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HAPPENINGS OF A WEEK

Latest News Told in Briefest and Best Form.

Washington

President Taft has received a watermelon weighing 164 pounds to help him keep peaceful during the "dog days" between now and the time congress adjourns. It came from Texas.

A story of "inquisitorial methods" in the department of agriculture and of "humiliating experiences" to which officials in the bureau of chemistry were subjected by Solicitor McCabe of that department was recited to the Moss committee of the house of representatives.

The deadlock between the house and senate was broken and the wool bill probably will be passed finally by both branches of congress. The wool bill, as amended, was so amended as to require that the proposed law shall take effect October 1 instead of January 1, as provided in the senate and house measures.

If a bill introduced to the senate by Senator Cullom of Illinois is enacted into law, the national capital will become the center of a wheel of seven great national highways passing through every state in the union.

With the co-operation of the bureau of plant industry of the department of agriculture the bureau of Indian affairs is urging the Indians to follow agricultural pursuits and incidentally is teaching them how to farm their allotments with profit.

Senators and representatives no longer will have the pleasure of seeing their speeches grace the front page of the Congressional Record. A rule has been adopted and put into force whereby the regular senate proceedings must have first place in the record.

The battle ship Michigan is the champion of the navy. The vessel was awarded the battle efficiency pennant for the highest combined final merits in gunnery and engineering for the year ended June 30, 1911.

The greatest decline in the condition of crops during a single month since 1901—a general slump throughout the country, due to drought and intense heat—is indicated in the government crop report for August, published by the department of agriculture.

Declaring that the smashing of the Standard Oil was a red flag and danger signal to every big corporation in the country, George W. Perkins of the steel trust urged upon the Stanley steel investigating committee at Washington the necessity for radical changes in the anti-trust laws.

President Taft received a dispatch from the emperor of Japan thanking him for the cordial reception of Admiral Togo by the American people.

The state department professes to believe that the arbitration treaties will so grow in public favor that the senate will be obliged to ratify them. It is not now, at the regular session of congress in December.

Domestic

Many persons were injured, but none fatally, when nitroglycerin, placed under the rails, exploded with terrific force at a Pittsburgh, Butler & Harmony interurban car filled with passengers, homeward bound from business at Pittsburgh, Pa., ran over the mine.

James Dugan, a cab driver, ate fifty-seven ears of corn at the annual corn-eating contest given by Tammany in New York. He won the 1911 championship and a purse of gold coin.

To find 150 witnesses in the McNamara dynamiting trial at Los Angeles, man and woman detectives are scouring the country.

Too much poetry, too many kisses, too much love, too many smiles and too little work made Westworth Carter of Kansas City an unfit husband, Mrs. Carter told Judge Porterfield recently and the judge was convinced enough to give her a divorce.

Congressman Ollie James of Kentucky, Dr. Harvey W. Wiley and Col. Henry Watterson have been asked to act as a jury to decide a controversy between Albert Small and S. H. Jewett, New Yorkers, as to the proper method of making a mint julep.

Thirty tons of antiquities dug from the ruins of several ancient Egyptian cities were unloaded in New York from a German freighter. The shipment was consigned to the Metropolitan Museum of Art and represents several years' work.

Judge John R. Hazel in United States district court at Buffalo, N. Y., held that the Standard Oil company must stand trial at the next regular term on an indictment of 143 counts, charging acceptance of rebates from the Pennsylvania Railroad company and the New York Central Railroad company on shipments of petroleum from Olean, N. Y., to Burlington, Vt., in violation of the Elkins law.

Attempting to escape after being remanded to jail for examination, Martin Shadovens shot Justice of the Peace James Mannon, City Marshal John Stakinrider and a spectator and cut Deputy Thomas Mackey. Mackey shot and killed Shadovens, whose brother Charles fell from a second story window and was probably fatally hurt. The shooting occurred at Christopher, Ill.

Eva Geronimo, twenty years old, wife of Fred Good-Lee-Ay and last of the children of Geronimo, the famous war chief of the Apaches, who died at Fort Still three years ago, died of tuberculosis at Geronimo's village in the military reservation at Fort Still, Okla.

Angelo Marino, six years old, for whom the Chicago police have been searching for a week, has been returned to his parents. Nine men and three women, all Italians, to whom the boy's father said he paid \$600, were arrested. Most of them were relatives of the Marino family.

The hundredth anniversary of the opening up of the Pacific Northwest and the founding of Astoria, Ore., by John Jacob Astor's expeditions, is being celebrated at Astoria by a festival that will last one month.

