

GOVERNOR ISSUES
PROCLAMATIONSUGGESTS SUITABLE OBSERV-
ANCE OF FIRE PREVEN-
TION DAY.

GOSSIP FROM STATE CAPITAL

Items of Interest Gathered from Re-
liable Sources and Presented in
Condensed Form to Our
Readers.

Western Newspaper Union News Service.

A few years ago our legislature created the office of fire commissioner in order that the great loss annually sustained by fire might be reduced to the minimum. It has been the custom, since the creation of this office, to designate two days each spring as fire prevention—"clean-up days"—and in accordance with this custom I so designate April 17 and 18, 1914.

I request all the citizens of the state to co-operate with the fire commissioner in his efforts to reduce the loss of property and the danger to life, by having removed from their premises all trash and useless inflammable material. I also suggest that the teachers in our schools have some suitable exercises on these days and that they lend hearty aid and assistance to the commissioner.

Given under my hand and the great seal of the state of Nebraska, this second day of April, 1914.

JOHN H. MOREHEAD,
Governor.

Tax Levy Higher than Previous Year.

Taxes for all purposes in Nebraska averaged about 40¢ mills for the year 1913, according to a compilation made by Secretary Gaddis of the state tax commission, and this was 2½ mills more than in the previous year. The state tax levy is blamed for the difference, having been boosted in 1913 from 5.2 mills to 7.5 mills, as a result of special levies voted by the legislature. The tax commission has figures from twenty-five counties giving the 1913 county tax, the highest levy in any city, and the total for all purposes in such cities. The gross tax in these cities ranges from 41.3 to 94.5 mills, the latter being a very extreme figure for Furnas county. Estimating the average tax for all communities, rural as well as urban, the tax commission thinks 40½ mills to be about right.

Discuss New State Reformatory.

The question as to whether the new reformatory created by the last legislature shall exist as a part of or separate from the state prison has called out varying opinions. A number of views have been expressed along the line of a proposal made by A. L. Weatherly. His argument has been that the penitentiary is reformatory enough. Warden Fenton and others with the other side of the story, a side that has heretofore been given little publicity, take exception to any impression at large that reformatory ideas have not already crept into the prison. It is a reformatory along general lines with but one idea uppermost—the training of men to better fit themselves to be useful members of society. He favors the establishment of a sort of junior reformatory, but thinks it should be under a separate head.

To Advertise Nebraska Resources.

Sweeping campaigns for collection of a fund to advertise Nebraska's resources at the Panama-Pacific exposition are to begin at once. The committee named to initiate the movement met and organized by electing Peter Jensen of Beatrice, chairman; John L. McCague of Omaha, vice-chairman; and George Wolfe of Fremont, treasurer. The seven executive state officials are to serve on the committee as members ex-officio.

Dr. Beesley Returns from Arizona.

Dr. Beesley, senior dean and head of the department of botany of Nebraska university, returned last week after spending a month in the desert region surrounding Tucson, Arizona. He made a special study of the cactuses and other spiny plants, and will prepare papers to be given before several scientific organizations in the near future.

May Meet Competition.

Railroads of the state are entitled to charge 2 cents a mile for passenger fares in this state, despite short line competition between any two cities. Where the carriers elect to meet competition and make a lower rate that is within their prerogative, but the railway commission cannot order it, according to a statement by Chairman Clarke. The question was raised as a result of the commission's action in allowing the Northwestern to charge for the full mileage between Omaha and Fremont on all passenger traffic.

C. L. Rein, secretary to Chancellor Avery, has delivered a strong box containing some three thousand signatures to the university location petition to the state house. This completes the work of securing signatures and the question will be ready for submission to the voters at the November election. These last signatures cover the 2,877 which were stricken off by the secretary of state because of lack of county certification, many of the petitions designated as coming from certain counties being in reality from several counties.

In Seventy Counties.

The Nebraska State Horticultural society has members in more than seventy counties in Nebraska, with the largest membership in the counties in the eastern part of the state. The object of this society is to help in all possible ways every person who is interested in trees, fruit, flowers and vegetable growing. The society desires to extend its membership so that every county in Nebraska will be reaping the benefits of the society's efforts and researches.

