

NEWS NOTES CONDENSED

A Boiling Down of the More Important Events Here and There

Foreign.

Though official reticence concerning the exact state of King Leopold's health is maintained, information from private sources is that his condition is causing the utmost anxiety. It is reported that rheumatism is extending and has been complicated by paralysis, of which he has experienced two strokes, as well as with pulmonary trouble.

A Niarobi, British East Africa, dispatch says: Kermit Roosevelt arrived here. He is going to Mombasa on a hunt for antelope. He has just secured two bonzo. Colonel Roosevelt has not arrived here from Njoro, but is expected soon.

E. L. Poole, of Havana, Cuba, closed a deal with the Philippine government for the purchase of the San Jose friar estate of 55,000 acres in the island of Mindoro. The purchase price was \$367,000. The tract will be used for the cultivation of sugar and it is understood that the buyer represents the Havemeyers.

The Chinese government has sent a circular note to the powers protesting against Russia's claims to the right of administration over the Manchurian railway zones. The protest deals lengthily with the Russian communique which was sent to the powers October 8.

Baron Sidney Sonnino, who was premier in 1906, has been semi-officially intrusted with the formation of a new Italian cabinet, the Giolitti cabinet having resigned.

According to the Standard J. Pierpont Morgan & Company of New York and Drexel & Company of Philadelphia will become the partners of a London firm, which will be styled Morgan, Grenfell & Company.

General.

Governor Hughes of New York has taken up the consideration of prospective legislation for the control of airship flights. He believes, it is announced, that such legislation will soon become necessary in many states.

Francis J. Heney confirmed the report that he has filed suit in New York against William H. Crocker of San Francisco for \$250,000 for alleged libel.

Alvin K. Hiskins of Alton, Ill., was notified by the United States government that it had purchased his patent range under and distance appraiser for \$500,000.

Mr. Edward Harriman has taken up the active management of the Harriman estate and will hereafter observe regular office hours on three or four days of each week with her work.

There were 8,878,277 running bales of cotton ginned from the growth of 1909 to December 1 as compared with 11,008,661 for 1908.

George Crocker's gift to Columbia university to be used for the investigation of cancer, of which he died in New York, will amount to at least \$1,500,000, according to the will.

A change in the date of the inauguration of the President of the United States from March 4 to the last Thursday in April is strongly urged in the annual report of the commissioners of the District of Columbia presented to congress.

Congress will be asked to grant a new national charter to the proposed pan-American bank.

The Norfolk & Southern railway property was bid in by the reorganization committee for \$5,500,000.

The secretary of the interior has approved the decision of the commissioner of the land office in the case of Henry Kern against John Eaton, on appeal of the former in dismissing his contest against the homestead entry of the latter, located in the Alliance (Neb.) land district.

At Kansas City Joseph Campbell killed his wife, then took his own life. He was a morphine fiend.

The president's message, as presented to congress, was pleasing to republicans.

The president will exert all his influence looking to changes in the interstate commerce act.

George R. Callot of Nebraska has been nominated for governor of Porto Rico by President Taft. The salary is \$8,000 a year.

President Taft will make the opening address at the convention of the National Civic Federation to begin its important work in Washington Jan. 17, next.

In a street duel with knives at Alton, Ark., Miss Nora Owens was fatally injured by Miss Stella Belk and died within a few minutes.

Senator Elmer J. Burkett of Nebraska has prepared a resolution, which he intends to present to congress, calling for a thorough investigation of the sugar trust.

According to an official dispatch from Bitlis, Asiatic Turkey, several small villages in that vicinity have been destroyed by an earthquake.

Congress opened on noon Monday, but the president's message was not read until Tuesday.

The government of Honduras, apprehending an armed invasion, has proclaimed martial law throughout the republic.

Congress is to be assembled by reform organizations within a day or so after it convenes.

Democratic senators met to select a successor to Senator Culberson as caucus chairman, only to find he had not formally resigned.

Burlington men believe that H. E. Byram is soon to become assistant general manager.

