

NEWS IN EPITOME

RECORD OF THE HAPPENINGS IN ITEMIZED FORM.

HOME AND FOREIGN NEWS

Information Gathered From All Quarters of the Civilized World and Prepared for the Perusal of the Busy Man.

Foreign.

The British royal yacht Victoria and Albert arrived at Baja, Italy, with King Edward and Queen Alexandra and the dowager empress of Russia on board. They were welcomed by the king and queen of Italy.

J. Ogden Armour, who is in Berlin, gave denial to the report that he had given \$1,000,000 to build an opera house in Chicago.

The Japanese training squadron, under command of Rear Admiral Hichi, sailed for San Francisco.

Queen Wilhelmina Friday morning gave birth to a daughter.

Nakamura, the newly appointed consul general to Ottawa, sailed on the Tongo Maru via San Francisco for his new post in the dominion.

Prince Harold of Denmark, third son of King Frederick, was married at the Gloucester castle, to Princess Helena of Sonderburg-Gluecksburg.

Several toy factories at Montreuil-Sous-Bois, near Paris, were destroyed by fire. Loss \$100,000.

News was received that one of the large mills of the Hida Gold Mining and Milling company at Presena, Mexico, has been destroyed by fire. The loss is \$250,000.

The Hamburg-American line steamer Scandia, from Hamburg March 11 for Shanghai, is ashore near Hong Kong. Assistance has been sent.

Many prominent women are arriving in London for the quinquennial convention of the international women's suffrage alliance.

The long promised bill for the disestablishment of the church in Wales was introduced in the house of commons by Premier Asquith.

A rumor that the ship Dirigo, bound for Baltimore, had gone ashore on the coast of Molokai is without foundation.

The question of jurisdiction over the Hecla straits on the Pacific coast of Canada, between Queen Charlotte islands and British Columbia, is likely to become an active issue within a short time.

The Cuban senate passed the house bill authorizing the president to suspend at his discretion the export duties on sugar, tobacco and liquors.

There is no truth in the rumors that the British cruiser Argyle had met with an accident.

The death is announced of Sir Donald Currie, the well known ship owner. He was born in 1825.

Max Johnson, the foreman of an English factory in St. Petersburg, was murdered by men in his employ.

Domestic.

A meeting was held at Lancaster, Pa., for the purpose of forming a state organization of the Order of Owls. Delegates were present from Pittsburg, Reading, Allentown, Homestead, Harrisburg, York, Lewisburg and several other places.

Senator Smoot received assurances from the officials of the department of justice that there would be an investigation of the charge of discrimination by the Harriman railroads which were recently made by the merchants of Salt Lake City and other cities in Utah.

A wedding of note at Maysville, Ky., was that of Miss Roberta Stockton Cox, daughter of Lieutenant Governor and Mrs. William H. Cox, and Rev. Clayton Earl Hunt of St. Louis. The ceremony was performed in the Church of the Nativity by Dean Davis of the Episcopal cathedral in St. Louis.

Max Simon of Baltimore pleaded guilty of using the mails for the sale of lottery tickets and was sentenced to thirteen months in prison. Simon was an agent for several European lottery concerns.

An attempt was made to rob the postoffice at Albion, Pa., and Postmaster Harley Barnes exchanged shots with the robber. The man's hat was left on the postoffice floor. It was riddled with shot and had spots of blood on it.

James S. Cabanne III who was smuggled out of St. Louis by his stepfather, Broughton Brandenburg, was taken from the detention home and given to his father, James Sheppard Cabanne of St. Louis.

Richard Crocker, the former Tammany leader, has sailed for Europe. Dr. George T. Moore, formerly of the department of agriculture at Washington, has been chosen a member of the Shaw school of botany of Washington university, St. Louis.

An agent of the anti-saloon league, who was lecturing at Knox, Ind., in the local option campaign was egged.

The woman's Presbyterian board of missions meeting is being held at the Emmanuel Presbyterian church in Milwaukee. Speakers are Miss Mary L. Freeman of South America; Miss Grettie Y. Holliday of Persia; Miss Velma Snook, of Korea and W. Y. Jones of Japan.

