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STORY OF THE WEEK

ITEMS OF GREATER OR LESSER IMPORTANCE OVER THE STATE.

NEWS FROM HOME AND ABROAD

Doings of the Busy World Which May Be Read in a Few Moments—National and World-Wide Events of Importance.

Foreign.

Minister of Commerce Cruppi said to the members of a delegation from the wine industry, who complained that the American tariff bill would involve a loss of 1,800,000 bottles of wine a year, that the French government would do everything possible to parry this blow.

The Prussian military authorities have decided to discontinue the enlistment of negroes in the army. The explanation is that the negroes have adopted the vices and none of the virtues of German civilization.

Captain F. S. Cody, whose fallures in his aeroplane work for the British army have become a standing joke in the newspapers, flew for nearly a mile at Aldershot. Captain Cody is an American.

Advices from French West Africa say that the pacification of the dissatisfied natives is progressing, but that on April 28 there was an encounter near Tezougul. A rebellious tribe attacked the French, but the enemy was beaten off with considerable loss. The French force had one officer and two men killed.

A. E. Constans, the French ambassador to Turkey, has resigned from the diplomatic service.

Mme. Lillian Nordica said in an interview that after her marriage with George W. Young, the banker, next spring, she will retire from active professional work.

Telegraphic dispatches received from all parts of western Canada show that wheat seeding will be finished by the end of the week and that 5,500,000 acres are seeded to wheat.

Florence Nightingale, who has just entered her ninetieth year, has received numerous congratulatory messages and bouquets. She is very feeble and is now confined at all times to her rooms.

As a result of the prohibition of the importation of opium into America, "the opium farmer," a Macao, China, firm, has failed. The government has seized the factory and will conduct the monopoly itself.

Domestic.

Richmond Dean, general manager of the Pullman company, announced that \$3,000,000 would be spent in the improvement of their car shops at Pullman, Illinois. This means the employment of 12,000 men. The capacity of the plant is to be increased two-thirds, entirely for the work of steel car construction. One of the first orders will be 300 all-steel cars for the Pennsylvania railway.

The senate of the Missouri legislature passed the house resolution submitting an amendment to the constitution increasing the pay of the legislators from \$5 to \$10 a day. The resolution was amended by increasing the length of the session from seventy to ninety days.

A general strike involving all union workmen in the Milwaukee federation of labor relating to the building trades and the brewers, was inaugurated to force an agreement by the brewers.

Some time ago a motion was filed in the Nebraska supreme court asking for a rehearing in the Bonacum-Murphy case, from Seward, involving some church property at that place. The motion, however, was overruled by the court and title to the property is now confirmed in Bishop Bonacum, and Father Murphy has given possession after ten years' litigation.

Clergymen and others of prominence took part in a celebration of the one hundredth anniversary of the Connecticut Bible society.

The Mississippi Dental association began its sixteenth annual meeting with a good attendance.

The will of F. Marion Crawford, the American novelist, who died April 9, expresses the desire that his yacht and the villa, Sant Agnello, be sold and that the testator's body be buried in the Sant Agnello cemetery.

Alexander Harjo, a brother of Crazy Snake, was captured at Deep Fork charged with stealing a span of mules. Harjo is said to be wanted in Indiana and Tennessee.

Tree-planting and public school exercises marked the observance of arbor day throughout Montana.

The annual convention of the Knights of Columbus of Georgia began with an attendance of delegates from all parts of the state.

With an attendance representing the entire state, the annual convention of the master plumbers of Pennsylvania assembled at Wilkesbarre.

Luther J. Brown, head of the detective bureau of the United Railroads, San Francisco, charged with the alleged kidnaping in September, 1907, by Fremont Older, managing editor of the Bulletin, against whom a warrant for criminal libel by Brown had been sworn out in a Los Angeles court, was acquitted.

The mixing room of the Luffin-Rand powder mills at Turk station, Ohio, blew up late Monday afternoon, instantly killing four men.

A tornado struck Kentuckytown, Tex. The Baptist church and school house were destroyed and other property damaged. No casualties have been reported.

In a quarrel over a dog Alfred F. Johnson was killed by Henry Price at Venice, Ill.

The engagement of Miss Eleanor Millar to Richard U. Sherman, son of Vice-President James S. Sherman, was announced.

The Carnegie Steel company announced an increase in the price of light steel rails, of from three to four dollars a ton.

In the drill contest feature of the Iowa grand lodge, A. O. U. W., Ottumwa took first prize; Cedar Rapids second and Burlington third.

