

EPITOME OF A WEEK'S NEWS

Most Important Happenings Told in Brief.

Domestic.

Mrs. Jennie L. Berry of Des Moines, Iowa, won in a fight for the national presidency of the Woman's Relief Corps.

Samuel R. Van Sant of Minnesota was elected commander-in-chief of the G. A. R. at Salt Lake City.

In 1908 the packers of the United States shipped 325,000 cars of packing house products and byproducts.

The Chinese minister, Wu Ting Fang, has been recalled from Washington and ordered to Peking for further assignment.

Harry K. Thaw has been sent back to the asylum, Judge Mills deciding his habeas corpus case against him.

A lone bandit held up the cashier of the bank at Franklin, Illinois, and secured about \$2,500 and made his escape.

Rectifiers are prohibited from making wine mash and using it for the production of compound liquors.

Night work has been begun on the addition being built to the executive offices of the white house.

It was learned that Gutzon Borglum, the sculptor, has received a commission to make a bust of President Taft.

The fortieth annual convention of the Iowa Knights of Pythias grand lodge opened with about 650 delegates in attendance.

After sixty-two years of continuous practice in dentistry in Westchester, Pa., Dr. Jesse Cope Green, ninety-two years old, retired from the practice of his profession.

Emperor William conferred the crown order of the first class on Charles W. Elliot, former president of Harvard university.

Manning C. Palmer, former president of the American Exchange National bank of Syracuse, N. Y., was discharged from Auburn prison on a pardon granted him by President Taft.

The seizure of about \$500,000 worth of whisky from the warehouses of the Cascade Distilling company at Nashville, Tenn., will cost the company \$10,000 to obtain the release of the seized spirits and immunity from prosecution for the wealthy distillers.

An eastbound Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe train was wrecked by a broken rail near Gorin, Mo. Engineer Coulter was buried under the locomotive and killed.

After marrying his five thousandth couple, according to his own computation, Dr. E. S. Whistler was taken ill at Youngstown, Ohio, and died.

The second American Esperanto congress is in session at Chautauqua, Isaac C. Wolfe, aged seventy, of Paducah, Ky., was killed by an automobile on the highway near Bellevue, Ill.

Ella Ginkles, the young Irish lace-maker whose trial in Chicago for larceny from her employer attracted national attention because of her sensational charge that an attempt had been made to force her into "white slavery" sailed for her home in Ireland on the steamer Campania.

Officers are searching for the murderer of a woman in a restaurant at Cheyenne, Wyo., March 14, was found guilty of murder in the second degree.

Adolph Fleischman, a wealthy fruit grower of Los Angeles, Cal., had to pay the United States customs service \$2,587 because goods that he and his wife brought with them on their return from their wedding trip abroad had been declared worth only \$349.

One hundred and forty-seven thousand seven hundred and sixty-nine applications for lands in the Coeur d'Alene, Flathead and Spokane reservations, where 700,000 acres will be opened to settlement by the government, were reported by notaries at the close of the ninth day.

A notable appreciation of the efforts of the United States in behalf of peace and orderly government occurred at Asuncion, Paraguay, on the departure from that place on Sunday of Edward C. O'Brien, the American minister, says a dispatch received at the state department from Vice-Consul Platt at Asuncion.

A strike of street laborers in Pittsburgh, Pa., which has been of small proportions for some days, has become widespread, and gangs of the men are parading the streets.

Posey Ryan, charged with killing his wife and daughter in a restaurant at Cheyenne, Wyo., March 14, was found guilty of murder in the second degree.

Adolph Fleischman, a wealthy fruit grower of Los Angeles, Cal., had to pay the United States customs service \$2,587 because goods that he and his wife brought with them on their return from their wedding trip abroad had been declared worth only \$349.

One hundred and forty-seven thousand seven hundred and sixty-nine applications for lands in the Coeur d'Alene, Flathead and Spokane reservations, where 700,000 acres will be opened to settlement by the government, were reported by notaries at the close of the ninth day.

