

SUMMARY OF A WEEK'S EVENTS

Latest News of Interest Boded Down for the Busy Man.

PERSONAL

Emperor William is indisposed and his illness causes much anxiety. He has cancelled all of his engagements, including attendance at the Kiel yacht races. Herman H. D. Petrov, American minister to Norway, received a broken arm and his wife and niece were slightly injured in an automobile accident at Christiansia. Frank P. Sauerwey, friend and painter of Indians, is dead at Stamford, Conn. His ashes will be taken to the Arizona desert for burial in accordance with his wishes. Mrs. Gladys Emery Aoki, daughter of Archbishop Emery of the Episcopal church, who was married to Gunjiro Aoki a Japanese working at her home, is quoted in an interview at Carson, Nev., as saying that she would withdraw her suit for divorce. Daniel H. Burnham, the Chicago architect, is chairman of a commission appointed by President Taft under an act authorizing a fine arts commission to pass on buildings to be erected in the District of Columbia. Dr. G. H. Bonner of Marion, O., died for his abnormal appetite. Alexander D. Irving, grandnephew of Washington Irving, is dead at his home in Tarrytown, N. Y. He will be buried in the old Sleepy Hollow cemetery. David Ranken at St. Louis, Mo., has given more than three million dollars to a school of mechanical trades that bears his name, reserving but \$2,000 of his income for his own support. Associate Justice William H. Moody, who has been in a private sanitarium at Brookline, Mass., since last fall, will resume his place on the United States Supreme court bench this fall, his physician advises. Frank Jay Gould, sixth child of Jay Gould, announced to his intimate friends his intention of renouncing America as a place of residence and making Paris his permanent home. GENERAL NEWS. H. J. C. Beckenmeyer of Carlyle, member of the Illinois legislature, took the witness stand in the trial of Lee O'Neil Browne at Chicago and testified before the jury that he had been paid \$1,000 for his vote for William Lorimer for United States senator. He said Browne paid him the money in \$50 bills in a room of the South-west hotel, to which he came on June 21, 1909, by direction of Browne, to receive "a package." A cloudburst in Krasso-Sorenny, a county of Hungary, bordering on Transylvania, Roumania and Servia, killed 200 people and wiped out several villages. "Jim" Jeffries and "Jack" Johnson are dead to fight at any place that the promoters may designate and it is almost certain that they will do battle at Reno, Nev., on July 4 and not in San Francisco. A bust of Samuel L. Clemens (Mark Twain), which is to adorn the proposed memorial to be erected in New York, has been completed by Louis Potter, the sculptor. It is to be paid for entirely by subscriptions from women. The bill to retire Supreme Justice Moody in five months with full pay was favorably reported to the senate from the judiciary committee. The widow of Charles T. Yerkes will receive \$12,262 from his estate, which has been in the hands of a receiver in New York. Mrs. Ruth Smith, a divorcee, twenty-five years old, followed her fiancé to his trysting place near St. Louis, Mo., on the banks of the Mississippi river and, finding him entertaining another sweetheart, ran to the side of the boat and jumped into the water. She drowned before aid could reach her. A jury at Freeport, Ill., awarded \$10,000 to H. W. Coffman of German Valley against Henny Janssen of Chicago, charged with alienating the affections of Coffman's wife. The Oriental Limited, east bound, on the Great Northern, crashed into several freight cars on the main track at Wenatchee, Wash. Two men stealing a ride were killed. After he had attempted to kill three white men, Otto Mitchell, a negro, was lynched at Durant, Miss. Gov. Frank Benson of Oregon has telegraphed from San Francisco to Jay Rowlesman, president of the state senate at Salem, Ore., instructing him to assume the official duties of chief executive of this state. Governor Benson is suffering from a malignant case of lupus. After remaining on the senate calendar for almost three months in a state of uncertainty as to its fate the bill providing for the admission of the territories of New Mexico and Arizona to separate statehood was taken up by the senate and unanimously passed.