The Phoenix insurance company of Brooklyn stands to lose heavily by alleged irregular management.

Congressman Hitchcock of Nebraska offered a resolution looking to the reopening of the Alaska coal land scandal.

In the United States court of appeals at St. Paul the sentence imposed by the United States district court of Nebraska upon members of the Nebraska Land & Feeding company was affirmed. The defendants had been given both fines and jail sentences and the original infliction will now be carried out.

A statute in tribute to C. E. Perkins, railroad builder, has been erected at Burlington, Ia.

After January 1, 1910, football is barred from the public schools of Greater New York. This was decided by resolution at a meeting of the board of education.

In a decision the interstate commerce commission suggests that when railroads make a special excursion rate to state or county fairs or to large state meetings, the rate be symmetrical with other rates of a similar kind.

"There is absolutely no foundation for the report that the Oregon Short Line is to relinquish control of the Salt Lake division of the Southern Pacific," said President Lovett of the Harriman system. "I cannot imagine where or how the rumors originated."

The recent snow storm in Kansas is said to have been a great help to wheat.

Washington.

In speaking of the federal inspection of dairy herds which the department of agriculture has started in the District of Columbia, with the purpose of doing away as far as possible with tubercular-infected milk, secretary of Agriculture Wilson says: "If it is believed the condition discovered in the city of Washington exists in many other cities of the United States and it is the intention of the department of agriculture to make Washington an example for all other cities to follow."

Recalling the fact that the leading political parties during their last national convention pledged themselves to statehood bills, George Curry who recently resigned the governorship of New Mexico, in his annual report to Secretary Ballinger again urges his aid and influence toward obtaining statehood for the territory at the coming session of congress.

As Christmas falls on Saturday this year it is likely that the two houses of congress will adjourn the middle of that week until Monday, January 3. So far Speaker Cannon has not given the matter any consideration so far as the house is concerned, but the indications are the adjournment will be about Wednesday or Thursday of Christmas week.

"Expedition and Dispatch" is the watchword passed along in the matter of appropriations at this session and already several of the bills which will carry millions of dollars for the will carry millions of dollars for the way.

Representative Hinshaw of Nebraska took up with the state department and will later lay before the president the petitions of the railroad employees' organization all over the west in the case of J. A. Cook, a railroad trainman, who is in jail in Mexico.

While on a visit to Boston from his home at Charleston, S. C., Brigadier General Henry M. Adams, U. S. A., retired, died. He was identified for a number of years with the engineer corps of the army. He was born in Massachusetts in 1844.

Announcement was made at the state department of the appointment of William J. Calhoun of Chicago as minister to China. Mr. Calhoun has accepted the appointment and the Chinese government has indicated its pleasure in receiving him. In appointing Mr. Calhoun to the Chinese mission President Taft has selected a man of wide experience and one well qualified to fill that very important post.

The government faces important problems relating to channels and terminals in proposed waterways improvement.

While his wife and three little children were out walking, John K. Southern, of Washington, an artist, committed suicide by shooting. Southern was 39 years of age.

Personal.

The chief danger of the president's economy program lies in the fact that it is almost impossible to have congress hold down expenses.

Susan Stewart, wife of Paymaster General Stewart, U. S. N., retired, of South Orange, N. J., died in Washington. She will be buried in the national cemetery at Arlington.

A New York paper claims Cook sought aid in preparing data.

The National Corn Show at Omaha was opened by an address by President Wattles.

The will of the late William M. Laffan, proprietor of the New York Sun, as filed for probate, leaves all his property to his widow. There were no children.

Control of the Equitable has been secured by J. Pierpont Morgan.