A fire which it is believed had its origin growing out of trouble in the strike in the East side bakers, destroyed the plant of the Star Baking company, Brooklyn. The loss will reach \$100,000.

With a message of felicitation President Taft opened the Omaha electrical exposition.

The lower branch of the Missouri legislature passed a bill prohibiting treating in saloons or other places where intoxicating liquors are sold. The penalty for doing so is a fine from \$5 to \$25.

The battleship Idaho passed in the Delaware breakwater from Kuantan- ambo, Cuba.

Count Johann Heinrich von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, received a cordial welcome by the German-Americans of Milwaukee upon his arrival.

A default judgment in the sum of \$650,000 was entered against the Harney Peaw Tin Mining company in favor of the Farmers' Loan and Trust company.

The battleship Mississippi arrived at New Orleans.

A reduction of 5 cents a barrel was announced by the Standard Oil company in the price of all grades of crude oil, except Ragland, which is unchanged.

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.

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

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

Washington.

Rear Admiral Uriah R. Harris was ordered to succeed Rear Admiral Edwin C. Pendleton as commandant of the Philadelphia navy yard. Admiral Pendleton will be retired because of age.

A protracted line and staff controversy over the bureau of steam engineering of the navy department was settled by the detail of Lieutenant Commander Hutch I. Cone as line officer. He was engineer-in-chief of the Atlantic fleet during its world's circling cruise.

With a total attendance of 3,000 camped in a city of tents, the annual conference of the Seventh Day Adventists was opened at Takoma park, a suburb of Washington.

Dr. Grisanti of Venezuela has been appointed as that government's agent before the Hague court which is to sit in the matter of arbitration of the disputed claims between Venezuela and the United States.

Edgar C. Snyder, Washington correspondent of the Omaha Bee, has been elected president of the league of republican state clubs, which comprises numerous state organizations in Washington.

The bureau of insular affairs has accepted the offer of the Mercantile Trust company of St. Louis to take \$995,000 of the four per cent Manila sewer and water works construction.

Diplomatic relations between the governments of Colombia and Venezuela have been resumed after a break of several years.

The Mercantile Trust company of St. Louis offered the best price, \$1,228.80 for each \$1,000 bond of the proposed issue of \$1,000,000 in bonds by the city of Manila for sewer and water works construction. This bid was for the whole amount.

A statue of Alexander R. Shepherd, second governor of the territorial government of the District of Columbia, was unveiled Monday afternoon in front of the district building.

Guinea pigs, rabbits, rats and similar animals must be transported by express companies at merchandise rates, under an order issued by the interstate commerce commission. Heretofore the express companies have exacted double merchandise rates.

Another balloon to take the place of that destroyed several days ago at Fort Omaha is to be purchased by the signal corps of the army. The capacity will be about 20,000 cubic feet and the cost about \$2,000. It will be used either as a captive or as a free balloon.

CAPITAL CITY NEWS

ITEMS OF INTEREST AROUND THE STATE HOUSE.

NEWS OF THE STATE CAPITAL

Doings of the State Officials and Other Happenings That Are of State-Wide Importance.

New Military Board.

Governor Shallenberger has approved the election of Maj. George A. Eberly of Stanton to the office of colonel of the First regiment Nebraska national guard, and the election of Maj. William Edmund Baehr of Omaha, lieutenant colonel of the same regiment. The governor has appointed a state military board, as provided for by the new military code. He has followed the old law with the exception of naming the judge advocate general of this board. This officer lives far from Lincoln and the expense would be considerable in requiring his attendance upon meetings. There are three men on the board who have licenses to practice law, and it is thought they can look after the legal needs of the guard. The new board comprises the following: Brig. Gen. John C. Hartigan, Brig. Gen. Joseph A. Storch, Col. Fred J. Mack, commanding the second regiment, Col. George A. Eberly, commanding the First regiment; Maj. Ernest Phelps inspector of small arms practice and surveying officer. The adjutant general has issued an order for the election of two majors in the First regiment to fill vacancies. The election will take place May 24. The resignation of Lieut. A. E. Liberty of company L, Second regiment, has been accepted by the commander in chief and the company is ordered to hold an election.

Railroad Men Are Heard.

The railway commission announced, after hearing railroad men and others on changes in classification proposed by railroad companies, that if the western classification is made the basis the commission will not issue an order within thirty to sixty days. This time will be allowed to permit shippers and others an opportunity to be heard.

The commission last year refused to adopt western classification No. 45 and for nearly one year No. 44 is the classification that has been in force. The numerous changes in articles from one class to another and the changes in carload weights made by the proposed classification No. 46 caused the commission to issue an order to retain No. 44 in force till a new one can be agreed upon. The commission desires to follow the example of railway commissions of other states and make one of its own. The present hearing is for that purpose. Classification No. 44 is used as a basis by the commission in adopting one of its own.