Projected improvements calling for the expenditure of \$3,000,000 by the Santa Fe railroad in California have been abandoned. It was a unique bequest that Robert Heidel of Detroit, Mich., who fought through the Franco-Prussian war, left to the Detroit survivors of his old company. He willed them \$15 with which to buy beer after they marched to the cemetery to his funeral. Sidney Hursey, a young lawyer of Dillon, S. C., was shot and probably mortally wounded as he left a courtroom, by Richard S. Davis, a hotel man. Davis said Hursey ruined his home. Charged with using the mails for fraudulent purposes, Christopher C. Wilson, president of the \$20,000,000 United Wireless Telegraph company, and William S. Bogart, its vice-president, and William M. Tompkins, who had charge of selling its stock to the public, were arrested in New York on complaint of United States post office inspectors. In an address on "The History of the Northwest Territory," President Taft, speaking at the diamond jubilee anniversary of the founding of the Marietta (O.) college, referred to the ordinance of 1787, for the government of the territory, as the greatest instrument of fundamental law, except the Constitution of the United States, which has ever been enacted by men. Stirred to action by insistent protests from all parts of the state, Gov. Gillett of California took steps to prevent the championship fight between James J. Jeffries and Jack Johnson, scheduled to be held in San Francisco July 4. In a letter to Attorney General Webb the governor directed that the aid of the courts be invoked to prevent the match. With \$30,000,000 provided for the completion of irrigation projects and various other amendments, the house bill authorizing the withdrawal of public lands by the president passed the senate. Oberammergau, the scene of the Passion Play, is cut off from railway communication with outside points by the flood that has invaded the district. Of the 600 strangers in the place to witness the sacred performance, 300 are Americans. Charles Plantus has been convicted in Detroit of concealing himself in a trunk designated as jewelry and then escaping in order to defraud an express company. The torpedo boat Foote was taken on Southport, N. C., by the steamer General G. W. Getty, having been disabled in a gale and picked up off Frying Pan shoals. The marauders in the prefecture of Jurua, in the Acre district of western Brazil, have driven out the governor and declared their independence. Niagara's first international carnival nearly came to a tragic end when Oscar Williams, a local steeplejack, who essayed a trip across the gorge on a wire, hung at the base of the catwalk, sustaining his weight by his teeth, came to a stop when about the middle of the river and hung 45 minutes until rescued by the Maid of the Mist. The Republican leaders in congress advised the president to cancel his out-of-town engagements. They told him that if all goes well they expect to bring about an adjournment of congress by Saturday, June 25. At the thirty-third annual convention of the Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church of America, in session in Ludington, Mich., Rev. K. C. Bodholdt of Racine, Wis., the president for eight years, was re-elected for that office. The greatest international religious meeting of the year, the Protestant World's Missionary conference, opened in Edinburgh, Scotland, every nation of the globe being represented by leading laymen and clergymen. About 15 cars started from Cincinnati in the reliability tour of the American Automobile association for the Ghidde and Chicago tropes. The tour ends in Chicago on June 30. Great loss of life occurred in the Ahr valley of the Eifel region in Germany as the result of a cloudburst which swept the district. Late estimates place the total number of dead at 150. Briefs have been filed by the attorneys for the "prosecution" and the defense with the Ballinger-Pinchot investigating committee. The committee will assemble next Saturday to prepare for its deliberations. Vice-President Sherman, while at Utica, N. Y., attending the wedding of his niece, said that he believes the insurgent movement in political affairs is subsiding, basing his opinion on conditions found in Wisconsin and Iowa. The Venezuelan government schooner Van Herdt has been wrecked on the northeast coast of Curacao. The captain, crew and passengers, with the exception of four sailors and one passenger, were drowned. Francesco Fancull, a bandmaster, has sued the Roosevelt reception committee for \$50,000, alleging that the committee engaged his band to play on the committee boat and later engaged a different organization. The seal of Oklahoma was taken in the midnight hours of Saturday from Guthrie to Oklahoma City, following the announcement that the latter city had won the state capital fight by 50,000 votes. Jane Haskell, 17 years old, the governor's daughter, was stoned from the street as a result of the election. Consolidation of the Commercial National and the Continental National banks of Chicago virtually was accomplished at a conference of committees appointed by the board of directors of the two institutions to work out the terms.