Attorney General Fred. S. Jackson will enter the race for congress in the Fourth district of Kansas against J. M. Miller, the present member

WILL CONSOLIDATE

SYNOD TO MOVE BELLEVUE INSTITUTION TO HASTINGS. HAPPENINGS OVER THE STATE

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

Kearney, Neb.—At an adjourned session of Presbyterian synod of Nebraska for the purpose of receiving an action on the part of the commission appointed to investigate the affairs of the colleges at Bellevue and Hastings the following resolutions were adopted:

"Resolved, That it is the sense of the synod that Bellevue college and Hastings college should be united, and that this united college shall be located at Hastings and shall be the synodical college and shall be known as the Bellevue college or such other name as the board of trustees of the two institutions shall determine.

"That the board of trustees of Hastings and Bellevue college be authorized and directed as soon as possible to take such action as may be necessary for turning over the property of Bellevue college and the assumption of the debts of Bellevue college by the trustees of Hastings college.

"It shall also be provided that the work being done at Bellevue college shall not be discontinued before the close of the present school year."

Wedded Fifty Years Ago.

Falls City, Neb.—Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Wiltsie enjoyed the golden anniversary of their wedding Wednesday. The members of the family attended the affair. Mr. Wiltsie is in his seventy-fifth year and Mrs. Wiltsie is seventy years old. He was raised on the farm in Erie County, New York, and received his education at the common school and the Genesee Wesleyan college at Lima, New York. He was married to Miss Mary Lena Wahl, December 7, 1859, and moved to Waukesha, Wis. He moved to Rulo, Neb., in 1861, where he has seen Nebraska grow from a desert, inhabited by buffalo, to a wealthy state in the union.

In 1864 he joined the union army, Company K, Forty-eighth Missouri Infantry. At times he has been offered the presidency of Genesee college, the appointment of captain in the regular army, superintendent of schools (territorial), and surveyor general of the state of Nebraska (territorial). He declined all of these offers.

Breeders in Convention.

Omaha.—The most notable event in connection with the national corn exposition Wednesday was the opening of the annual convention of the American breeders' association in the concert hall of the exposition building. Prominent stock breeders from all over the United States were present.

In the absence of Secretary of Agriculture James Wilson, president of the association, the meeting was presided over by William George of Aurora, Ill., the vice-president.

Papers were read by several men who have national reputations as practical breeders and scientists. A second meeting was held at the Rome hotel.

The program of the national corn exposition included several papers on soil preparation, stock growing and domestic science.

Woman Shoots Herself.

Beatrice, Neb.—Marly L. Pierson, a resident of Pickrell, committed suicide Thursday afternoon sometime after 12 o'clock, by shooting herself back of the right ear with a 32-caliber revolver. Her body was found in a closet at her home by her husband, George Pierson. A coroner's inquest was held Thursday evening, a verdict being rendered as above.

The woman is supposed to have been mentally unbalanced. She was a daughter of J. T. Roller of this city, and was thirty-five years of age. She was married to Mr. Pierson December 1, 1908. She is survived by her husband, and a five-months' old baby, her parents and a number of other relatives.

Nebraska Man Missing.

Auburn, Neb.—John Carson of this city, left home on the 26th of November to work for a farmer about three miles from town and he has never been heard from since. He is about thirty-five years of age and with his aged mother resides in the north part of town and works as a farm hand most of the time, but always spends Sunday with his mother. The doctor says he has heart trouble, and as he had neither overcoat or overshoes when he went away it is most likely that he has dropped dead.

Missing Man Found Dead.

Neligh, Neb.—Albert Brown, a harness maker of Brunswick, was last seen alive Saturday evening, Wednesday evening a search was made for him and he was found in the cellar of his house dead, evidently having been killed and dragged down stairs.

Afterwards the searching party found in his room an axe covered with blood. Much blood was also on the floor. The man was in good circumstances and always carried a lot of money, and it is supposed robbery was the incentive to the deed.

NEBRASKA HAPPENINGS.

State News and Notes in Condensed Form.

Owen P. Stewart has sold out the Schuyler Sun to Mr. Foley of Lindsay, Platte county, who will take charge of it in a short time.

The highest price ever paid for hogs at the South Omaha market is \$8.40 per hundred, which was paid for a carload received Thursday from western Iowa. They averaged 275 pounds in weight.