The peach crop in Connecticut will be so large this year that a special train will be added to the Hartford-New York schedule during the harvesting season to carry the daily output to the New York markets.

The highest price paid for milk in Milwaukee is soon to be established. Arrangements have been made by a dairy company to purchase all the milk from Pauline Wayne, President Taft's cow, for five dollars a gallon.

Foreign

Fire on the Queensland docks at Antwerp, where cotton is stored, did damage amounting to \$1,000,000. Immense quantities of salt-peter were destroyed.

Fearful of the Asquith threat to swamp the country with newly created peers the British house of lords passed the veto bill by a vote of 131 to 114. The resolution to pay members of the house of commons \$2,000 annually for their services was carried by a vote of 256 to 159.

In explanation of the summary execution of twenty-six men on the battleship Numancia, the Spanish government says the mutiny was part of a republican plot.

London is in great peril of a food-stuff famine unless some step is taken to prevent the tieup which has resulted from the great dock strike accompanied with frequent sharp collisions between the strikers and the police.

Reports from Angola, Portuguese West Africa, say the natives have risen at Lunca Hullia and other places and attacked the European settlements.

Pope Pius X is resting more comfortably and there has been a decline in his temperature as a result of a slight operation, his knee being punctured and a quantity of thick liquid drawn therefrom by Dr. Andrea Amiel, who had been called in to assist the pontiff's regular physicians.

Personal

It is announced that "Al" Hayman, for twenty years one of the most important financial figures in the American theatrical world, will retire from active business and henceforth make his home abroad.

W. J. Calhoun, American minister to China, sailed from Southampton for New York on the steamer Kronprinzessin Cecilie. Passengers on the Olympic sailing for New York included J. Pierpont Morgan.

William N. Moore, a millionaire orange grower of Redlands, Cal., and stove manufacturer of Joliet, Ill., died in New Zealand. Heart disease was the cause. Mr. Moore had been ill only two days.

The fortune left by the late John W. Gates, who died in Paris, France, was estimated at being thirty and forty millions of dollars, probably nearer the former than the latter figure.

Vice-President Sherman, whose son Capt. Thomas M. Sherman, is on duty with the militia at Pine Camp, N. Y., has offered to ship two carloads of ice a day from Utica at his expense to be distributed among the troops.

Mrs. Ida Nelson, mother of Battling Nelson, one-time lightweight champion of the world, was killed by a fast mail train at the Burnham station near Chicago. She stepped from a train at the depot just as the mail train passed.

OLDEN-TIME FAKER RECALLS PALMY DAYS

TELLS HOW FOR 25 YEARS HE SOLD "DOPE" WITH A TRAVELING SHOW.

KNOW HOW TO GET THE COIN

Was a "Doctor" or "Painless" Dentist as Occasion Required—Drew Crowd by Aid of Show and Then Sailed in to Fly His Trade.

Chicago.—John Salathiel, who has been a faker for the last 25 years, worked it at all ends and considers himself somewhat of an authority on the game, says "the business ain't what it was once. Nowadays a faker is a man who stands on the curb and tries to sell you something you think you want because it's new to you. He's the man who dopes hothouse flowers and sells you an armful for a nickel. He's the man who obstructs the sidewalk with mechanical toys and makes you pay as much for them as you would have to pay in the stores. He sells noise-makers on every holiday. He ain't like the old men at the game.

"Twenty-five years ago I started in the faker business as a kid of 18 and the life I led gave me as much experience as Mark Twain's life as a Mississippi pilot gave him. I've had a lot of fun out of it, but I can't say I'm better off financially than if I'd taken up a trade or opened a store.

"It's all of 25 years ago that a doctor came to me.

"I've got a cure-all I want to put on the market," says he. "What'll I do, and how'll I do it?"

"Money back of it?" I asks.

"Plenty," says he.

"Leave it to me," I tells him, and I gets busy.

"Do I put it on the curb? I do not. I dig up a couple of fellows who are doing a blackface stunt, and I tells em I want to hire 'em. Work two hours every evnin' an' loaf around all day. Then I digs up an Indian family I've met-of the Kottipee tribe, or somethin' like that. 'You for the road,' says I. 'Corn dance, war dance, whoopla, painted face; an' feathers. There's four of 'em—father, mother, an' two sons, with the squaw and big chief so old their faces are all chopped up. So I starts my troupe.

"We carry a tent. We hire a big vacant lot. Our Indians peddle bills:



Old-Time Faker.