TWO 1907 TIGERS REMAIN IN THE FOLD



"Wild Bill" Donovan.

There wasn't a single Tiger signed with the Detroit club this spring when the advance squad of the pitching staff began work who helped win the Tigers' first American league pennant in 1913.

The old gang that pitched and pounded (mostly pounded) out the first Tiger flag is scattered all over the country.

Leading in the roll of honor, undoubtedly, comes Wild Bill Donovan and his smile. Donovan was released from the Tigers several months after he had ceased to be of service to them as a pitcher in order that he might take up the responsibility of managing the Providence club, in the International league.

Freddie Payne, catcher, who was death on left-handed pitchers when he was backstopping and clouting for the Detroit gang, is managing the Syracuse club of the New York State league.

Bill Coughlin, third baseman, is manager of the Allentown (Pa.) team in the Tri-State league. He is still a close friend of the Tiger management. He was one of the three men designated as members of the Tigers' own agricultural college or farming station, or whatever you wish to call it, last season.

Jim Archer, catcher, is with the Cubs. He would have been with the Tigers more formidable about the time that he was released from Detroit. He was one of the men on whom the wrong guess was made.

Herman Schaefer, second baseman, is with the Washington club, more as a comedian and coach than as a player, although he pinch hits once in a while.

Tom Jones, first baseman, is with the Milwaukee club, and he seems destined to stay in the near-major league for some time yet. Claude Rossman, another first sacker, is in the same league, with the Minneapolis aggregation, which is so often caricatured by pen pictures, in which gray whiskers, canes and other accompaniments of old age are prominent.

Charlie Schmidt, catcher, is with the Mobile club, in the Southern league. He has often been prominently mentioned in connection with the management of that team. He still has hopes of getting back into the big show to prove to Manager Jennings that he made a mistake by letting him go.



"Germany" Schaefer.

Big Jeff Overall, one-time star pitcher of the champion Cubs, has announced that he will not appear in a uniform in the Pacific Coast league this season.

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The directors of the Texas league have issued a life pass to Governor Colquitt. It is to be made of solid gold and of a size suitable to be worn as a watch charm.

Charlie O'Leary dropped from the Tigers to Indianapolis and then went up to the St. Louis Cardinals. They released him to San Francisco.

Ed Killian, southpaw extraordinary, and Siever, another pitcher, are both in Detroit, retired. Killian bursts into the semi-pro games occasionally in the summer time.

Davey Jones, Edgar Willett and George Mullin are Federals. Davey went from Detroit to Toledo, then to the Pittsburgh Federals. Willett has signed with the St. Louis Federals and Mullin with Indianapolis.

Jerry Downs is in the American association, with Indianapolis. John Eubanks has been lost sight of.

STORIES
OF THE
DIAMOND

Manager Fred Clarke is looking for an outfielder.

Fred Snodgrass has signed a three-year contract with the Giants.

The Senators didn't bat well behind Walter Johnson last season. They don't have to.

Playing ball is not work, says Willie Keeler. It's fun, he declares, and fun of the rarest kind.

The Federals can't lose out. President Gilmore says there is \$50,000,000 behind the new organization.

In a short time there won't be any spitters in the big show. The cops are pinching all the spitters.

Manager Doolin will try Bobby Byrne at second this season, to take the place of Otto Knabe, who jumped to the Federals.

"Topsy" Hartzel has again secured a job as manager. Topsy has signed to lead the Toledo club of the South Michigan league.

Ty Cobb picks Billy Sullivan, Jack Barry, Bobby Wallace, Hal Chase and Heinie Wagner as the brainiest ball players he knows.

St. Louis is glad it has a Federal league club. Sure; why not? It will give 'em a chance to have three tailenders if nothing else.

Clarke Griffith says his infield is the best defensively in the American league. The Washington infielders are Gandil, Morgan, McBride and Foster.

President Hedges of the St. Louis Browns has let the contract for replacing the present wooden bleachers at the Browns' park with structures of concrete.

Three Cleveland players—Hyder Barr, Buddy Ryan and Jack Knight—were all born on the same day of the year, namely, October 6. Quite a coincidence.

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BASEBALL IN ENGLAND

SPORTING EDITOR GIVES HIS
IDEA OF AMERICAN GAME.