Late Wednesday a jury was finally secured to try Ernest Stout, charged with the murder of Joseph Richeson of Hastings on August 19. Four of the jurors are citizens of Wood River village and eight are farmers from the western part of the county remote from the scene of the crime which was near Doniphan.

The resignation of Dr. Stephen W. Stookey, president of Bellevue college, is in the hands of the executive committee of the board of trustees and has been for some time. The committee has not yet acted on it. This information has come to the surface through the discussion following the action of the Presbyterian synod of Nebraska in voting to merge Hastings and Bellevue colleges. No members of the board or executive committee has been found who will discuss it.

Mrs. Millnda R. Kinney, who settled in the vicinity of Falls City in 1854, and who now resides in Blue Springs, says that in her recollection the roads were never in such bad condition as they were before the recent cold snap. Her son, S. A. Kinney, who owns a large farm at Kinneyville, between Wymore and Liberty, states that contrary to opinions expressed, he believes that wheat has not been injured by the freeze which raised the surface of the ground. Some claimed that this action pulled the wheat from the ground. Mr. Kinney says that in his fields he can find no evidence of damage done from any cause. He states that about half of the corn in his section of country is still in the fields.

The fortieth anniversary of the Blue Springs Methodist church was observed with appropriate exercises Sunday, Monday and Tuesday. Sunday morning Chancellor Huntington of University Place gave an address. In the evening E. L. Barch of Emmanuel church, Lincoln, a former pastor in Blue Springs, gave an address, Monday evening an entertainment was given by the Sunday school. Rev. H. P. Young of Western and Rev. Charles Burns of Ohlowa, former pastors, gave talks. Tuesday afternoon an old settlers' reunion was held, in charge of S. A. Smith. He read a paper on the early history of Blue Springs, and Mrs. Smith read a paper on "Church and School From 1857 to Date."

In the evening the Epworth League gave a program, which was followed by a short talk by Presiding Elder R. B. Orill. Refreshments were served.

Frank Lempka, the fifteen year old son of Robert Lempka of Tecumseh, had a close call from a severe accident. He was shooting an old shot gun when the barrel exploded and flew into a dozen pieces. A small portion struck him in the arm and inflicted a slight injury. Portions of the flying steel embedded themselves two inches in the trunk of a near-by tree.

The plant of the Dempster Mill Manufacturing company, at Beatrice which has been closed the past week during the annual inventory, will start up again Monday morning with a full force of hands. A number of improvements have been made at the plant during the past few months. The company has taken possession of its new agricultural implement building, which is three stories with basement, and is equipped with the latest machinery.

William Higgins, a well known resident of Schuyler was found in a helpless and dying condition in a vacant house within one hundred yards of his home Friday afternoon and while there he was stricken with paralysis. He fell to the floor, where he lay for two days with the temperature not far from zero. He was removed to his home and given medical attention. His physicians regard his condition as extremely critical and hold out but little hope for his recovery.

A large crowd of teachers and students of Butler county assembled on Monday at David City for the county contest which had been prepared by the retiring county superintendent, Miss Elizabeth Schaffer. The corn growing contest was the center of attraction. Mr. Keyser of the Nebraska state agricultural college was present to act as judge. Miss Downan of the same college judged the contests on domestic science and manual training. Deputy State Superintendent Perdue assisted in judging. The schools of Octavia, Garrison and Bruno had the larger exhibits. A large number of the district schools also participated. Bruno's exhibit won the greatest number of prizes of any district contesting. A short program was given and Mr. Yeyser and Miss Rowan gave instruction to contestants after awarding prizes.

N. A. Baker's ivory barn was burned in Edgar Monday. All the live stock was saved, but the carriages, wagons and harness were burned. The barn is a total loss. The fire caught from the office stove, which becoming overheated, caused the partitions near it to blaze up. The loss will amount to several thousand dollars, but partly insured.

After cleaning a pair of kid gloves with gasoline, Walter Elfiring of Sutton put them on his hands to dry. On lighting a cigar one of the gloves took fire and his hands were severely burned.