A notable appreciation of the efforts of the United States in behalf of peace and orderly government occurred at Asuncion, Paraguay, on the departure from that place on Sunday of Edward C. O'Brien, the American minister, says a dispatch received at the state department from Vice-Consul Platt at Asuncion.

A strike of street laborers in Pittsburgh, Pa., which has been of small proportions for some days, has become widespread, and gangs of the men are parading the streets.

Gen. P. P. Johnston, adjutant general of the Kentucky state guard, was held to the grand jury for an assault on Denny B. Goode, editor of a weekly publication in Louisville.

Dr. Robert J. Burdette, who is ill at his summer home at Clifton-by-the-Sea, was reported Monday as being much better.

The sheep men of South Dakota report the best wool crop ever known.

The striking workmen of Sweden continue to return to work. The stevedores of Gothenburg are the latest to resume and the foreigners taken to Gothenburg to fill their places are being returned to their homes.

A separator belonging to William Leonard of Odell was burned on the farm of Frank Burger, ten miles southwest of Beatrice, while the harvest hands were eating supper.

Charles Bumgard and Clara Powers, who eloped from Sabetha, Kan., were arrested at Fairbury and lodged in jail. En route west they stopped off at Rockford in the same county, but upon learning that the officers were after them, left on the first train before a warrant for their arrest could be issued.

Great preparations are being made for the annual agricultural fair at Calaway, the dates for this year being September 21, 22, 23 and 24. This fair was organized and is supported exclusively by the business men of Calaway and the farmers of the community, and no financial help is received from either the state or county.

Frank Larson, who received a Carnegie medal about two years ago for saving the life of little Earl Delaney at Exeter, is to marry the mother. One day when young Larson was firing on the road he saw a child on the track ahead of the engine which was moving at the rate of forty miles an hour.

In answer to the request of the railroad companies for a postponement of the hearing on the classification of freight rates set for the latter part of September, the State Railway commission has made the roads a proposition to the effect that if the railroads will furnish a transcript of all the evidence taken before the court for the use of the commission it will consent to a postponement until December 1.

James J. Hill, chairman of the board of the Great Northern, has offered \$2,500 in gold as prizes to be awarded for the best grains and grasses grown in the territory along his lines to be exhibited at the National Corn Exposition in Omaha December 6 to 18.

Adolphus Busch of St. Louis returned from Carlsbad a few days ago to his villa in Lange Schwabach. He has a severe cold and has been ordered to stay in bed, but his condition does not give occasion for serious anxiety.

General Von Einem, the Prussian minister of war, retired from office. He will at once take up his new duties as commander of the Seventh army corps.

The labor strike at Stockholm, Sweden, is showing signs of a collapse.

Reports are current in yachting circles that King Alfonso of Spain is a possible challenger for the American cup.

General Charles Louis Tremenu has been appointed commander in chief of the French army in succession to General de la Croix.

The Duke of the Abruzzi has established a fair this year, sometime in October.

The state railway commission refused to authorize the ten cent rate of the Nebraska Traction and Power company between Omaha and Ralston.

By the will of Mrs. Marie Steinbeck of Grand Island, which has just been probated, the Nebraska Children's Home Society receives \$500.

The first annual old settlers' reunion for Cass county was held at Union and was attended by thousands of people.

At Weston Will Warren's four-year-old girl was badly bitten about the face by a dog which it is believed has hydrophobia.

At Lincoln death came instantly to Maurice Laughlin, a young lineman in the employ of the traction company. He was killed by a shock while on top of the hurry-up repair wagon.

City delivery service will be established on November 1 at Aurora with three letter carriers, one substitute carrier, twenty street letter boxes and one combination box.

NEBRASKA IN BRIEF STATE ASSESSMENT

NEWS NOTES OF INTEREST FROM VARIOUS SECTIONS.

ALL SUBJECTS TOUCHED UPON

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

Johnson county has decided to hold a fair this year, sometime in October.

The state railway commission refused to authorize the ten cent rate of the Nebraska Traction and Power company between Omaha and Ralston.