"Big concert! Free! Free! Show starts at eight, but the lot is crowd ed at seven—always. Towns of all sizes gets our aggregation. No favorites—Punxsutawney or Philadelphia, Succasunny or Syracuse, Utica or Ithaca. Curtain draws back. My two actors tell stories, dance. I comes out with a line of talk. Tell the merits of the dope. Indians come on. Corn dance. Ladies an' gents, while we have a song or banjo solo. Chief Thingambob, squaw and sons will pass the bottles around. Fifty a throw. Make a great spiel; short though. Sell to fine business.

"Dope was great stuff to draw the crowds," he went on. "I got a job once sellin' stuff to cure a toothache. Had a knife sharpener at a package of pills for indigestion. Used to have a wagon with a sign on it. I was Doctor Salathiel in them days—plug hat, Prince Albert coat, and all the fixings. At night I'd light my kerosene lamp out on the public square an' get the crowd. Did a ventriloquist stunt. Had a dummy I told stories with, to, an' from.

"Was I ever a painless dentist? I was. I drove a carriage through the middle west—others had them in the east, an' there was some in the south.

"I'd have some dope to sell that took the pain away from an achin' tooth long enough to let you get it pulled out, and to make the pullin' out without pain. Many a time I've jerked teeth under the glare of my kerosene lamp, but the game's played out.

"Those were good old days," sighed Salathiel. "Money was free and easy then, but you have to work for it now."

MR. HAMLIN'S WILL

OFFERED FOR PROBATE IN CUSTER COUNTY.

NEWS FROM OVER THE STATE

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

Broken Bow.—The will of Hannibal Hamlin, vice president under Lincoln during his first term, was offered for probate in the county court this week. Mr. Hamlin died about twenty years ago and had mortgages covering Custer county land, which later passed into his estate under foreclosure proceedings. Now, to secure perfect titles, the estate would have to be administered here.

Hope to Welcome President Taft. Omaha.—Members of the National Association of Postmasters, who meet at this city for their convention, September 12-14, say they are certain Postmaster General Hitchcock will be present and they hope that President Taft will be also. The president is at Kansas City the previous week-end and the Nasys are urging him to plan to come up to Omaha.

Lightning at Industrial School. Geneva.—During a thunder storm this evening the barn at the girls' industrial school was struck by lightning and burned to the ground with all contents, including two horses, buggies and harness. About two inches of rain fell in twenty minutes.

Carnival at Alma. Alma.—Arrangements are being made at Alma for a carnival to be held August 22 and 23. Flights by an aeroplane will be one of the chief attractions.

Wounded in the hip by a gunshot wound when he attempted to enter the store of Nilson & McChesney, a man giving his name as Joseph Wilkinson of Springfield, Mo., is being held on a charge of attempted burglary at Oxford.



State Fair Attractions.

The machinery exhibit at the state fair, September 4th to 8th, promises to be another record breaker. A fill has been made east of the new grandstand so as to push the great Patterson shows further north to increase the space to be occupied by machinery.

NEWS FROM THE STATE HOUSE

State Auditor Silas R. Barton has launched his congressional boom for next year.

Mrs. Julia Downs of Lincoln has been appointed by Governor Aldrich to succeed Mrs. Walsh, matron of the state home for soldiers at Millford, the appointment to take effect September 1.

Governor Aldrich has been notified that he is expected to deliver an address before the national conference of governors to be held September 12 to 16 at Spring Lake, N. J. His subject is to be "State Control of Railway Rates in Their Relation to the Federal Government."

Attorney General Martin and Deputy Attorney General George W. Ayres have filed an answer in the circuit court of the United States, Lincoln division, in reply to the application for an injunction of William Gold of Lincoln, who desires to prevent the enforcement of the anti-trading stamp law passed by the last legislature. The suit is intended to test the validity of the new law, and Sperry & Hutchinson, one of the big trading stamp companies of the United States, is supposed to be behind the suit.

Game Warden Henry Miller says that there is a greater abundance of game in Nebraska this year than for many seasons past. He believes hunters will have the best quality and prairie chicken hunting they could desire when the open season arrives. The open season for prairie chicken is September, October and November. Quail may be lawfully killed from November 1 to November 15.

Jewelry aggregating in value about \$15,000, contained in a trunk, owned by the A. F. Smith Jewelry company, at Omaha, and being shipped to Nebraska City Monday, was stolen

Attorney General Phelps has received overtures from Lincoln young men who propose to organize a crack national guard organization, similar to the Lincoln Light Infantry, which many years ago was one of the best companies in the guard and which was prominent as a social organization. The Lincoln Light Infantry, under the command of Captain Campbell, comprised many of the best young men in Lincoln. The proposed company is looked upon with favor by the adjutant general.