HOUSE REFORM RULE

REPUBLICANS, INSURGENTS AND DEMOCRATS MAKE PEACE.

ONE MEMBER VOTES AGAINST

Measure Corrects Legislative Abuse of "Smothering" Legislation in Committee Work.

Washington.—The house of representatives, which has been many days vested and in accordance with the provisions of section 117e, chapter 26, compiled statutes of Nebraska, 1909, I. Ashton C. Shallenberger, governor of the state of Nebraska, do hereby direct that a primary election be held at the regular polling places in each precinct throughout the state as by law provided, on the third Tuesday in August, A. D. 1910. At said primary election candidates for the following offices shall be nominated, to be voted on at the regular November A. D. 1910, election: One governor. One lieutenant governor. One secretary of state. One auditor of public accounts. One treasurer. One superintendent of public instruction. One attorney general. One commissioner of public lands and buildings. One railway commissioner. One congressman, First district. One congressman, Second district. One congressman, Third district. One congressman, Fourth district. One congressman, Fifth district. One congressman, Sixth district. State senators for each senatorial district. Members of the legislature for each representative district. An expression of preference for United States senator. Also for or against a proposed amendment to section 1 of article 7 of the constitution of the state of Nebraska, defining the qualification of electors. Irrigators Short of Water. Secretary Simmons of the state board of irrigation has received complaints of shortage of water in the North Platte river. At Gering it was said the river was practically without water till the government reservoir was opened for a time. The board of irrigation and its employees are now busy investigating shortages and complaints of unlawful use of water. The usual June rise is expected to take place the latter part of the month. Mr. Simmons will go to Bridgeport next week to hear evidence in regard to the application of the Columbia canal for an extension of time for the completion of work. A protest has been filed. Bellevue Centennial. The completed program for the centennial celebration at Bellevue, June 23, shows that a monument to commemorate the Astorian expedition will be unveiled on the campus of Bellevue college, conducted by the Daughters of the American Revolution, Mrs. Ward officiating. John L. Webster, in behalf of the state historical society, will turn the monument over to the state. Governor Shallenberger to receive it. At 2 o'clock in the afternoon exercises will be held in a large tent, John L. Walker presiding. Formal addresses will be delivered by Gurdon W. Wattles, Albert Watkins and Governor Shallenberger. Has Gone East. J. W. Crabtree has gone to New York city to be present at the reception of Colonel Roosevelt June 18. From New York he will go to Cambridge, where he will take a series of lectures at the summer session in Harvard university. From there he will go to Boston for the national teachers' association, where he is to deliver a lecture on "The Criticism of the Public School System by the I. T. Y." Conventions for Lincoln. Secretary Whitten of the Commercial club, rejoices that Lincoln has landed three more state events. The republicans decided on Lincoln as the convention city, the funeral directors and embalmers at Grand Island voted to come to Lincoln; and the state sportsmen's association voted to hold its 1911 state shoot in Lincoln. Increase the Stock. The railway commission has authorized the Crete Telephone company to issue additional stock amounting to \$50,000, making a total of \$75,000. The company says it needs the money to buy the Kramer-Deaton farm telephone lines, to pay debts and to make extensions. Night Races at the Fair. The board of managers of the state fair has completed all arrangements for night races at the fair. Three running races with four horses each, will be on the nightly program, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of fair week. Charter a New Bank. The Chester state bank, with a paid-up capital stock of \$15,000, has received a charter from the state banking board. The incorporators are C. M. Mayborn, J. O. Fraley, E. C. Spohn, William Hunt, C. L. Lasby. University Attendance 3,992. Chancellor Avery in speaking of the growth of the university gave the number of students of the past year as 3,992. This is larger than it has ever been before.