E. C. Hurd, Chief Engineer.

With the approval of Governor Shallenberger, the state railway commission has selected Elbert S. Hurd of Lincoln as chief engineer to value all railroad property in Nebraska at a salary of \$400 a month. The selection was made by Commissioners Clarke, Winnett, and Cowgill, with the approval of the governor. The legislature appropriated \$40,000 for the work of valuing railroad property and provided that salaries should be paid only to persons approved by the governor. The commission has received applications and visits from many of the best civil engineers in the country, men who have had experience in valuing railroad property, but it was finally decided to appoint a Nebraska man in the person of Mr. Hurd.

Nebraska Stands High.

Clerk J. A. Piper of the state board of charities and corrections has received a request from the state officers of Wyoming for the state of Nebraska to accept and care for all delinquents sentenced to reformatories. As the Wyoming law provides for the sentencing of delinquents between the ages of sixteen to twenty-five and the Nebraska law permits the sentencing of those not over eighteen years, the state officers of Nebraska were compelled to decline the Wyoming offer, although feeling flattered that Nebraska should be considered in the list of states standing high in the matter of juvenile court law and reformatories.

A New State Bank.

The Citizens' State bank of Benkelman has received a charter from the state banking board. It has a capital stock of \$20,000. The incorporators are C. B. Edwards, Fred R. Walker, David C. Hines and Milton Earl.

State Fair Improvements.

The board of managers of the state board of agriculture is well satisfied with the bids received and the award made by the board of public lands and buildings for the construction of half of the proposed livestock judging coliseum on the state fair grounds. Without the plumbing the building will cost \$45,000 and \$5,000 will be saved over the prices of building material charges six months ago. This saving is made alone in the reduced cost of steel and cement.

NEWS OF NEBRASKA

ITEMS OF GREATER OR LESSER IMPORTANCE OVER THE STATE.

PRESS, PLATFORM AND PULPIT

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

Copy of Plans Received.

A copy of the plans for the \$50,000 enlargement of the Fremont postoffice has reached Postmaster Swanson from the government architect at Washington, D. C. It shows that the government building in Fremont is to be made a modern two-story structure. An addition 45 by 32 is to be erected to the west and this space all to be given for facilitation of the postoffice business. The main lobby is to be widened and is to extend several feet north. Then a new lobby will be put in running east and west. On this will front a new screen containing some additional windows. At the west end of it will be the registry and money order window, which now forms the north end of the north and south lobby.

A second story is to be added to the postoffice and in it will be placed the offices of the deputy internal revenue collector, and the government animal inspector. There will be space left for other offices, but the plans do not call for the finish of them.

High Wind Fanned Flames.

An unknown person attempted to burn the entire town of Plainview, Nebraska, and succeeded in destroying the new \$15,000 Methodist church, the Methodist parsonage and an adjoining dwelling. The incendiary broke into the church in the northwest part of town at midnight, saturated the basement floor with gasoline and applied a match. Outside a sixty mile gale from the northwest raged and threatened to sweep the entire town with flying embers. The Norfolk fire department and others from neighboring towns were summoned. For four and a half hours the fire raged. Many men and women were prostrated and women fainted during the fire, which was finally conquered.

Chautauque Dates Confict.

The Tecumseh Chautauque association and the Auburn Chautauque association owned a large tent in partnership, the same being used by both associations. This year the dates of the two meetings conflict and consequently the Tecumseh managers have bought the interests of the Auburn association in the pavilion. The Tecumseh chautauque this year is to be held the last day of July and the first day in August. A splendid program has been contracted for.

School Bonds Carried.

The special school bond election to vote bonds to the amount of \$20,000 for the purpose of constructing a new school building for the public schools of Cambridge, was held Tuesday. The proposition carried with a large majority, there being only eleven votes against it. It is the intention of the board of education to have plans and specifications ready to commence work upon the new building as soon as the school closes this month.

Dismantling Tecumseh Mill.

George E. Hotchkiss, who has recently bought a site and is erecting a mill at Minden, is taking the machinery out of his Model milling plant in Tecumseh and will install the same in the Minden mill. Mr. Hotchkiss expects to convert the Tecumseh mill into a cereal mill, making the preparation of breakfast foods a specialty, and a different type of machinery will be required.

Little Girl Was Burned.