By the will of Mrs. Marie Steinbeck of Grand Island, which has just been probated, the Nebraska Children's Home Society receives \$500.

The first annual old settlers' reunion for Cass county was held at Union and was attended by thousands of people.

At Weston Will Warren's four-year-old girl was badly bitten about the face by a dog which it is believed has hydrophobia.

At Lincoln death came instantly to Maurice Laughlin, a young lineman in the employ of the traction company. He was killed by a shock while on top of the hurry-up repair wagon.

City delivery service will be established on November 1 at Aurora with three letter carriers, one substitute carrier, twenty street letter boxes and one combination box.

T. S. Keltner of Wagner, who had been attending to some business in the land office at Broken Bow, was found dead in bed at the home of D. M. Amsherry, with whom he was stopping. Death was due to heart failure.

The county commissioners of Otoe county have given notice to all farmers to comply with the law in the matter of cutting weeds about their places and unless it is done and the roads kept clear the work will be done and charged up to their property.

Pioneer day will be celebrated Saturday, August 28, at the public park in Florence by the old settlers of Douglas county. The civil war veterans of Douglas county hold an encampment of four days at Florence beginning August 25 and ending with Pioneer day.

Patrick Duncan of Rulo found a body on a sand bar five miles north of Rulo left there by the high water of the Missouri river. There was very little left of the body but the skeleton and no trace of the identity of this man could be discovered by Coroner Reneker.

A separator belonging to William Leonard of Odell was burned on the farm of Frank Burger, ten miles southwest of Beatrice, while the harvest hands were eating supper.

Charles Bumgard and Clara Powers, who eloped from Sabetha, Kan., were arrested at Fairbury and lodged in jail. En route west they stopped off at Rockford in the same county, but upon learning that the officers were after them, left on the first train before a warrant for their arrest could be issued.

Great preparations are being made for the annual agricultural fair at Calaway, the dates for this year being September 21, 22, 23 and 24. This fair was organized and is supported exclusively by the business men of Calaway and the farmers of the community, and no financial help is received from either the state or county.

Frank Larson, who received a Carnegie medal about two years ago for saving the life of little Earl Delaney at Exeter, is to marry the mother. One day when young Larson was firing on the road he saw a child on the track ahead of the engine which was moving at the rate of forty miles an hour.

In answer to the request of the railroad companies for a postponement of the hearing on the classification of freight rates set for the latter part of September, the State Railway commission has made the roads a proposition to the effect that if the railroads will furnish a transcript of all the evidence taken before the court for the use of the commission it will consent to a postponement until December 1.

James J. Hill, chairman of the board of the Great Northern, has offered \$2,500 in gold as prizes to be awarded for the best grains and grasses grown in the territory along his lines to be exhibited at the National Corn Exposition in Omaha December 6 to 18.

Adolphus Busch of St. Louis returned from Carlsbad a few days ago to his villa in Lange Schwabach. He has a severe cold and has been ordered to stay in bed, but his condition does not give occasion for serious anxiety.

General Von Einem, the Prussian minister of war, retired from office. He will at once take up his new duties as commander of the Seventh army corps.

The labor strike at Stockholm, Sweden, is showing signs of a collapse.

Reports are current in yachting circles that King Alfonso of Spain is a possible challenger for the American cup.

General Charles Louis Tremenu has been appointed commander in chief of the French army in succession to General de la Croix.

The Duke of the Abruzzi has established a fair this year, sometime in October.

The state railway commission refused to authorize the ten cent rate of the Nebraska Traction and Power company between Omaha and Ralston.

By the will of Mrs. Marie Steinbeck of Grand Island, which has just been probated, the Nebraska Children's Home Society receives \$500.

EVERYTHING ARRANGED EXCEPT IN DOUGLAS COUNTY.

THERE A DEADLOCK APPEARS

Without Douglas County the Total Valuation of the State is Given as \$363,230,086.