Spiller Allowed to Stay. Panama.—The supreme court decided that the decree issued by President Obaldia, expelling W. G. Spiller from this country, was illegal and ruled that Spiller may remain in Panama. Spiller was charged with inducing coal laborers to leave the isthmus and Lieutenant-Colonel Goethals, chief engineer of the canal, requested the Panama government to deport Spiller. In order to meet the case, President Obaldia issued an executive decree, declaring that the enticing of canal laborers from the country was a misdemeanor, punishable by expulsion.

LAYS DOWN BIG TASK

CONGRESS MUST WORK IF PRESIDENT HAS HIS WAY. HE HAS AN INSPIRING PROGRAM

Two Contending Elements, One for Extensive Legislation, the Other for Rest—Tanney insists on Activity.

Washington.—Appropriation legislation will be undertaken by congress before the adjournment for the holidays. There has been a general supposition that all measures of any character would be postponed until after the first of January, Chairman Tanney, of the committee of appropriations, has upset this scheme by declaring that an appropriation bill would be prepared and passed before the Christmas adjournment as easily as not. Mr. Tanney has found a ready second in Chairman Payne, of the ways and means committee, and the two, putting their heads together, have arranged a program which will insure the passage of the District of Columbia appropriation bill and possibly the army bill before the departure of the soldiers for their homes.

The determination to immediately begin work on the supply measures is an indication of the program of the leaders of the present congress. They are going to have the appropriation bills passed as early as possible. This plan is independent of all other legislative schemes.

There are two elements in congress. One favors extensive general legislation. The other takes the position that in view of the fact that a general tariff bill was passed in the long extra session of the spring and summer, congress should be content to do very little more during the present session than pass the appropriation bills. The latter faction takes the position that in recent years there has been too much legislation, rather than too little. They say that the country wants a rest.

All recognize, however, that some effort probably will be made to carry into effect the recommendations of the president, whether contained in his annual message or in the special messages which he has promised. He is laying out an extensive program and nobody believes that it will be possible to do all that he will ask to have done. His recommendations with reference to railroad legislation are apt to give more trouble than anything else, because it is expected that there will be a public demand for much more than he will recommend and because congress is always divided on the policy to be pursued with reference to the roads. The conservation, irrigation, postal savings, merchant marine and other questions will not attract so much attention and may be more easily put aside than the railroad question. There is a general antipathy to bond issues, and any measures involving such a feature will be very carefully considered before it is accepted.

No one expects any anti-trust legislation until the supreme court shall have had an opportunity to pass upon the important cases involving the Sherman law, which are now before that tribunal, or in a way to reach it soon. So sensitive, however, is congress to all suggestions on this subject that much concern is being expressed over the prospect of even a message such as the president has promised regarding it, and it is probable that even the message may be deferred until after the action of the court.

Aside from the consideration of appropriation bills there will be little attempt at legislation in either the senate or house during the present week. Mr. Mann will report from the house committee on interstate and foreign commerce, his bill prohibiting the "white slave" traffic and will make an effort to obtain action upon it. The indications are that he may succeed, but not until after the members shall have had an opportunity to read the report of the Immigration commission on the subject. The senate will meet Monday, but the house will not be in session again until Tuesday.

Must Have More Proof.

Washington.—"The National Geographic society will have to receive more proofs of Dr. Cook's claims to the discovery of the north pole before it can attempt any decision as to Dr. Cook's rights to such claims?" This statement was made by Prof. James H. Gore, the commissioner appointed by the geographic society to go to New York to endeavor to gather more evidence as to the truth or falsity of Dr. Cook's story of discovery. Professor Gore declined to discuss his report to the geographic society which will be made to that organization within a few days.

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NEWS FROM THE CAPITAL CITY

Items of Interest Around the State House

State House Briefs. Light bonds to the amount of \$5,000, issued by the town of Crofton, have been registered by the state auditor. The bonds draw 5 per cent and run for ten years.