NEWS FROM THE CAPITAL CITY

Items of Interest Around the State House

Primary Election.

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FOUND DEAD IN BED

Rev. E. E. Earle of McCook Victim of Heart Disease.

HAPPENINGS OVER THE STATE

What is Going on Here and There That is of Interest to the Readers Throughout Nebraska and Vicinity

McCook.—Rev. E. E. Earle, the well known Episcopal rector of this city, who has charges over several points in this section of the state, was found dead in his bedroom Tuesday afternoon at about 3 o'clock. He had been in apparent good health. Heart failure is the given cause of death. Mrs. Earle was in Arapahoe visiting her parents at the time. Effort Made to Rob the Bank. Minden.—A daring attempt was made to burglarize the First National bank. The scheme was all but successful. The burglars forced a door open on the second story of the building, which is unoccupied. They cut their way through downwards towards the vault, once to the vault they cut their way through the many layers of brick and cement into the room of the safe and apparently had everything ready for using dynamite on the safe. At this point for some unknown reason the work had been abandoned. Get Companies for Beatrice. Beatrice.—Major A. H. Hollingworth of the Nebraska national guard and A. D. White of the Beatrice volunteer fire department have returned from Lincoln and Nebraska City, where they went to interest the military companies in the maneuvers to be held in Beatrice July 4. They were assured that company F and the hospital corps of Lincoln will attend the celebration here. Fairbury Votes Bonds. Fairbury.—At a special bond election held to consider the proposition of voting \$115,000 bonds for the purchase of the city water plant the bonds carried by a vote of 413 to 56. About thirty days ago the city voted to buy the electric light plant, but at that time the water bonds were defeated. This now leaves the city free to buy and control the Fairbury light and water plant. Corn Making Good Growth. West Point.—Corn made a phenomenal growth during the past few days. From puny, yellow plants there has developed a strong, healthy stand of a fine color. While the plants are a little behind the normal at this time, in point of size, their appearance indicates that before July 1 the fields will show as good promise as in any other previous year. Telephone Plant Is Sold. Holdrege.—A \$45,000 business deal has just been consummated here and includes the sale of the entire stock and equipment of the Phelps County Independent Telephone company to W. C. May of Gothenburg. The transaction gives the new management a phone list of over two thousand subscribers in this city and vicinity. Order New School Buildings. Lexington.—After being in almost continuous session for a day and a half the Lexington school board contracted with L. D. Ashby for two new school buildings, one ward building and a high school structure. The buildings will be completed by the second semester and ready for the class of 1911 to dedicate. Postmasters Appointed. Washington.—The following Nebraska postmasters have been appointed: Anoka, Boyd county, Martin K. Kirpourt, vice H. W. Parcken, resigned; St. Michael, Buffalo county, Edith A. Nickel, vice D. M. Hendrickson, removed; Table Rock, Custer county, Oscar A. Oline, vice P. M. Sperry, resigned. Thornburg Not Guilty. Neligh.—F. M. Thornburg was found not guilty of the murder of August Rakowin. The killing followed a quarrel over the settlement of an account involving \$6. The jury held that Thornburg acted in self-defense. Joseph Sparks Selected as President. Chadron.—The state board of education met and the site for the building was selected. Joseph Sparks was elected president of the normal by a vote of four to three on the sixth ballot. Holds Rally and Initiation. McCook.—Crystal Lake tent 15, K of the M., of this city had a rally and union class initiation of unusual details. Trenton, Culbertson and Indianapolis joined in the affair. State Commander Thomas and Supreme Commander Markey of Detroit were present. A large class was added to the tent. An informal reception followed the work. It was a memorable event in the history of western Nebraska Maccabean circles.

NEBRASKA HAPPENINGS.