The determination of Secretary of State Junkin to force an increase in the valuation of the merchandise of Douglas county or secure a reconsideration of the action of the state board of equalization in increasing the value of bank stock, has delayed action on Douglas county's assessment, until the return of State Treasurer Brian. Even then it is possible no agreement can be reached and that it will be necessary for the board to defer action until the governor gets back from the northwest.

Auditor Barton has returned from the east, but as Land Commissioner Cowles and the secretary of state do not agree about Omaha merchandise or banks the auditor's vote would not settle the question.

So Secretary Henry Seymour was instructed to proceed to certify out the valuation of all the other counties, together with a statement showing the amount of money each county is expected to pay in taxes.

Without Douglas county the total valuation of the state is \$363,230,086. The levy of 4 1/2 mills for the general fund will raise \$1,634,535; the university 1 mill levy will raise \$363,230, making a total of \$1,997,765, the total state and school tax to be paid by all the counties except Douglas.

The total appropriations to be paid out of the general fund amount to \$3,976,969. It is estimated that of this sum \$600,000 will be realized by fees paid to the state and money received from miscellaneous sources. This will leave a total of \$3,376,969 to be raised by levy. One-half of this to be raised the first year will be \$1,688,484.

The total assessed value of the state is approximately \$399,000,000. The levy for the general fund on this sum is 4 1/2 mills. This will realize \$1,795,500. It is estimated that 95 per cent of this will be collected, or \$1,705,725.

Herefords at the State Fair. An exhibitor of Hereford cattle living in another state has written Secretary W. R. Mellor that he has not shown in Nebraska for several years and does not like the premium list which provides that if there is no competition only one-half of the premium shall be paid, but he thinks he will come with his Herefords.

Secretary Mellor has written him that he is likely to find a little competition in his line and he promises to make it interesting for him. The reluctant exhibitor will find when he arrives at the state fair that he will have to compete with Hereford herds entered by seven different exhibitors alone who have herds aggregating more than 149 animals, which was the total number of animals in this class exhibited last year at the Nebraska state fair.

Cash Prizes for Hustlers. The Union Pacific has hit upon the novel scheme of giving cash prizes to its station agents for expediting the shipment of grain. This is one of the methods adopted in the effort to handle the enormous grain crop. All railroads are confronted by the task and are preparing in various ways to meet it. For some months they have been hustling cars needing repair to the shops so they might be ready for the rush when it came. The new system is one of merit for agents during the months of August, September and October.

Emergency Rate on Machinery. The Burlington railroad has secured permission from the railway commission to put in an emergency rate of 25 cents per 100 pounds for hauling the machinery and building material of the Ames sugar factory in Scotts Bluff county, the rate to be effective until February 28. The railroad said this rate is not a compensatory rate, but in order to help out a Nebraska industry it is willing to put in the low rate.

Pullman Rates Reduced. The State Railway commission issued an order reducing Pullman rates in Nebraska. The minimum of \$2 was cut to \$1.50 and the maximum from \$3.50 to \$2.50. Instead of seats being 25 cents, 50 cents and on up at a jump of 25 cents, 5 cents was the unit.

Many Fine Stock Entries. The fine stock entries for the state fair are coming in faster than in any previous year, there being 240 entries to date with prospects for at least 636 before the fair opens. This number will just fill the new live stock barn. Entries made before August 15 will be listed in the official catalog of the fair.

Tangle Over Normal School. A delegation called at the state house from Dawes county to get information regarding the proper steps to take to get a state normal school located at Crawford. As there are two boards, each of which claims to be the real board with power to act in the matter of the selection of a site for the new normal school, towns in the west end of the state that are anxious for the school are at a loss just how to proceed. The delegation, headed by C. F. Coffey, paid its respects to the governor.

THE NEW BANK LAW.

Attorney for the State Files His Brief.

Judge I. L. Albert, attorney for the state in the defense of the banking law enacted by the late legislature, has filed in the federal court his brief in reply to the brief of John L. Webster and William V. Allen. It is believed an early decision will be handed down.