The Bank of Fairmont is the name of the new state bank at the town of Fairmont that has received a charter. The institution has a capital stock of \$15,000 paid up. The incorporators are Shelly Stines, William Hunter, Leonidas Jorgenson, J. S. Foulon, Thomas Pearson, Leroy Stines and I. N. Beery.

The supreme court is cleaning up work on the old docket and may be unable to file opinions this week. If the opinions are not filed this week they may be expected next Monday.

The statement having been made that E. C. Hurd, chief engineer of the physical valuation department of the state railway commission, is still holding a position with the Omaha, Lincoln & Beatrice Railway Company. Mr. Hurd has produced a letter written by Harvey Musser of Akron, O., dated May 18, 1909, accepting the proffered resignation of Mr. Hurd as an employe of the Omaha, Lincoln & Beatrice Railway company, the resignation to be effective May 20, 1909.

The Bankers' Life association of Des Moines has appealed to the supreme court from a judgment of the district court of Phelps county in the case of Dora F. Walden, who sued to recover on a policy of \$2,000 held by her husband. The insurance company contested the claim on the ground that the husband of the plaintiff, J. Ransom Walden, of Holdrege, committed suicide within five years after his policy was issued and therefore it was void. The district court excluded from the testimony the verdict of the coroner's jury that said Walden had died by his own hand, and excluded two letters left by Walden to his wife, in one of which he said he had taken poison. The jury gave a verdict for \$2,146 on the policy.

Expenses of Guard.

Adjutant General Hartigan has issued the following general order to guardsmen: From and after January 1, 1910, commanding officers will make report to this office on blanks furnished, a strict account of all expenditures of funds furnished by the state for the maintenance of headquarters or companies. No money shall be paid from such funds except on receipt properly signed and forwarded with above report. When commanding officers expend more money in the maintenance of their commands than is furnished by the state they will note upon such report the purpose and amount of such expenditure and the source from which such money was obtained, but receipts need not be furnished for such expenditure.

General Hartigan has two reasons for giving this order. The first is to have a record showing that state funds have been properly spent for the benefit of the guard and the second a record showing how much money belonging to guard companies is spent for the benefit of the guard. The latter record can be shown to the legislature when larger appropriations are asked for by the guard.

Passengers May Ride.

J. E. Kelby, general solicitor for the Burlington road, has informed the state railway commission that General Manager Holdrege has ordered the general superintendent to permit the carrying of passengers on all freight trains that carried passengers prior to the time of the taking off such trains from the time card and that he asks whether the Burlington will be relieved from the citation of the commission to appear and show cause December 11 why it should not be punished for taking trains from the schedule without permission of the commission. This offer does not quite satisfy the commission's idea that all trains taken off the time card since April 20, 1908, should be restored. The commission has not signified its intention to accept the offer of Mr. Holdrege.

State Schools Apportionment.

State Treasurer Brian has certified to the state superintendent that there is available for the semi-annual school apportionment a total of \$258,942.23. This money was derived from the following sources: State school taxes, \$869.02; interest on school and saline lands sold, \$33,120.09; interest in school and saline lands leased, \$81,076.65; interest on bonds, \$136,234.40; interest on investment warrants, \$4,253.65; game and fish licenses, \$2,376; discount on bonds, \$974.42. The funds are to be apportioned to the various counties in accordance with school population and will then be apportioned to school districts in the counties.

Wayne Normal Accepts.

The Wayne normal people have notified Secretary Ludden of the normal board that they would accept the \$70,000 voted for the purchase of the plant in that town. It is supposed that the other \$20,000 has been raised by subscription, although nothing is known as to this.

Nebraska May Intervene.

The state railway commission has been asked to intervene before the interstate commerce commission in the complaint of the Colorado coal traffic association for lower rates from the mines in the Waisenburg district of Colorado to points on the Rock Island in Kansas and Nebraska. The association asks for a rate of \$3.40 per ton on lump coal to Omaha and Lincoln and intermediate points or a reduction of 35 cents a ton. The Kansas commission has indicated its intention to do so.