A terrible accident befell the little three-year-old daughter of Bruce Mansfield at Arlington. While playing in the kitchen where her mother was washing the little child stepped backwards and not noticing a tub of boiling water behind her, fell over the edge of the tub, scalding her left side, before her mother could get her out. She is thought to be seriously burned.

Collided With Buggy.

Frank McElhinney, Jr., and Walter Kniceley were severely bruised about the face and head in a collision with a buggy while riding a motorcycle at Hastings. The boys were riding towards the asylum when a horse became frightened and turned square across the road. The forepart of the motorcycle was demolished.

Run Over By a Disc.

The 11-year-old son of Charles Creighton, who lives in the Hickory Grove district, southeast of Tecumseh, is suffering the results of being run over by a disc. The young man fell in front of the implement and before the horses could be stopped the disc had passed over his body. A deep gash was cut in his hip and one of the bones in the pelvis severed. The team had become frightened and the boy went to their heads to quiet them, when they ran away with the result stated. Young Creighton is said to be getting along nicely.

NEBRASKA HAPPENINGS.

State News and Notes in Condensed Form.

The order of Eagles of Auburn has disbanded and is moving in the direction of disposing of the furniture of the lodge room.

A. F. Young, a wealthy farmer, died at his home near Berlin, at the age of sixty-six years. He is survived by his wife and three grown children.

The Hastings humane society has offered a reward of \$50 for the arrest and conviction of the person or persons who have been poisoning dogs. No arrests have yet been made.

Sometime during Wednesday night the county bridge over the Elkhorn river one mile east of Nickerson was completely destroyed by fire. Every span was burned but one, which fell into the river.

The Kearney Chautauque will be held this year from July 17 to 25. Excellent talent has been engaged and the permanent grounds bought a few months ago by the association are being parked and dressed up ready for the assembly.

Julius Kaufman, of Fremont, seventeen years of age, was probably fatally hurt in a runaway Monday night. His foot caught in one of the wheels and he was dragged a block. He was hurt internally and it is thought he has but small chance of recovery.

The benefit bazaar for Dunbar's \$10,999 M. W. A. hall and opera house combined closed Saturday night after lasting one week. The bazaar was started and engineered by the ladies. The community responded liberally and the bazaar is considered a success.

The volunteer fire department of West Point have selected the following officers: Chief, J. H. Hadebach; assistant chief, August Hanft; secretary, Otto Feyerherm; treasurer, G. L. Neiburg. The former fire chief, L. R. Malchow, retires after ten years of service.

The good roads germ is working in Jefferson county. The latest activity comes from Eureka precinct. A committee came from there during this session of the board of county commissioners asking for instructions to proceed with the building of good roads in the precinct.

The Cairo State bank has increased its authorized capital stock from \$10,000 to \$25,000, with \$15,000 paid up. No change was made in the officers.

Captain James Murray died at his residence in Fremont. Captain Murray in the earlier days was a prominent citizen of Fremont.

In connection with the landscape gardening which is being undertaken by the Fremont city schools, the city park commission will make some efforts along that line. Flower beds are to be set out in both the city parks and half of one of them is to be sown to bluegrass and clover.

William Hicks, who is in jail at Clay Center, charged with the assault and robbery of Robert McKeown near Sutton, waived preliminary examination Wednesday and is being held for the district court. The prosecution had twenty-seven witnesses from the vicinity of Sutton and Saronville.

William Schafer, an aged resident of West Point was taken before the commissioners of insanity and adjudged insane. Schafer is an old man and has been mentally affected for some years. On account of the crowded condition of the Norfolk hospital, he will be taken care of at West Point for some time.

The building committee of the proposed new United Brethren church at Crab Orchard is asking for proposals on the contemplated structure. E. M. Olds of Crab Orchard is chairman of the building committee. Recently the congregation lost its building by fire and a larger, more substantial structure is to be erected.

At the special election for voting on the issue of bonds in the sum of \$4,500 for the erection of a city hall at Table Rock, the bonds were defeated, the vote standing 58 against and 50 for. Only 108 votes were cast while at the election held a month ago 178 votes were cast. The bonds required a three-fifths majority so they were defeated by 37 votes.

The dedication of Humboldt's new \$10,000 Methodist church drew a great crowd of visitors from the city and surrounding country and the morning program Sunday was listened to with interest. All other English-speaking congregations were dismissed and the new house of worship was filled to the doors, ministers from the various other denominations being on the platform to assist in the service.