In discussing the right of the state to limit the banking business to incorporations and the right to issue notes for circulation, Judge Albert said: "Counsel concedes that the right to issue such paper is no longer a common law right, to be exercised at the pleasure of the citizen, but one that rests on a grant from the state. Now we have already shown that it is one of the incidental rights which accompanies the right to engage in banking generally; that it is so essentially a part of banking that an institution without the power to issue such paper is not a bank. The court will take judicial notice of the fact that there is nothing in the federal constitution which prohibits the issuance of such paper and that it is prohibited by no act of congress. If it is true, then, as counsel concedes, that the right to issue such paper must rest on a grant from the state, and that the right to engage in banking generally carries with it the right to issue such paper, does it not follow that the right to engage in banking generally is no longer a common law right, but one lawfully exercisable only under a franchise from the state? Does it not also follow that the legislative act under consideration, which deals with banking generally, is to be regarded as one designed, not to regulate the exercise of a common law right, but to fix the terms and conditions upon which a franchise may be obtained and enjoyed."

"We come now to the guaranty feature of the law. Counsel call attention to the brevity of our argument on this branch of the case. Speaking for himself, the writer would say that one of his excuses is that his argument was prepared exclusively for this court and not for distribution among laymen. For that reason he assumed that elementary principles, matters of history and of common knowledge would be noticed without an elaborate argument or citation of authorities. For like reason he refrained from any attempt to answer the arguments based on the Dartmouth college case, never doubting that the court would take judicial notice of our constitutional provisions which render them wholly inapplicable. Another and stronger reason influenced him in this respect, and that is, that when he felt that he had shown that the right to do a general banking business is no longer a common right, but a right dependant on a grant from the state, the validity of the guaranty feature would follow as a logical conclusion. He is of the opinion that he has established that proposition. The validity of his conclusion can be tested by any standard history of banking."

Cattle Destroying Crops. Hooker county homesteaders have petitioned Gov. Shallenberger to come to their assistance and save their crops from cattle, which are being grazed without being herded. In a letter signed by twenty-four homesteaders it was set out that the owners of the cattle had been appealed to through employes, but no effort had been made by them to save the crops of the settlers. Some time ago another complaint was received by the governor, who turned the complaint over to Deputy United States Attorney Lane.

Brewer Complains of Rates. The Hastings Brewing company has complained to the railway commission that the railroads have been charging it a rate of 40 cents when the Omaha rate is 30 and as a result it is losing most of its business in the towns near Hastings. The rates on file with the commission do not show a 40-cent rate for Hastings and if the brewing company produces bills of lading showing that price was charged, the commission will institute proceedings against the railroad companies.

To Make Fish Secure. Heavy, half-inch glass is to be placed in the catfish tanks in the fisheries building at the state fair grounds. This will be done on the recommendation of Superintendent O'Brien, of the state hatcheries. He says that a fairly bulky catfish, given a swimming start of eight feet, can splinter an inch pine board. This is the reason that thin glass will not do for fish tanks.

Reward for Phillips. Governor Shallenberger has offered a reward of \$200 for the apprehension of James Phillips, who is charged with having murdered Marsh Hamilton in Omaha.

Asked to Make River Trip. Governor Shallenberger has received an invitation to accompany President Taft and the party of governors down the Mississippi river from St. Louis to New Orleans October 25 to 30.

Missouri Pacific Pays Up. Secretary of State Junkin received a check for \$70,000 from A. J. Shores, attorney for the Missouri Pacific railroad, the fee charged by the state for filing the amended articles of incorporation of the consolidated company, \$31,000 of the amount was paid under protest. The capital stock of the consolidated company is \$240,000,000. The attorney for the company insisted that he should be given credit for the fee paid on the capital stock of \$100,000,000 and he made a proffer of \$30,000. This was refused.

FIRST BATCH IS OUT

PRESIDENT SELECTS SOME CENSUS SUPERVISORS.