A strike on the Peoria railway system is threatened if the company refuses to grant the full demands of the men for increased wages.

The agreement between the miners and operators insuring industrial peace in the anthracite coal regions was signed at Philadelphia.

The second annual state conference of associated charities and corrections began at Shawnee, Okla.

The annual celebration of founder's day, in honor of Andrew Carnegie, was brilliantly observed at Carnegie Institute.

The annual spring golf tournament of the Country club of Atlantic City opened.

The members of the marine cooks and stewards' union have voted almost unanimously in favor of calling a strike against the boats belonging to the Lake Carriers' association.

Catherine T. Dodge, widow of Capt. Charles Dodge, U. S. A., has been declared sane by the probate court, her estate amounting to \$20,000, has been restored to her care and her guardian has been discharged. For two years she was regarded as an insane person.

The Wyoming state pure food commission has endorsed the recent government ruling relating to artificially aged or whitened flour, and dealers will be given until September to dispose of their stocks. Nearly all the flour sold in the state is imported.

San Antonio's annual spring carnival, in celebration of the heroic defense of the Alamo, opened with a magnificent floral pageant.

District Judge Thompson of Cincinnati refused to grant a further continuance in the bucket shop case and the half dozen men indicted on the charge of using the mails to further a scheme to defraud went to jail.

The auto races scheduled for Montgomery, Ala., have been postponed for a week on account of rainy weather.

John Woolford, a chauffeur, employed by the son of President McCrea of the Pennsylvania railroad, was sentenced to thirty days in jail for violating the speed laws.

Sixteen persons were injured, one perhaps fatally, in a tornado which destroyed a large part of the town of Centrahoma, Okla.

Andrew Carnegie has just given \$15,000 to increase the facilities and extend the Carnegie medical laboratory at New York university. The laboratory was established by Mr. Carnegie twenty-five years ago. The new gift was accepted.

The United States cruisers California and Tennessee arrived from Magdalena Bay where they have been engaged in target practice, with the other vessels of the Pacific fleet.

A handsome memorial to the late Henry Chadwick, known as "the father of baseball" was unveiled in Greenwood cemetery, Brooklyn. A number of men prominent in the baseball world attended the exercises.

Washington.

Secretary of the Navy Meyer declared that the American battleships which made the voyage around the world were in excellent condition and the fact that they were accompanied by a repair ship kept them in good order throughout the trip. He referred to an article in an English publication saying the result of the trip was worth from \$25,000,000 to \$50,000,000 to the United States navy. The secretary said he had found that the voyage had cost only \$1,500,000 more than if the battleships had been kept at home and assigned to ordinary duty.

Officers of the United States army, by authority of President Taft, will hereafter be granted a leave of absence, not exceeding four months, with full pay, immediately preceding their retirement from active service for any cause other than age or a failure to pass the required physical examination for promotion, provided they desire to avail themselves of such leave.

General reduction of freight rates, effective June 1 from New York and Boston points to Chicago proper, is made in tariffs filed with the interstate commerce commission. The rates do not include Chicago common points or Missouri river or Mississippi river points. In effect the tariffs make a reduction of eight cents a hundred pounds on first class freight from Boston to Chicago, and three cents a hundred pounds from New York, Philadelphia and Baltimore, to Chicago. Proportional reductions are also made on other classes of freights.

Senator Brown introduced a resolution looking to an amendment to the constitution to provide that congress may have the power to levy income and inheritance taxes. It provides in due form for the submission of the matter to the legislatures of the states.

Alvin Keyser, professor of soils at the State University of Nebraska, has requested Senator Brown to assist in keeping petash scale on the free list. This sale is imperatively needed as fertilizer in some soils and a duty would work a hardship on many Nebraskans.

Samuel T. Stevenson, convicted of embezzling funds of the New Orleans typographical union, was sentenced to four years in the state penitentiary.

The safe of the Bank of Lucien, Okla., was robbed and \$1,000 in currency and notes to the amount of \$9,000 stolen.

WILL TEST BANK LAW

A FRIENDLY SUIT TO BE BROUGHT IN COURTS.