Briton's Conception of Recent Contest Between Giants and White Sox Grotesque—Admiration for Work of Players.

An article in the London Pall Mall Gazette shows what an English sporting writer thinks of the game between the Giants and White Sox, played in London just before the world tourists returned to this country. It follows in part:

"An hour's punting about preceded the real business. This is the custom. Now and then a batter hit out, and it was extraordinary what power there is behind the thin cylindrical club.

"The 'diamond' was marked out so that the batter's box was in front of the royal box, and the pitcher faced the king's eyes. An army of photographers dodged the balls of the practicing Giants. The bases are white cushions.

"The field was much worn and sand was plentifully sprinkled to give footwork its proper chance. So much depends on this, especially in the fielding. The movements of the men are a revelation. The pitcher starts with hands together high over his head. Then he raises one leg and balances, then the whole body swings forward as the ball is thrown.

"The pace is greater at times than that of our fastest bowlers, at times slower than the slowest. The batter is practically ambidextrous, so well do his arms and shoulders work together. He has great control over placing the ball and over the pace of his hit.

"The fielders, with their huge mitts on the left hand, are like trained panthers. To catch, to transfer to right hand and throw is the work of an instant, and all smooth. Their footwork is surely the last word in footwork and quickness of eye and hand.

"The White Sox played a little preliminary game for three minutes, in which their mascot, a little fellow of five years, was 'batter,' and scored a run.

"The king arrived at 3:55 o'clock. The crowd lined up, and there was a great loyal demonstration.

"The Chicagoans took the field, and the first 'Giant' wielded the bat. Mr. Klem, the umpire, with his head in a visor, stood behind the catcher.

"The second hit of the left-handed batter was caught in long-field. The second batter got to first base, the ball hitting the catcher's face—a mighty smack. The pitcher, after outting the next man tried to out the first base, a fine hit, which was caught on the on. The Giants had scored one when the 'White Sox' went in.

"American supporters kept up a running fire of advice and humor. The appeals as to fair balls (not easy to detect) were numerous, and the umpire's voice was big.

"A Chicago 'Sox' hit the ball out of the ground among the people. This was loudly cheered.

"The base-running in the Chicago third inning was quite exciting—a series of man hunts. A skier was well caught, and a 'Giant' went in. These innings are quick affairs. A hit behind the front line of the diamond is a foul, and does not count. There were plenty of these when the ball was not hit true. This was due to the swerving.

"Another great hit out of the ground gave New York a run.

"Many high hits were made and the catching of these was excellent.

"The catcher of the 'Giants' made a wonderful catch of a slopped ball. Next hit the batter was out by quick base throwing. A long hit was neatly fielded and sent in by the policeman on point duty at the end of the ground. It was not so scientific a throw as was the American. The throwing is exquisite, artistic and strong and as accurate as rifle shooting. It goes on all over the diamond, from base to base.

"The racing between the fielders and the runners was most interesting. One fine smack—a low drive—went past the pitcher and scored an easy base.

"Stealing bases was very pretty work. The men at the bases were like cats one moment and greyhounds the next."

"Appointment for Horne. W. H. Horne, the famous English professional golf player, has been appointed to the Durban club, South Africa. Horne, who is thirty-three years of age, is probably the biggest player in the professional ranks of Great Britain, for he stands over six feet high, and is powerfully built. His greatest achievement was the driving of a ball 338 yards in North Berwick in 1909—the greatest distance on record. Horne holds many records and will be remembered as the "masked golfer" who created such a stir in this country some time ago.

"Bonin With Federals. Luther Bonin, who quit the game last year because his broken ankle bothered him, has signed to play with the Buffalo Federals. He is the player for whom the St. Louis Americans paid Columbus a fat price, but who could not deliver and was turned back. Last spring in Columbus he was severely panned for quitting the team, it being said that the only thing wrong with him was a lack of courage.

"Saylor Shines Brightly. Young Saylor, a Cleveland lightweight, went over to Australia and knocked out Hughie Mehegan, champion of that country, in 11 rounds.

"Young Saylor is the same lad who knocked out Freddie Welsh with a legitimate solar plexus blow, but the referee thought the smash low, whereupon he was disqualified for fouling.