Quite a number of wolves have been killed in Johnson county this spring. Richard Gibb, a young farmer living near Tecumseh, dug out and captured a mother wolf and eight whelps one day recently. The old wolf put up a desperate fight but Mr. Gibb managed to muzzle her by wrapping a piece of kire around her jaw. Capturing the whelps he loaded the wolves into the buggy and took them home. He said he intended to kill them.

The Hastings woman's club gave a May party Monday evening. A special feature of the party was a May pole drill given by twenty young ladies. The proceeds of the party were applied to the woman's club fund for the Temple theater which will be built by the several organizations of the city.

Juanita Tribe of Red Men has been organized in Grand Island with Dr. J. M. Gahringer as prophet, J. M. Dunkel as sachem and A. J. Williamsen as chief of records. There are 125 old and new members. For many years the lodge was without life.

BANDITS ROB TRAIN

HOLDUP OF GREAT NORTHERN NOT FAR FROM SPOKANE

CAUSE INJURY OF A NUMBER

Mail Car Collides With Coaches, But Force Partly Stopped by Tie on Track—Haul Said to Be Heavy.

In the hold-up of the Great Northern passenger train No. 3, between Colbert and Mead, shortly before midnight Saturday, twelve persons were injured when the engine and mail car, run wild down the track by the bandits after they had rifled the mails, collided with the remaining cars of the train. The bandits detached the engine and mail cars from the train, ran them down the tracks a considerable distance, and then, after the registered mail had been opened, they sent the engine back to collide with the cars standing on the track.

When the train reached Colbert, some switching had to be done. While the engine crew was busy at this work two men suddenly appeared in the engine cab and thrusting a revolver against the body of the engineer, William Miller, ordered him to do as commanded. The engineer and fireman, John Hall, obeyed.

The car was coupled onto the train and pulled out. After the train had proceeded a few miles the engineer was ordered to stop and he and the fireman were forced to leave the cab.

Two robbers then went to the door of the mail car and ordered it opened. Their command was obeyed by Benjamin F. Stump, the mail clerk. Meanwhile two other bandits were uncoupling the mail car and the locomotive.

Soon after the train stopped, the conductor, C. L. Robertson, jumped from the car but was driven back by a dozen revolver shots.

Hastily climbing into the cab, the outlaws sent the engine hurrying down the track—how far is not known. As soon as the conductor was aware there was a holdup he ordered a brakeman to the rear of the train to prevent a collision, and had another brakeman cut in the telegraph wire to send word to Spokane. A third member of the train crew was hurried to the station with the news.

Armenians Fired Upon.

Two hundred Armenians who started away from Adana were fired upon soon after their departure from the city by a band of Moslems. The Armenians returned panic-stricken. The military commissioners, however, gave assurance that the Armenians would be safeguarded and sent out patrols through the country. The police are taking active measures to restore to the Armenians their unburned houses. Captain William C. Marshall, commanding the United States armored cruiser North Carolina, and Edward C. Nathan, the American consul at Patras, Greece, are now at Adana engaged in an investigation of conditions. The heat is intense and there is still much suffering.

Joan of Arc Ceremonies at Paris.

The three days' fete in honor of the beatification of Joan of Arc ended Saturday with impressive services at Notre Dame, at which Mgr. Amlette, arch-bishop of Paris, presided. The Catholic societies for some days previous to the celebration sent out requests that the people decorate and the response was general. The royalist committee of Paris seized the occasion to give a dinner of 800 covers in honor of the Duke of Orleans. At the conclusion of the banquet a number of the younger section attempted to form a parade, despite the objections of the police, who finally broke up the procession and tore down the banners. Fifteen arrests were made.

Nebraska Pioneer is Dead.

Thomas A. Creigh died Sunday morning at his home in Omaha, aged sixty-nine years. He had been ill five days, having contracted a cold at the Grand Army encampment at York that developed into pneumonia. He came to Nebraska during the territorial days, locating at Lincoln, where he was in business.

Winnipeg Earthquake Shock.

Reports from the earthquake in western Canada continue to come in. The tremor was not so severe as in Saskatchewan province, where goods were shaken from store shelves and the shock was most abrupt. At Regina patients in the hospital were shaken out of bed and people rushed in terror from hotels and big buildings.

Tenth Cavalry Coming Home.

The United States army transport Kilpatrick sailed for New York on the Suez canal on Sunday with the Tenth cavalry aboard. The regiment constituted itself a special guard of honor for the bodies of Col. Jacob Augur, who commanded the regiment at the time of his death, and Captain Eugene F. Jervey, Jr., a former troop commander of the Tenth, who died a few days ago. The Kilpatrick also carries the bodies of Major Shlimer, of the army medical staff, and Thomas Kinney, a prominent attorney at Manila.