A STATEMENT IS GIVEN OUT

No Convict Labor in Penitentiary Tailor Shop Because Competition is Unfair to Free Labor.

That the bankers of Omaha and Nebraska are determined in their purpose to test the validity of the bank deposit guaranty law passed by the recent legislature was shown at a meeting held in Omaha which was attended by a number of the representative state and national bankers of the state.

Since the meeting held some weeks ago to consider the question the proposition has been thoroughly canvassed and a committee has been formed to arrange what is termed a friendly suit to carry the matter through the courts. The following statement was given out at the close of the meeting:

The banking act passed by the recent session of the legislature provided in a manner for the guaranty of bank deposits by the collecting of a tax from solvent banks in proportion to their deposits, to be applied as far as possible toward the payment of depositors in failed banks after all assets and shareholders' liabilities had been exhausted. This is such a radical change in all established systems of banking that it necessarily behooves much good or much harm to all interested in banking, whether as shareholders or depositors.

The time for the discussion of the question as a desirable public measure from a political standpoint has passed and it would seem that those who favored the enactment of such a law, as well as those who opposed it, should unite in having the question finally settled by the highest court as to whether or not a tax for the purpose named can be collected from banks or bankers without their consent. It is the general opinion among bankers that the question should be finally settled at as early a date as possible, as to leave the question in doubt or to have the law declared ineffective at a time of financial unrest would mean a most serious disturbance of all banking and commercial interests.

A committee has been formed of leading state and national bankers for the purpose of arranging for a friendly suit to test the validity of the law, and it is hoped, owing to the importance of the case, that it will be rapidly advanced on the docket, so that a decision may be reached at the earliest possible date.

Opposes Convict Labor.

The state will not contract with the St. Louis garment making firm which made a bid for the use of the convicts. The firms desired to install a tailor shop in the state penitentiary and use the convicts for the manufacture of clothing for laborers. The Board of Public Lands and Buildings thought favorably of the tailor shop idea, believing the state could get much more money for the use of the convicts than it could be letting them out to the broom factory. The clothing firm had already signed the contract agreeing to pay from 60 to 85 cents a day for the prisoners and the matter was referred to Governor Shallenberger, who does not favor the plan, because of his belief that it is unfair for free labor to be put in competition with convict labor.

The Irrigation Congress.

The governor has appointed a committee of five to consider the best means of making the national irrigation congress, which is to be held at Spokane from August 9 to 14, of the greatest benefit to Nebraska. The governor also appointed delegates to the American Prison association convention to be held at Seattle, August 14 to 19.

Test of Election Laws.

The republican state committee, in session here, authorized Chairman J. W. Kefler to appoint a committee to consult with attorneys regarding the election laws enacted by the late legislature, and if found advisable to take steps to test the validity of the measure in the courts.

Taxes of Life Companies.

Attorney General Thompson has given it as his opinion that domestic life insurance companies, organized on the old line plan, may be assessed for taxation not only on their gross premiums, but also on other property, such as capital stock, the latter to be listed as its actual value. In Lancaster county this is said to have been the plan adopted by the county assessor, but it is reported that an insurance company in Douglas county has been taxed only on its gross premiums. The attorney general believes the tax on gross premiums is not in lieu of all other taxes.

Wants Interpretation of Law.

Browning, King & Co. of Omaha have written to Secretary of State Junkin for an opinion on the law enacted by the late legislature regarding the flat tax on the capital stock of corporations. The firm informed the secretary of state that it did business in many states and had an immense capital stock if it were all totaled, but by no means is all of its capital stock invested in Nebraska. It desired to know whether it would have to pay the tax on the capital stock used in Nebraska or on entire capitalization.

RULES IN FOOD CASE.

Holding of the Late Commissioner Overruled.

The supreme court overruled J. W. Johnson, former deputy state food commissioner, who prosecuted Swift and Company for not branding the net weight of wrapped ham and bacon. The court decided that the district court of Lancaster county decided justly when it held that ham and bacon are not packages in the sense used in the old food law. The subject of branding meat is a dead issue at this time, because the late legislature amended the law under which Johnson operated. The amended statute specifically exempts meat and bread products from the net weight brand. Judge Barnes, who wrote the decision of the supreme court, sustains the judgment of Judge A. J. Cornish of the district court.