BRIEF NEWS OF NEBRASKA.

Bayard has organized a commercial club.

The Broken Bow chautauqua begins August 8.

The Nebraska Epworth assembly is in session at Lincoln.

O'Neill will have a three days' race meet August 9, 10 and 11.

Work on the Carnegie library at North Platte will begin at once.

Water and sewer bonds carried at a special election at Tecumseh.

The commercial club at Fairbury is agitating a union depot proposition.

Liberal's band will be one of the attractions at the great Nebraska state fair.

Simon Schneller of Exeter, who was stricken with paralysis a few weeks ago, is dead.

The postal savings bank at Broken Bow was opened last week, and a number of deposits made.

Mrs. Susanah Parrish of Seward celebrated the one hundred and first anniversary of her birth Wednesday.

The eight-year-old son of Godfrey Wadams of Axtell, Neb., was kicked by a mule Saturday and seriously injured.

Guy Kimball, a sixteen-year-old Elmwood boy, was thrown from a horse and sustained a severe fracture of the skull.

A sneak thief tapped the money drawer at the Empire theatre at Nebraska City, taking all the change left therein.

A detail from the Lincoln hospital corps, Nebraska national guard, has been authorized by Maj. J. M. Birken of the corps for service on the state fair grounds during the next fair.

In line with the plan proposed by several Lincoln business men for acquiring two blocks east of the state university as an addition to the city campus, the city council has passed a resolution favoring the appropriation of \$60,000 for this purpose.

Wm. M. Cole and Geo. E. Swope, in an Abbott-Detroit 30 horse-power racing car, left the Star office at Lincoln and arrived at the Bee office in Omaha in one hour and fifty-five minutes, breaking the record of 2:18. The distance covered was 68.9 miles and some of the road was in bad shape.

A reunion of old settlers of Nuckolls and Clay counties to commemorate the Oregon trail history will be held at Deweese, a town situated almost on the trail itself, on August 29, 30 and 31.

DEATH VALLEY MAN HAS ANOTHER WAD

SPENDTHRIFT MINER STARTS AGAIN TO CONQUER NEW YORK.

HAS A POCKET FULL OF COIN

Arranges for a Special Train From Reno and Promises to Startle the Metropolis, Where He is Awaited With Open Arms.

New York.—Scotty is in the limelight again. The famous Death Valley miner who astounded the country some years ago by his spectacular manner of travel, has reappeared after a long period of quiet and announced that he has recovered his fortune. The original story was that Scotty got rich mining and spent his money on special trains and other luxuries merely for the joy of spending it; but there was always a suspicion in New York that Scotty's exploits were intended to precede the selling of stock or other business enterprises. Scotty disappeared as quickly as he had appeared and nothing was heard of him for a long time. Now he has turned up with another fortune, and very probably with the same ambition to shine in the public eye.

That portion of the effete east which gives up its time to taking people in is at tiptoe over the news. Word comes from Goldfield, Nev., that Scotty has appeared there with \$11,000 in his trousers pockets and has announced that his mine over in the secret recesses of the Death Valley has given up another fortune in gold. He wouldn't tell where the mine is located, but he went to the Goldfield railroad station, and said he:

"I'm Scotty of Death Valley. I've got \$11,000 in my kicks and more where I can reach it and I want to hire a special train to go to New York next week. How much'll she cost?"

Scotty was told that the price would be about \$3,000. He paid for the train then and there and is only waiting the efforts of the Goldfield tailors



"Scotty" in Characteristic Pose.

to make him beautiful before hurrying to the metropolis.

It was five years ago that Scotty of Death Valley sprouted into notoriety by rushing across the continent in a special train to spend a fortune of \$100,000 in New York. This money he had dug from some mines that yields to him alone, for no one else has ever been able to find it. He was allowed to buy more champagne and lobsters for chorus girls than any man who had been playing spendthrift in the big city in many years. When his money didn't go fast enough it corks and glasses he began throwing it around in the street.

New York's Tenderloin never knew such a gay two weeks as Scotty gave it. Then he suddenly blew up. He went broke so flatly that he had to borrow the money to get out west again and he had to borrow mining tools at Goldfield to work his secret claim in Death Valley. Six months ago in Reno Scotty turned up without a sou. His friends shook their heads then and said that his wonderful mine had failed. But with another fortune and a special train—and New York waiting—it looks as though there might soon be another gorgeous outpouring of the miner's gold on the Tenderloin.