State News and Notes in Condensed Form.

Contracts for the Havelock water and sewer system have been let. Mrs. Mary Bolt, the oldest woman in Gage county, died at Beatrice, aged ninety-nine years. A total of \$2,300,000 was paid to beneficiaries of life insurance policies in Nebraska during 1909. The fourth annual session of the Seward chautauque will be held eight days commencing July 21. A twilight league of amateur baseball teams has been organized under the auspices of the Fremont Y. M. C. A. Stephen C. Peckman, a prominent farmer living near Pawnee City, was instantly killed by being kicked by a horse. Mrs. Margaret J. Foreman of Hebron died of tetanus, caused from striking her hand on a nail about a week ago. The Omaha automobile club will run to Tekamah for July 4. On that day the famous Tekamah races will open. The Hebron band of twenty pieces will accompany the Lincoln commercial club trade excursion next week and furnish music along the route. The Weeping Water academy has just closed another successful year by the graduation of a class of eleven young men and women. One hundred and forty students of the schools of the county received their diplomas at the annual commencement exercises held at Beatrice. Lincoln Boosters, representative citizens who are supporting the movement for civic improvements, have formally opened headquarters in that place. The board of education has decided that all non-resident pupils must after this year bring the district \$45 per year for tuition in the Lincoln high school. Holdrege is working to secure the Swedish mission college, which that organization at the session at Boone, Iowa, decided to locate at some western point. Nebraska City merchants and manufacturers are making a tour of the county and visiting with the merchants of other towns and the farmers along the route. Henry Amend of Lincoln has received a verdict of \$1000 against the C. B. & Q. railroad on account of the death of his little daughter, who was drowned in the flood of two years ago. Definite plans and sketches of the new Burlington depot at Grand Island are now at hand, and the company indicates that it desires to construct the building and lay out the grounds at once. Fremont lodges and other organizations which heretofore have fostered carnival companies have practically reached an agreement that will not bring any such aggregations to Fremont under a protecting wing this summer. Charles A. Sharp of New Haven, Conn., and Miss Louise Helaine Kohler of Louisville, Ky., members of the Dorothy Stock company playing at Beatrice were married between the acts of the bill presented by the company one evening last week. A letter from Oslo, Minn., dated on December 28, 1909, reached Head Consul Talbot of the M. M. A. at Lincoln last week. It bore traces of having been in a fire as one end of the envelope was a burn, but was in good enough condition so that the address outside and the contents inside could be read. Finding a dynamite cap in the yard at his home, the four-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Benzing of Beatrice struck the cap with an iron, causing the cap to explode. The charge struck the lad in the face, cutting him badly. It is feared he may lose the sight of at least one eye. Acting on a remonstrance from the commercial club against the practice of Lincoln high school girls canvassing the city for toilet articles not made in the city nor handled through the regular trade there, Supt. W. L. Stephens of the city schools has used his influence to have the work abandoned. Some one entered the fruit stand of Frank Re, at Nebraska City during his absence and emptied the drawer of \$78 in silver and small coins. They entered the meat market of Otto Straubs and tore out his money drawer, but secured no money. Both thefts happened in the middle of the afternoon while the men were away from their places of business. Mrs. Katherine Shull of Gretna, ninety-nine years old, took her first railroad ride one day last week. She was accompanied by Rev. Mr. Johnson and his wife from Gretna to Omaha when there were but three houses there but she had never been there since. She was nervous at first and could not look out of the car window because it made her dizzy to see everything flitting by. Since the Swedish Lutheran church at Axtell was destroyed by lightning, the people of that vicinity are discussing the question as to whether or not Bethany Lutheran church, located three miles southeast of Axtell, shall be moved to that place. This church was founded in 1880 and is one of the finest in the state. The main audience room is seated with pews and will seat 1,000 people and the gallery will seat half as many. The altar piece, a painting on marble, representing the transfiguration, cost five hundred dollars. Roosevelt to Taft. Washington.—President Taft has received a letter from Theodore Roosevelt. It had an English postage stamp upon it and very likely came on the same steamer with the ex-president. Men who saw Mr. Taft Sunday came away and "in strictest confidence" told the secret to others who, of course, had to have discreet assistance in keeping it. So it became known all over town. At the White House all that could be learned was that such a letter had been received. It was merely a friendly salutation.