Judge Cornish held that a package of wrapped ham or bacon is not a package within the meaning of the term as used in the statute in question; that the term was intended to apply only to such packages as are put up in artificial sizes or quantities; that ham and bacon in packages are in natural sizes varying in weight and quantity, and that they are never sold as of fixed weight or quantity. From this decision the state filed exceptions.

"It must be conceded," says the supreme court, "that the term 'package' is at best a vague one and liable to various interpretations. It is a well-known fact that many articles of food are packed, bound or put together in sizes determined by the manufacturers, and intended to pass in trade from hand to hand as of given weight or measure. For example, butter, put up in pound packages, strawberries in a box supposed to hold a quart, teas and coffees in pasteboard boxes of a pound. These are strictly packages within the meaning of the law. They are packed, bound and put together in form and sizes convenient to pass in trade from hand to hand."

Fewer Mortgages on Farms.

The bureau of labor and industrial statistics has completed compilation of the mortgage statistics of Nebraska for the year 1908.

In 1908 there were 16,108 farm mortgages filed, amounting to \$34,408,372.25. The farm mortgages filed in 1907 were fewer by 550 than those filed in 1907 and less in total amount by \$2,024,301.

In 1908 the number of farm mortgages released was 16,094, amounting to \$30,701,067.61. The releases in 1907 were fewer by 1,896 than they were in 1907 and less in amount by \$95,656,723.95. This apparent discrepancy is accounted for by the fact that a railroad mortgage of \$100,000,000 was reported in Hall county as being released in 1907. If this is not counted the farm mortgages released in 1908 were more by \$4,343,276 than in 1907.

National Banks Add Savings.

The fourth savings bank organized since the state guaranty deposit law was passed has been chartered by the state banking board. In each case these savings banks were organized by officers of national banks. This is considered an indication that national banks either desire to have an auxiliary organization that can come within the provisions of the guaranty law, or that they desire to take advantage of the state banking laws which permit savings banks to loan funds on real estate. A few state banks will probably convert themselves into national banks rather than submit to the guaranty tax, but more may organize an adjunct organization in the form of a savings bank to come in under the guaranty law. One state bank has already become a national bank, but national banks at Columbus, Wahoo and Crete have organized savings banks.

Penitentiary Labor.

Clinton R. Lee of the Lee Broom & Duster company, has returned home and will enliven the contest for convict labor by making a bid for forty or fifty more men. He has a contract for 250 prisoners, but in view of the proposition from a St. Louis man to employ convicts to make overalls at the penitentiary, will bid for more.

The Lower Court Sustained.

The supreme court affirmed the decision of the district court of Douglas county, denying Orlando S. Wood his petition for \$10,000 damages against the Omaha Street Car company, because of injuries received by being hit by a car, and held that "a person who waits for a street car at a proper crossing, sees the car coming, and is struck and injured by it, through his own negligence, cannot recover damages on the sole ground that the motorman failed to sound the gong."

Young Attorney Chosen.

Judge Crossgrave has selected for clerk of the county court Harold W. Robbins, a graduate of the law school of the State university in the classes of 1908.

Ex-Governor Poynter's Will.

The wills of the late William A. Poynter and Dr. Jerome C. Everett have been admitted to probate in county court. Ex-Governor Poynter left an estate valued at about \$30,000, all of which goes to his widow. The Everett estate consists principally of stock in the sanitarium and its value will not be known until an appraisal is made. The will provides that the widow shall be paid \$200 a month during her life. The receipts from a life insurance policy are to be divided between the two sons and a daughter.

NEBRASKA IN BRIEF

NEWS NOTES OF INTEREST FROM VARIOUS SECTIONS.

ALL SUBJECTS TOUCHED UPON

Religious, Social, Agricultural, Political and Other Matters Given Due Consideration.

Hebron and Friend both want the firemen's tournament this year. York's new postoffice building has been completed and is now occupied.