"Plan College Soccer League. The colleges and universities of the Pacific northwest are planning the formation of an intercollegiate soccer league.

Traveler's Cape a Great Boon



WHEN a long journey is to be undertaken, or where there is a prospect of globe-trotting ahead, there is one garment that may be depended upon for comfort and for style; it is the traveler's cape. It has taken the place of the old-fashioned shawl and is the same reliable companion which does duty on all sorts of occasions and helps out in all sorts of emergencies.

These capes and combinations of capes with other garments have been designed in several ways. When made of a material of medium weight the cape is often part of a loose-fitting coat, and is detachable and fastened to the undergarment at the collar. In heavier fabrics the cape is cut in one with the coat and is shorter, extending about to the knees. Or cape fronts of the same length as the coat are fastened in at the side seams and are shaped to accommodate themselves to the shape of the coat. This special variety is intended for the sea trip more particularly.

The convenience of a cape like that shown in the picture is evident. It may be worn over the coat-suit or as an extra garment over a separate coat, or without any other wrap under it, depending upon the amount of protection the wearer needs. It is easily kept presentable and is never out of fashion. Such garments are made of the best grade of fabrics used for outer wraps and made in the most substantial manner, as they are likely to be subject to rough wear.

The cape illustrated is made of blue broadcloth in the brightest of navy blue and is trimmed with flat white braid. Black braid is a wiser choice for a long journey, because it doesn't require cleaning very often. A heavy quality of cloth is chosen, and is shrunk before the cape is cut. Besides broadcloth there are other serviceable cloths that answer the purpose for a traveling cape, but none quite as good looking. Cravanne and the several waterproofed fabrics, like serge and chevrot, are to be considered, and the choice governed by the needs or taste of the individual.

The broadcloth cape is lined with a substantial woolen fabric, as a rule

in a plain color or in dark plaid. Large bone buttons and strong buttonholes provide the fastening, and a part of the meager decoration which is permissible in the traveler's cape.

A new field for usefulness for the cape has been developed since the automobile has become a part of the paraphernalia of life. It is the extra garment to be taken along and to be relied upon to meet weather changes. It and the extra veil might be included in the long list of accessories which go with the machine. For the cape fits all figures and is as much a family affair as the old-time shawl. In time the owner becomes attached to a cape, as to a reliable friend. There are very few among the short-lived garments of today which can ever possess the charm of association possible to a cape. When it is made all this is to be considered. It must be ample, long enough to almost cover the figure, well put together, and always in a stable color. Strong and dark blues have proved themselves the best choice.

Glove Novelties. Among the novelties in gloves there is a good looking pair, which is effective without being conspicuous. Made from the finest white glace kid it is piped in black and has long cuffs inset with puffs of black silk and edged with fine white Chantilly lace. The backs are richly embroidered, and two smoked pearl clasps fasten the gloves at the wrist. Another of fine glace kid gloves has deep appliqued cuffs and contrasting colored kid in a pointed effect, the backs finely embroidered in raised silk dots.

Poetic Fashion. It is somewhat difficult to account for the cause of the Byronic revival so far as ties and collars are concerned. That the black Latin Quarter tie is here to accompany the soft roll collar like unto that affected by Lord Byron in the early part of the nineteenth century there is no doubt. To a young face and to beauty the Byronic collar and soft black tie are very becoming, but the simplicity of the fashion is trying to a woman devoid of either.

Foundation Waist of Net



ONE of the plain waists of net is shown here, ready for draping with lace, or chiffon, or voile, or taffeta, or any of the thin fabrics that are used to help make up the fancy waists for dressy wear. There is a plain underwaist of net, without sleeves, supporting a second plain waist with sleeves. A narrow double frill of plaited net finishes the neck and extends down the front. A similar frill finishes the sleeves.

These waists are very handy for the home dressmaker, saving time and making a foundation for the construction of either separate waists or bod-

ices, as the wearer may desire. Lace and chiffon veils, as well as piece goods are used effectively in draping them. Printed ribbons, chiffons and voiles, and plain thin fabrics are used over them.

It is best to buy them ready made, as they are cheap and net is difficult to handle by the amateur dressmaker.