Rancher Dragged for Days. Glasgow, Mont.—The mutilated body of Lawrence Soboleski, a sheep rancher near the Canadian line, was brought to town in a badly decomposed condition. He left the camp about a week ago on horseback, leading a wild horse by a rope tied around its neck, and it is supposed he got tired of holding the rope and tied it to his arm, and in some manner he was jerked from his mount and dragged to death. When found the rancher's body was still attached to the horse. Indications were the body had been dragged for days.

No Race Suicide Here. New Haven, Conn.—William J. Pierpont of North Haven has reported to Colonel Theodore Roosevelt, whom he terms "national anti-race suicide commissioner by automatic appointment," that the thirteenth child in seventeen years was born in the Pierpont family. There are no twins or triplets.

CONGRESS WILL END

THIS WEEK WILL PROBABLY SEE THE WINDUP.

THE WORK WILL BE RUSHED

Democrats and Progressives Want Quick Action With the Object of Getting Home.

Washington.—The whole tariff revision legislation question will be settled this week, which in all probability will mark the closing of congress. Almost all of the members of both houses are anxious to get home, despite the vociferations of the revisionists that they willingly would remain in session until autumn if the legislation they want could be enacted.

All the power of the democratic party, and of the effective democratic-progressive republican coalition in the senate will be centered on quick action in the trio of pending tariff measures. This means, in the belief of leaders of both parties, an adjournment possibly by the end of the week, or at any rate, within a few days thereafter.

Out of the present tangled situation, with the three tariff bills—wool, free list and cotton, varying stages of legislation, the wool measure will be the first to emerge. A complete agreement between the two houses has been reached on this bit of legislation, which provides for a basic average duty of 29 per cent ad valorem on raw wool, with the wool classification provisions identically as framed by Democratic Leader Underwood of the house, making a flat tariff on all wools. It will be rushed past its final stage in the house by adoption of the conference report Monday and then hurried over to the senate for adoption there, if possible, Tuesday, and then on to the expected presidential veto, which awaits all the tariff revision bills.

Everything hinges on that veto and the immediately subsequent move in the house. The democratic leaders are sure of the passage of the bill over the president's veto in the house but are doubtful of the outcome in the senate. Passage over a veto requires a two-thirds majority.

The free list bill and the cotton bill are still hung up. The conferees on the free list have disagreed to the single house amendment, adding lemons to the free list and to the Kern senate amendment limiting free importation of meat and cereal products to those countries which have reciprocal trade arrangements with the United States. They have agreed on all the other amendments and the conference report will be presented to both houses Monday. There will be a give and take outcome, with a possibility of each side receding and concurring with the other's amendments so as to obviate the necessity of sending the free list bill back to conference.

EXTENDING POSTAL BANKS.

System Will Be Inaugurated in All the Big Cities.

Washington.—Encouraged by the successful trial for two weeks of postal savings systems in the great post-offices of New York, Chicago, St. Louis and Boston, Postmaster General Hitchcock has decided to extend the system rapidly to all the large cities of the country and designated as postal savings depositories, Pittsburg, Detroit, Buffalo, San Francisco, Cincinnati, Kansas City, Seattle, Indianapolis, Denver and Portland, Ore.

Many Lost in Typhoon. Victoria, B. C.—More than 500 lives were lost and great devastation ashore and afloat resulted from a typhoon and tidal wave which swept Japan July 26, according to advices brought here by the Empress of Japan. The fishing fleets from Shidzouka suffered severely. More than 200 fishermen were drowned.

Death of Congressman. Paulsboro, N. J.—Congressman Henry C. Loudenslager died at his residence here. Mr. Loudenslager had been ailing for a long time. He was afflicted with a complication of diseases and was later attacked by typhoid fever.

Big Liabilities, No Assets. New York.—William F. Beal filed a voluntary petition in bankruptcy, giving liabilities of \$1,090,000, and no assets other than a law suit for the recovery of \$40,000.

Investigate Senator's Election. Washington.—A legislative inquiry into alleged irregularities in the election of United States Senator Isaac Stephenson of Wisconsin was directed in a resolution adopted by the senate.

Togo's Gift to Roosevelt. New York.—Admiral Togo, hero of the sea, paid a warrior's tribute to Colonel Roosevelt, moving spirit in the peace of Portsmouth. Apparently Roosevelt, the fighter, had appealed to the Japanese admiral rather than Roosevelt, the peacemaker, for when he marched up Sagamore hill to meet the former president, he carried Mr. Roosevelt a two-foot miniature of a suit of armor. This souvenir was done in glistening metal with exquisite workmanship, enclosed in a mahogany box.