NO POLITICAL TALKS

FORMER PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT WILL KEEP SILENCE.

WILL NOT BE INTERVIEWED

Politicians Surprised at the Enthusiasm Manifested on His Arrival in New York.

New York.—The tremendous enthusiasm with which former President Roosevelt was greeted—the fact that there were present in the great crowds which greeted him men from every section of the country—was a surprise to the scores of prominent politicians of all shades of opinion, who had come here to size up the hold Mr. Roosevelt has upon the people. To some it was in the nature of a shock. These had hoped against hope that the power of this man to move the American people had been overestimated. When they heard him cheered as few men have ever been cheered, by the great multitudes which watched him as he stood in his carriage, hat and hands waving, his smiling face agleam with pleasure and good will no doubt was left in the minds of the keenly observant politicians that he has lost none of his hold on the American people and that he is today the most potent force in American politics. What will he do? That is a question which many an anxious republican today would give his fortune to have an answer. If Mr. Roosevelt himself knows he keeps the information carefully to himself. In reply to urgent questions from newspaper men and politicians he said: "I shall have nothing whatever to say in the immediate future about politics and will hold no interview whatever on the subject with anyone, and anything purporting to be an interview with me that may appear can be set down at once as invention." Small comfort in that to men whose political future may hinge on what the master politicians of the republican party, if not the nation, have to say. In his greeting of political friends, Mr. Roosevelt gave no indication as to his feeling in regard to the republican split. His greeting was as cordial to Senator Lodge as to Gifford Pinchot and not a whit more so. Until the sphinx speaks the riddle will not be solved. In the meantime one man's guess is as good as another's. No group of politicians are more anxious to have Colonel Roosevelt speak than those of New York. That he alone can save the republican party from defeat in November is generally accepted as a fact by republican leaders. One thing is certain, Mr. Roosevelt will not talk politics if he can avoid it until he has had a chance to rest up a bit. His son's wedding takes place Monday and he is to visit them at their Massachusetts summer home for a short while after that and he will probably be able to avoid politics and politicians for a week or two. After that it is likely to be different. "Roosevelt's intentions are one thing," said one man who has closely associated with him since he became a dominant figure in politics, "and what he may do may be an entirely different proposition. Undoubtedly the determination to remain quiet for several months while he studies the situation at first hand is very wise. But I think that if he sees that the legislature at the extra session is bent on putting the party into a further hole he will be unable to keep out of the fight." THE BIGGEST TIME EVER. New York Went Wild Over Roosevelt's Return. New York.—As Roosevelt reached home a vaster crowd than ever before flowed in New York bay at that time in the morning in the history of those eternal waters, roared at him; a multitude of whistles screamed at him; guns thundered at him; the sun shone for him. Roosevelt's reception was in many ways the most amazing tribute which has ever greeted an American returning from far shores. Grant's greeting was much less dramatic; when the "plumed knight" Blaine sailed in, although a party's hope hung on him, the bay bore fewer frantic folk; only Dewey's welcome, when, returning from his victories in warfare, he was greeted by the army and the navy, as well as the excited people, can be compared to it. Roosevelt to Taft. Washington.—President Taft has received a letter from Theodore Roosevelt. It had an English postage stamp upon it and very likely came on the same steamer with the ex-president. Men who saw Mr. Taft Sunday came away and "in strictest confidence" told the secret to others who, of course, had to have discreet assistance in keeping it. So it became known all over town. At the White House all that could be learned was that such a letter had been received. It was merely a friendly salutation.