The foundation waist of net is a plain and not a graceful garment, but it provides a convenient support for the waist which the home dressmaker wishes to make for herself.

JULIA BOTTOMLEY.

SPRING FEVER
IS HEALTHYIt Indicates Fresh Hopes and
Renewed Buoyancy of
Spirit.

How wonderfully tight the spring wander-lust for the countryside grips one!

Spring fever, with all of its healthfulness is the harbinger of fresh hopes and a buoyancy of spirit.

I noticed a passenger on a Detroit-Chicago train the other day who had started out on his trip with the evident intention of becoming deeply taken with one of the best sellers, that he might shorten the trip between the two cities. You have done the same thing yourself.

But his book had been cast aside. He had read only a few pages. His interest in it had lagged.

From the car windows he was counting the fields now bare of snow. The ditches were carrying away the water and the still less sluggish creeks were now streams bearing the overflow to the rivers. The farmer, in his shirt sleeves, was repairing the fences after the winter drifts; the cattle showing proof of a winter's stabling and now heading here and there toward the meadows, seeking the new-green patches of grass; the farm help, in field and stubble, was putting into repair this and that necessary feature, here looking after his plow and there his harrow, and on all sides were scenes which reminded the traveler that spring was here, at last!

As the train sped onward and glimpses of the painter as he worked on the weather-beaten buildings were revealed, the interest of the tourist was aroused and, when I asked him the reason, he answered: "Spring is here and I feel its blood flowing!"

The truth was, that like many others, he was planning the work he was to do the coming summer. He was going out to the farm—his farm in Western Canada. He had his wells to dig, his horses to get into shape, his grain implements to fix up, his seed grain to prepare, and other details for the land that was ready to receive it. His was what might be termed an "unrest"—to get to the farm!

Thousands in Western Canada today are making the preparations that this interested man contemplated. Their summer fallows are ready for the wheat, their spring plowing is being attended to, fences are being rebuilt or being put into repair; indeed, the entire country is one great hive of industry.

Railroads are in readiness to take care of a great rush of settlers, those charged with the reception of whom are prepared to extend every courtesy and thus meet the rush with judgment and without the least friction. Thus, the enjoyment of the opening of spring is fully met.

At many of the stations throughout many of the middle western states, trains of settlers' effects are in readiness to move to Western Canada. Not only in these states are scenes of this kind to be witnessed, but, also, on either coast and throughout the eastern states there is the same activity among those going to Western Canada this spring. The crops have been heavy and all reports are that the winter was enjoyable; also, that the prospects for a satisfactory year were never better. There is plenty of land yet to be had by homesteading or otherwise. Adapted, as Western Canada is, to small grain farming, it is especially adapted to cattling, and many of the farmers are placing small and large herds, as their individual means will permit.

The illustrated literature sent out by the Canadian government agents tells the truth clearly and the inquirer should send for a copy and if you be one of those who has an ambitious interest, you may be the gainer by a perusal of such information—straight, cold facts in themselves—Advertisement.

Quick Explainer.

"You needn't take your shoes off in the hall," said Mrs. C. Vere, "hoping to conceal the fact that you have been out till 2 o'clock in the morning."

"No concealment intended," replied her husband. "I was merely getting a little practise in the new fad of tangoing in stocking feet."

Proper Place.

She—Have you heard about the pretty actress who wore a bird painted on her cheeks?

He—Yes; and I wondered why she didn't have it painted on her back, where it would have plenty of room to fly.—Judge.

Be happy. Use Red Cross Ball Blue; much better than liquid blue. Delights the laundress. All grocers. Adv.

Indigestion and an empty purse have about the same effect in making a man cynical.

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Pe-ru-na

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Mr. Robert H. Norris, No. 1333 Henry St., North Berkeley, Cal., writes: "We have never had any other medicine but Peruna in our home since we have been married. I suffered with kidney and bladder trouble, but two months treatment with Peruna made me a well and strong man. My wife felt weak and was easily tired and was also troubled with various pains, but since she took Peruna she is well and strong."

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A toilet preparation of merit. Keeps the hair clean and healthy. Restores to Gray or Faded Hair. Sold at all Druggists.