled in rolling the hose off of the reel in case of emergency.

Nebraska Potato Crop.

The bureau of statistics has just completed the tabulation of the figures on the potato crop of Nebraska for 1907. The total production is given as 1,262,230 bushels, valued at \$4,696,665. Douglas county leads with a reported acreage of 7,961 and a production of 644,841 bushels. This represents an increase in acreage for Douglas of 5,740 acres. Second in acreage and production is Box Butte county, with 6,144 acres and a production of 430,080 bushels. Sheridan county stands third this year, with 247,000 bushels.

WOMAN KNEW HUMAN NATURE.

Personal Experience Counted in Her Indorsement of New Pastor.

A Philadelphia congregation was called upon not long ago to choose a pastor. The last three ministers had been persons non grata with most of the parishioners; and before selecting another the congregation did some pretty hard thinking. There was one woman of experience whose voice carried particular weight. Preacher after preacher was invited to the pulpit for a trial sermon, and all, in the final analysis, were rejected by the female arbiters. At last there came along a possible incumbent who met with her approval.

"The reason I am sure he will give satisfaction," she said, "is because he has the right kind of a wife for a minister. She allows him to rant around all he wants at home and doesn't sass back. I found out a long while ago—shortly after I was married myself, in fact—that a man who hasn't that privilege at home works off his spleen elsewhere. A minister vents it on his congregation. That was why we couldn't stand the last preacher. This one will be all right. We won't hear a peep out of him."

And upon that unique recommendation the congregation really did give the man a call. According to last accounts both he and the congregation were doing well. The wife has not been heard from.

BABY ITCHED TERRIBLY.

Face and Neck Covered with Inflamed Skin—Doctors No Avail—Cured by Cuticura Remedies.

"My baby's face and neck were covered with itching skin similar to eczema, and she suffered terribly for over a year. I took her to a number of doctors, and also to different colleges, to no avail. Then Cuticura Remedies were recommended to me by Miss G—. I did not use it at first, as I had tried so many other remedies without any favorable results. At last I tried Cuticura Soap, Cuticura Ointment and Cuticura Resolvent Pills, and to my surprise noticed an improvement. After using three boxes of the Cuticura Ointment, together with the Soap and Pills, I am pleased to say she is altogether a different child and the picture of health. Mrs. A. C. Brestlin, 171 N. Lincoln St., Chicago, Ill., Oct. 20 and 30, 1906."

Not to Be Fooled.

A city lad spent a part of last summer on a farm owned by his uncle. It was the boy's first visit to the country, and everything on the farm was delightfully unfamiliar to him.

One afternoon the youngster, who had been prowling about the chicken house, seized the product of one cackling hen, and marched exultantly into the house with his prize.

"Let me have it, son," said the farmer's wife, "and I'll cook it for your luncheon."

"You must think I'm a greenhorn, auntie!" exclaimed the boy. "I guess the hen cooked it all right. It's warm."—Harper's Weekly.

Reliably Informed.

"It must be lovely to be a successful playwright," she said, looking admiringly at him, "isn't it?"

"It is," said he, trying not to seem proud.

"I understand," she went on softly, "that you had a play last winter that ran for one consecutive night. Was that true?"

"Yes," said he, frowning slightly.

"And I have been told," she continued, "that seven of your plays will be produced this winter."

"Who told you that?" he asked, his face all smiles again.

You did," she said.

He Was Grateful.

David, a boy of four, was being taught to express thank, when the occasion demanded. When he neglected to do so the other members of the family would ask: "What do you say, David?" which would always bring forth the desired results. One evening recently David and the young man who is to marry his sister were sitting on the front porch.

"Well, David," said the young man, "I guess I'll marry Sue and take her away. What do you say?"

"Thank you," returned the boy politely.

A Relief.

Smith started up into a sitting posture.

"Who are you?" he cried.

The masked figure with the dark lantern and sawed-off shotgun turned, unopposed for the moment, from the bureau, and said, confusedly:

"Why, I am a—er—burglar."

Smith settled back upon the pillow, drawing the warm coverlets about his shoulders.

"Thank goodness," he murmured, sleepily: "I thought you were a plumber."

WHAT WAS IT

The Woman Feared?

What a comfort to find it is not the awful thing feared, but only chronic indigestion, which proper food can relieve.

A woman in Ohio says:

"I was troubled for years with indigestion and chronic constipation. At times I would have such a gnawing in my stomach that I actually feared I had a—I dislike to write or even think of what I feared."

"Seeing an account of Grape-Nuts I decided to try it. After a short time I was satisfied the trouble was not the awful thing I feared but was still bad enough. However, I was relieved of a bad case of dyspepsia by changing from improper food to Grape-Nuts."

"Since that time my bowels have become as regular as a clock. I had also noticed before I began to eat Grape-Nuts that I was becoming forgetful of where I put little things about the house, which was very annoying."