The new Odd Fellows building at Kearney has been dedicated. A bad prairie fire did considerable damage north of Franklin.

May 25 Hastings will vote on the question of issuing high school bonds. Rev. Charles H. Churchill of Pender has withdrawn from the ministry.

Frank Ingram and Fred Baker were drowned in the Missouri river near Decatur by their skiff striking a snag. The city council of Norfolk refused to repeal an ordinance limiting saloons to seven in the town.

The annual convention of group four of the Nebraska bankers' association will be held in Hastings on May 12. Will Croskery, a former Plattsmouth boy, got into a mix-up with his foreman of a railroad bridge gang and had his neck and nose broken.

While switching at Ellsworth brakeman F. F. Watson was thrown beneath the cars and instantly killed, his body being badly disfigured on account of several cars passing over it. Mayor Miles of Hastings has appointed John M. Ragan, former commissioner of the supreme court, to succeed W. F. Button as city attorney of that city.

The music department of Franklin academy is preparing "The Messiah," to be given at their June commencement exercises. One hundred voices are being trained. Jack Galloway, charged with the abduction of Mina and Grace McKinsie, fourteen and sixteen year old girls of Lincoln, was bound over to district court of Saline county at Crete.

Governor Shallenberger has denied a number of applications from convicts for parole or commutation of sentence, and has under consideration several others.

Declaring that he would never cut his hair until Bryan was elected president Min Foster, a farmer living in Hamilton county, permitted it to grow for twelve years. The other day he went to Central City and had his locks shorn. Members of the faculty at Peru were surprised the other day to receive their April salary checks. They were expecting their pay to be held up pending the decision of the supreme court on the constitutionality of the new Board of Education law.

The banks of Weston, Ithaca, Ceresco and Wahoo have recently installed new burglar-proof manganese safes. This action was inspired by the robbery of the bank at Ceresco last autumn. State Treasurer Brian, who went to Boise City to bid on an issue of \$400,000 of Idaho state bonds, telegraphed that he succeeded in getting \$140,000 of the issue. The bonds bear 4 per cent interest and were bought at par. A tornado northwest of Fremont wrecked the buildings on the Jackson farm and injured a number of the occupants. James Scholmer and Peter Greisen, farmers on the way to North Bend, were caught in the wind, their wagon overturned and both badly injured.

Elmer and Manley Rose, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Carl G. Rose, residing seven miles northwest of Huntley, were taken sick with pneumonia Thursday. Elmer died Tuesday; Manley died Friday. The bodies of the two boys were buried together Saturday. They were aged 16 and 18 years. An older brother was crushed and scalded to death two years ago by a threshing engine breaking through a bridge.

Adjutant General Hartigan of the Nebraska national guard is thinking seriously of re-organizing the two regiments of the Nebraska national guard according to the locations of the various companies. It is understood that the university cadet's encampment will be held at Ashland this year from May 28 to June 5. The Omaha high school cadet encampment will be held there from June 7 to 15.

W. P. Henderson, a laborer on the section near Shelton, was struck by a Union Pacific fast train and was so severely injured that he died an hour after the train struck him. He had been working on the track but ten days. Jack Rathbun, a merchant of Shelby, had his right arm broken by his auto backkicking. Another man was adjusting the vibrator with a pair of nippers at the time he cranked the machine, which caused the current to short circuit and reverse the crank.

The Northwestern has a force of men ballasting the Lincoln line between the Platte river and Swedeburg. Gravel is being hauled from Long Pine. Fire destroyed half the business portion of Elgin, the loss reaching \$120,000.

Exeter was visited by another disastrous fire that burned out all the buildings but two between Seneca street and the Northwestern railway east of Main street.

Four buildings in the main business portion of Genoa were destroyed by fire.

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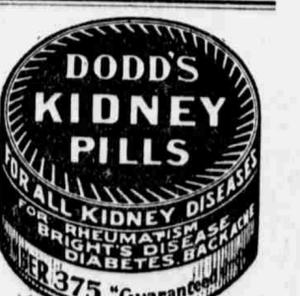
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