

NEWS OF NEBRASKA.

John B. Raper to Succeed Babcock.
Beatrice, Neb., Nov. 10.—Word was received here that Governor Mickey had appointed John B. Raper of Pawnee City district judge to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Judge A. H. Babcock.

Two Forced to Retire From Game.
Broken Bow, Neb., Nov. 10.—In the game of football between Broken Bow and Mason City the score was 5 to 5. During the game Robinson of the home team and Anderson of Mason City were badly bruised and forced to retire from the field.

Implement Dealers in Session.
Omaha, Nov. 15.—Over 1,000 delegates from eastern Nebraska and western Iowa attended the opening session of the implement dealers. President Caulk, in his annual address, impressed on them the importance of contriving some plan to meet the catalogue house competition. President Roosevelt's rate legislation policy will be discussed.

Child Is Burned to Death.
Florence, Neb., Nov. 11.—A fatal fire is reported at the farm of John Williams, six miles west of Florence. Their grandchildren, son and daughter of Mrs. Loretta Chambers, were at the house and during the absence of Mr. and Mrs. Williams from the house Vernie, aged three and one-half years, opened the valve of a gasoline stove and then struck a match. In the explosion which followed he received burns from which he died within three hours. The grandmother entered the burning building and carried the little one out. The house was totally destroyed.

Farmers Make it Hot for Tramps.
York, Nov. 14.—Two tramps, shut up in a boxcar, came near being mobbed at Knox on account of refusal to accept work shucking corn. A freight train had set the boxcar on the siding, and when the farmers who were hauling grain to the elevator saw two able-bodied men crawl out of the car they pounced on them, offering 4 cents per bushel to shuck corn, free board, room and washing, and when one of the tramps replied "that he had all the work he wanted to do picking his teeth," the farmers made a rush for the tramps, who ran down the track and soon disappeared.

Graft Charged at Lincoln.
Lincoln, Nov. 13.—Ex-Chief of Police Rutzahn and ex-City Detective Bentley, against whom charges of graft have been filed, have asked for a short continuance, and their cases will not be heard tomorrow. Bonds have been furnished for both of the defendants. The case has been worked up by City Attorney Strode and Detective James Malone and the evidence is in the form of affidavits made by seven of the proprietors in the proscribed district. In substance the affidavits set out that Rutzahn and Bentley compelled the women to pay them \$50 a month each to prevent being raided.

PRIMARY LAW HELD VALID.
Supreme Court Upholds Dodge Measure in Its Essential Features.

Lincoln, Nov. 13.—The supreme court held the Dodge primary election law valid and capable of enforcement, though it declared unconstitutional three of its sections. The writ of mandamus asked for by Clerk Adair, nominee of the Socialist ticket, to have the Socialist nominees placed on the ticket, though nominated by a convention, was refused. The sections declared unconstitutional are these: The one making the primary day the first day of registration; that one requiring 1 per cent as a filing fee by the candidate, and the one regulating the form of the ballot. The fact that these sections do not render the law as a whole incapable of enforcement does not in the opinion of the court invalidate the entire law and it is consequently held to be valid and constitutional.

CATTLEMEN PLEAD GUILTY.
Richards and Comstock Admit Fencing Government Land.

Omaha, Nov. 14.—Two of the richest and most influential cattlemen of Nebraska—Bartlett Richards and William G. Comstock—have pleaded guilty to the charge of unlawfully fencing government land, have thrown themselves upon the mercy of the court and have been sentenced. They begged leniency and received it upon the ground that for some time past, and at the present time, their employes are diligently at work in removing fences which unlawfully inclosed 212,000 acres of government land in Sheridan county.

Unlike John and Herman Krause, who were convicted upon a similar charge at the May term of the federal court, neither Richards nor Comstock were alleged in the indictments to have intimidated settlers. That was one of the reasons, it is claimed, why the defendants in this case received a comparatively light sentence. Their fine was \$300 each and each will be obliged to pay half of the costs,

which amount to \$500. In addition to their fine they were sentenced to remain six hours in the custody of the United States marshal.

In entering the plea of guilty Attorney Hall said for his clients: "It is our intention to comply with the law. We are removing the fences as rapidly as we can, but such as may remain, we have nothing at all to do with. Wherever the government shows us that we have an unlawful fence we will remove it."

Proclaims Thanksgiving.
Lincoln, Nov. 15.—Governor Mickey issued his Thanksgiving proclamation. He calls attention to the general awakening against graft and foreshadows legislation against it.

McGreevy Back to Prison.
Norfolk, Neb., Nov. 15.—President Bernard McGreevy of the defunct Elkhorn Valley bank at O'Neill is in jail again, as County Attorney Mullen feared McGreevy would escape.

Prairie Fire Near Venango, Neb.
Venango, Neb., Nov. 15.—A disastrous prairie fire of great extent is raging south of the Burlington road near here. Scores of ranchmen and farmers are burned out. The loss cannot be estimated at this time, but undoubtedly is very large.

Body of Alcott Is Found.
Mitchell, Neb., Nov. 14.—A searching party found the dead body of Benjamin Alcott, who had been lost on the prairie since Thursday afternoon from the ranch of his son, G. E. Alcott, twenty miles north of Mitchell. He was seventy-eight years of age and with his wife came here a month ago from Fredericksburg, Ia., for a visit. He walked out for pleasure, but his eyesight was poor.

Further Effort for Mrs. Lillie.
Lincoln, Nov. 13.—Now that the supreme court has denied a rehearing for Mrs. Lena Margaret Lillie, sentenced to life imprisonment, her friends are working on a clew discovered after she was committed to prison. It is now known that a personal enemy of Harvey Lillie disposed of his property and disappeared shortly after the murder. Now he cannot be found. The identity of the fugitive is known only to Mrs. Lillie and her closest advisers.

Taylor Is Bound Over.
Tecumseh, Neb., Nov. 15.—Frank A. Taylor was bound over for trial in the district court under bond of \$1,500 in the hearing of the case ordered by Judge B. F. Good in the Chamberlain case at Auburn some few weeks ago. Mr. Taylor was presumed to be vice president and a director of the Chamberlain bank at the time of its failure. Judge Good was of the opinion that the evidence given in Johnson county in cases bearing on the bank failure and the case at Auburn did not correspond, and ordered proceedings on a perjury charge against Mr. Taylor.

Place for Nebraska Man.
Washington, Nov. 13.—Senator Burkett signaled his presence in Washington by pulling off a good position for D. C. O'Connor of Norfolk, Neb., that of superintendent of public instruction for Panama. The position pays \$2,300 yearly. D. C. O'Connor has for the last nine years been superintendent of Norfolk city schools. He is president of the Schoolmasters' club of Nebraska and has been president of the North Nebraska Teachers' association. O'Connor was co-laborer with Burkett when the latter taught school in Nebraska. The appointment of O'Connor was cabled from Panama.

CONVICTS ATTACK KEEPER.
Bind and Gag Guard, but Fail to Make Their Escape.

Lincoln, Nov. 15.—Fred Smith, better known as "Denver Kid," the pugilist, who is serving a term in the Nebraska penitentiary for burglary, together with William Jones, another convict, attacked and overpowered the cellhouse night keeper, a man named Cooper. They bound and gagged him, and using a saw secured from the boiler house, began sawing at the bars in one of the windows of the cellhouse. Cooper managed to release one hand, removed the gag and shouted for help. Smith again attacked and might have killed him had not assistance come. The convicts made no fight and were put in the dungeon. They had been regarded as trustees, and were given liberties in the enclosure.

LETTON'S MAJORITY GROWS.
More Figures on the Election in Nebraska.

Lincoln, Nov. 9.—The election in Nebraska has the appearance of a Republican landslide on the head of the ticket. The plurality for Letton, for supreme judge, will not be less than 18,000, and may exceed 25,000, more than double that of two years ago on a decreased vote. An average Republican gain of six and a half votes to the precinct is shown. Both the Republican candidates for regents of the university are elected, but their plurality is considerably less than that for judge. Party lines were not ad-

hered to on county offices, the fusionists making gains in some counties reliably Republican, and vice versa.

Complete returns from twenty-three counties and from 332 precincts scattered through nearly all of the remaining counties in the state, making altogether 715 out of the 1,600 precincts in Nebraska, give Letton (Rep.) 43,992 votes, as against 39,765 for Hastings, fusion candidate for supreme court judge. The same precincts two years ago gave Barnes 45,955, and Sullivan 37,727. In other words, where Barnes secured a majority of 8,228, Letton gets a majority of 13,227. At this rate of gain in the remaining precincts Letton's lead over Hastings will approximate 20,000.

It was a quite election day in Nebraska and a light vote was polled. Especially was this the case in Lincoln, where there was much scratching. The Republicans elect all their candidates in this county but two, probate judge and coroner, win by narrow margins.

TRADE REVIEW FOR THE WEEK.

Greatest Industrial Activity in the Nation's History.

New York, Nov. 11.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s Weekly Review of Trade says: Each week brings a stronger business situation, reasonable weather having removed the last drawback, and pressure for shipment of goods is so great in many lines that the partial holiday put deliveries still further behind and caused much inconvenience. Reports of wholesome conditions are now practically unanimous and improvement is noted in collections in many dispatches. Retail trade of wearing apparel and foodstuffs is the feature, while interest is beginning to be shown in holiday goods, of which very large stocks were accumulated in expectation of a record-breaking season. Manufacturing lines constantly establish new high water marks of production, the present output of pig iron being at the rate of more than 2,000,000 tons monthly, and this is one of the best known business barometers.

Footwear forwardings from Boston are within a few thousand cases of the record established in 1901; the textile mills cannot make deliveries with desired promptness, and building operations are phenomenal. A few small strikes are in progress, but not sufficient to prevent the greatest industrial activity in the nation's history. Railway earnings thus far reported for October show a gain of 2.5 per cent over last year's. Prosperity is also evidenced by a further rise in prices of commodities, Dun's index number on Nov. 1 being \$103,853, the highest point of recent years. The per capita amount of money in circulation is also at a new record, of \$31.96. Foreign commerce is fully maintained. Prices of hides have moved to new high records for any date since the civil war, and there is little difference even in comparison with that period of restricted production. Demand is now absorbing supplies so promptly that poor qualities of long haired hides are scarcely less expensive than the choice summer take-off. Failures this week numbered 183.

CORN YIELD OF UNITED STATES.

Preliminary Estimate Places Amount at 2,707,993,540 Bushels.

Washington, Nov. 11.—The crop reporting board of the bureau of statistics of the department of agriculture finds from the reports of the representatives and agents of the bureau as follows:

The preliminary returns on the production of corn in 1905 indicate a total yield of about 2,707,993,540 bushels, or an average of 28.8 bushels per acre, as compared with an average yield of 26.8 bushels as finally estimated in 1904, and a ten-year average of 24.9 bushels.

The following table shows for the principal corn states the preliminary estimates of the average yield per acre in 1905, with the mean of the averages for the last ten years:

States	1905.	Ten Year Average.
Illinois	33.8	34.1
Iowa	34.8	32.5
Nebraska	32.8	36.4
Kansas	27.7	21.6
Missouri	33.8	27.7
Indiana	40.7	33.2
Oklahoma	25.3	21.6
Indian Territory	32.7	24.2
South Dakota	31.8	23.7
Minnesota	32.5	29.0
Wisconsin	37.6	32.0

The general average as to quality is 90.6 per cent, as compared with 88.2 last year. It is estimated that about 3.3 per cent of the corn crop of 1904 was still in the hands of farmers on Nov. 1, 1905, as compared with 3.6 per cent of the crop in 1903 in farmers' hands on Nov. 1, 1904.

CHICAGO GRAIN AND PROVISIONS.

Features of the Day's Trading and Closing Quotations.

Chicago, Nov. 14.—The wheat market today showed a complete reversal of feeling from yesterday. It was bullish throughout the entire session today and twenty-four hours ago the sentiment was in favor of a decline. Cold, wet weather in Argentina was one of the chief factors contributing to the strong market today. At the close prices were practically at the highest point of the day, with the May option up 1/4¢. Corn and oats were each up 1/4¢. Provisions were 5/10¢ lower. Closing

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