FOUR NAMED FOR NEBRASKA

Frank E. Helvey Selected for First District, Saunders in Second, Hays in Third and Cross in Fourth.

Beverly, Mass.—In a letter addressed to Secretary Nagel, of the department of commerce and labor, President Taft served notice that any man engaged in the taking of the thirteenth census of the United States who engages in politics in any way will immediately be dismissed from the service. Outside of casting their votes, the president believes that census supervisors and enumerators should keep clear of anything that savors of politics, national, state or local. The president orders that the secretary of commerce and labor and the director of the census embody more regulations governing the taking of the census in accordance with the rule so forcibly laid down in his letter. Mr. Taft says that in appointing census supervisors it has been found necessary to select men recommended by senators and congressmen in their districts.

He says he realizes that this method of selection might easily be perverted to political purposes, and it is to take the census out of politics, so far as the actual work is concerned that he has explicitly expressed his desires as to the regulations.

President Taft has told the representatives and senators who have urged various men for census places that he would insist that no active partisans should be named, and that on attempts should be made to build up a political machine in any state or district through the distribution of the census patronage.

Mr. Taft's task is a little more than half completed. Practically all of the appointments have been agreed upon, but some are being held up temporarily on account of protests.

The census supervisors announced include: Iowa—First district, John W. Rowley; Second district, Asa A. Hall; Seventh district Cambridge Culbertson.

Kansas—First district, William H. Smith; Third district, Charles Yocum. Nebraska—First district, Frank E. Helvey; Second district, Charles L. Saunders; Third district, Joseph Albert Hays; Fourth district, Philip P. Cross.

North Dakota—First district, Carl N. Frich.

Heavy Earthquake Damage. Tokio—Reports received Sunday concerning the earthquake in central Japan Saturday afternoon show that there were a number of fatalities and that great damage was done to property. The dead at present is said to be thirty, though it is feared that the fatalities will be greatly increased in the outlying districts when heard from. The number of persons injured is eighty-two. Thus far 362 buildings, including many temples, are reported to have been destroyed and more than 1,000 other badly damaged.

The shock occurred at 3:30 o'clock Saturday afternoon, and affected a wide area in the Shiga and Gifu prefectures. The town of Ozaku, in Gifu, suffered terribly. The banks of the Hida river there broke and the surrounding country was inundated. The people of the district fled to high ground and remained in the open all night. Shocks were felt throughout Saturday night and early Sunday morning.

The mountain Ibuki, a short distance west of Gifu, emitted smoke in the early stages of the earthquake and then collapsed with a thunderous roar. The formation of the mountain was completely changed.

Slight damage was done at Nagoya, to the southward of Gifu and neighboring villages.

Governor is Guest. Spokane, Wash.—Governor Shallenberger of Nebraska, accompanied by Mrs. Shallenberger, Miss Grace Shallenberger and Lieut. Martin Shallenberger of Fort Crook, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Jones, 1830 Pacific avenue, during their stay in Spokane, August 13 to 15, when the chief executive of Nebraska attended a conference of governors of western and southern states and the seventeenth session of the national irrigation congress. Mrs. Jones is Governor Shallenberger's sister. Several entertainments were arranged, including an auto drive and a dancing party at Liberty Lake in honor of Miss Shallenberger and Miss Eulalia Zilg of Milwaukee, who is also visiting the Jones family. Mrs. Shallenberger and Mrs. John Zilg of Milwaukee were among the patronesses at the party. Mrs. Jones will accompany the Shallenberger and Zilg families to Yellowstone park, where they will visit for several weeks, returning to Spokane early in September.

Kills Babies and Herself. Chicago.—Mrs. Marie Handzel Sunday committed suicide and at the same time asphyxiated her three boy babies. She had carefully dressed her children and carried them into the bath room where she had closed the door and turned on the gas. The smell of gas awakened her husband, Joseph Handzel, early Sunday morning and when he broke open the door of the bath room he found the four dead bodies. The twins were wrapped in a quilt and placed in the tub, while the elder boy was clasped tightly in his mother's arms.