"But since the digestive organs have become strong from eating Grape-Nuts, my memory is good and my mind as clear as when I was young, and I am thankful." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich. Read the little booklet, "The Road to Well-Being," in packages. "There's a reason."

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WESTERN CANADA A WINNER

THE CROP OF 1907 IS AN EXCELLENT ONE.

Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta Farmers Doing Well.

The interest that Western Canada has aroused for some years past is growing in intensity. The conditions of the crop of 1907 are such that results can be spoken of with some degree of certainty. The yield of grain will be about 8,000,000 bushels and the price the farmers will realize for it will be upwards of seventy million dollars. The oat crop was good in most places, and the crop of barley will be very remunerative. Those who know of the generally unsatisfactory conditions during the seeding, growing and ripening period in the United States during the past season, will look with righteous distrust on any statement intended to give the impression that Western Canada conditions were so much different. Generally, they were not, but the conditions of a highly recuperative soil, long and continuous sunshine, are conditions possessed by Western Canada and not possessed by any other country on the Continent. This is why it is possible to record today a fairly successful crop, when in most other places the opposite is the case. The yield in all grains is less than last year, but the higher prices obtained more than offset any falling off in the yield. Take for instance the Province of Saskatchewan, the wheat crop will be worth \$21,135,000. Last year the same crop was 35 per cent. larger and the quality better. The yield was worth \$24,000,000. Oats and barley are very important factors in all three central Provinces. At Gladstone, Manitoba, returns from one farm were \$27 per acre from the wheat land, \$35 per acre from oats, and \$30 per acre from barley. The yield of wheat at Dauphin, Manitoba, was 20 to 24 bushels to the acre but not of a very good grade, but the yield of barley in that section was good and so was the quality and price. At Meadow Lea, Manitoba, 15 to 20 bushels to the acre were thrashed, bringing a round dollar on the market. At Oak Lake, Manitoba, on some fields where 21 bushels were expected, twelve and fifteen was the result; others again where twenty was looked for gave twenty-two to twenty-five. One special patch south of town on J. M. McFarlane's farm went as high as thirty bushels to the acre. At Sheho, Saskatchewan, oats yielded from 60 to 65 bushels to the acre. Sam Winder thrashed 2,500 bushels from forty acres. The sample is good and yields well. At Lloydminster, Saskatchewan, W. Bibby thrashed 97 bushels of oats to the acre, and two others were but little behind. Wheat here reached 35 bushels. At Portage la Prairie, Manitoba, from a quarter section all in crop, Alex. McKinnon of Ingleside thrashed an average of 33 bushels No. 1 Northern. J. J. Grant had 190 acres, yielding 6,000 bushels of the same grade. These illustrations taken from widely distant districts (and thousands of others could be produced) show that the year 1907 has not felt the serious effects from severe winter, late spring, or unfavorable conditions during the growing season that might have been anticipated. In order to learn more about this country write to the Canadian Government Agent whose address appears elsewhere, and get a copy of the new Last Best West, which he will be pleased to mail you free.

French Police a Surprise.

"Well, how did you enjoy yourself in Paris?" they asked of Mrs. Maloney when she got home.

"Very well," she replied. "Very well, indeed; but there was one thing that surprised me more than anything else."

"And what was that?" they queried.

"There were a lot of policemen there and all av them was French."

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Women Workers of Great Britain. Women of Great Britain are well represented in the professions and trades, and about 4,500,000 earn their own living. There are 124,000 who teach; 10,000 are bookkeepers; over 3,000 are printers and nearly 500 act as editors and compilers; 1,300 are engaged in photography; civil service clerks number nearly 2,300; 3,800 are engaged in medical work and nursing and 350 women are blacksmiths.

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STILL AHEAD OF AUDIENCE.

Comedian Made Humor of What Was Approaching Tragedy.

"Willie" Collier, the comedian, was an irrepressible member of a barnstorming combination which, some ten years ago, did the "tank" towns of the middle west.

The company had been doing a poor business for several weeks when a certain town in Illinois was reached. Just before the curtain went up that night, Collier was standing at the curtain "peep-hole," sizing up the audience.

"How's the house, Willie?" asked another player.

"Well," answered Collier, "there are some out there. But," he added, impressively, "we're still in the majority, old boy, still in the majority!"—Harper's Weekly.

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So called "wandering pains" may come from its early stages or the presence of danger may be made manifest by excessive monthly periods accompanied by unusual pain from the abdomen through the groin and thigh.

If you have mysterious pains, if there are indications of inflammation or displacements, secure a bottle of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, made from native roots and herbs, right away and begin its use.

The following letters should convince every suffering woman of its virtue, and that it actually does conquer tumors.

Mrs. May Fry, of 836 W. Colfax Ave., South Bend, Ind., writes: