

Foreign

The unionists gained another seat in the Southport division of Lancaster. Otherwise the few results before announced do not change the party strength.

President Madriz of Nicaragua issued a proclamation giving the details of the causes which have led to a renewal of hostilities. He refers to the offers of peace made to the revolutionists through Rear Admiral Kimball and their refusal to accept anything but complete recognition of the provisional government.

American shoe manufacturers are making extraordinary shipments on orders from their German agents, placed in anticipation of the enforcement of Germany's general tariff against American importations on and after February 7.

A native runner who has arrived from South Africa reports that Col. Roosevelt has killed three good bulls and two cows of the white rhinoceros family and considerable lesser game. The naturalists have collected many species of birds and mammals.

According to a German consular report the Kobe-Akashi Electric Railway company, with a capital of \$1,500,000, has been formed to build an electric railway from Kobe, Japan, to Akashi. The first five miles of the road is to be double track.

General

Era Kendall, the comedian, died of apoplexy in a sanitarium at Martinsville, Ind.

The executive committee of the national education association announced that the forty-eighth annual convention would be held in Boston July 2 to 8, 1910.

The supreme court may delay an opinion on the corporation tax.

That Harry Kendall Thaw is a bankrupt and that his estate is subject to the United States bankruptcy laws is held by Referee William B. Blair.

The senate committee on territories perfected the Beveridge measure to create a legislative council for Alaska. Congressman Smith of Iowa will be a candidate for renomination.

National Committeeman Taggart of Indianapolis, Ind., who was accidentally shot by W. H. Morion, while hunting, will lose the sight of the right eye.

President Taft, in addressing the annual meeting of the association of Life Insurance Presidents, held out no hope for the enactment of a federal law to govern the companies.

The senate committee on irrigation will report a bill providing for a \$30,000,000 bond issue to complete irrigation projects.

Arnour says beef is high because of increased price of corn.

American affairs are being prominently headlined in the Chinese native newspapers. The speeches of President Taft and the hunting exploits of Col. Roosevelt are followed with interest.

The petition of the American Federation of Labor asking for an investigation of the operations of the United States Steel corporation has been referred by President Taft to the committee on judiciary.

The United States Banking company at Mexico City suspended following its failure to make the clearing house settlement of the day's business.

The suit for \$150,000 damages for alleged libel filed Jan. 8, 1904, by Michael W. Louis against Joseph L. Bristow, now senator from Kansas, then fourth assistant postmaster general; Henry C. Payne, former postmaster general, and three Washington newspapers, was dismissed by Chief Justice Claybaugh.

Provision for a material, but gradual increase in the appointment of cadets to the West Point Military Academy is made by a bill reported favorably to the senate by Mr. Warren, chairman of the committee on military affairs.

Governor Hughes, before life insurance delegates, expressed faith in life insurance as an American institution.

Joseph A. Graham, a widely known editor and author, died at his home in Salisbury, Md. He was widely known in the south.

Cork oak, which grows to a large extent in Spain, is to be tried in the national forests here.

All along the line the people are cutting out the meat ration, but the price does not come down.

The "beef trust," so-called, is to be prosecuted by the national government.

Millions in royalties to the government from leases of Alaska coal lands was the proposition made by a Seattle man to a senate committee.

Business needs of the nation are to be discussed in annual convention of national boards of trade.

Fennor Conger's exposing New York's state politics scandal is likely to win victory for direct primary system.

The British liberal party must depend on the Irish to secure a majority in the house of commons.

It is practically certain neither the liberals or unionists will have a majority in the next parliament.

The twentieth century limited on the New York Central was wrecked and two trainmen killed.

There is dissatisfaction among house democrats with the leadership of Champ Clark.

Chances favor the passage of the ship subsidy bill this session.

The new comet is traveling more than 120 miles per second according to Prof. Winalov Upton of Brown university.

Special educational training for railroad men is advocated and predicted by J. Shirley Eaton.

Irregularity in grand jury room may open the prison doors for Charles W. Morse, and P. Augustus Helme may also benefit from a court ruling on this matter.

In the memory of senators and representatives now in office, says a Washington dispatch, there never has been a time when the people were writing so many letters to members of congress about public affairs.

Meat dealers are firm with their prices all over the country and the move now being made in no wise affected the packers.

The intensely cold weather in the east has saved eastern Pennsylvania from disastrous floods.

It was stated by a high authority at Paris that no settlement has yet been reached regarding the Hankow-Sze-Chuen railroad loan of \$30,000,000.

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President Taft is urging upon senators to "get busy" with the nation's affairs.

The price of extra fancy creamery butter dropped to 30 cents a pound on the Elgin board of trade. It was a cut of six cents.

Liberal forces in Great Britain have not abandoned hope of a substantial victory.

Warner M. Van Norden, a rich New Yorker, was robbed on the street of \$28,000, supposedly by two women.

Investigations by the immigration commission were denounced in the house as a big junket.

Mrs. Hetty Green has joined the anti-meat crusade because she says the price is too dear.

Robert Underwood Johnson was appointed editor of the Century Magazine in the place of the late Richard Watson Gilder. Mr. Johnson had been associate editor of the magazine since 1881.

The Madriz government has ordered the arrest of all the conservative leaders in Managua, Granada, Masaya and Reyes.

Washington

Reports which reached Washington from foreign sources declared that Whitelaw Reid, ambassador to Great Britain, had been offered and had accepted an extension of two years of service as the representative of the United States at the court of St. James.

Estimates made by officials of the postoffice department indicate 309,000,000 one-cent pieces annually are taken by the rural letter carriers from letter boxes for the payment of postage on mail matter deposited.

Complaints against the practice have become so widespread that the postoffice department has issued instructions to all postmasters at rural delivery office that after February 15, the practice will be discontinued.

Voicing his desire that the postal savings bank bill should be reported to the senate and given immediate consideration, Senator Burkett protested against the adjourning every Thursday until the following Monday.

Railroad freight rates between Mississippi river crossings and Ottumwa, Iowa, are declared by the Interstate commerce commission to be unreasonable and excessive.

Detailed statements of exports of the United States during the calendar year 1909 have just been completed by the bureau of statistics of the department of commerce and labor. They show a reduction in the value of exports of nearly all the important agricultural products except cotton.

As a result of the agitation against the increased cost of living, Representative Garner (rep. Pa.) introduced a bill in the house to repeal the duty on all cattle intended to be used as food. This is the first bill of the sort introduced, but it is expected that a flood of similar measures will follow.

Personal

Zelaya, former president of Nicaragua, is preparing to go to Belgium.

Luna, Peru, arranged a special reception for Hon. W. J. Bryan.

The election of Gilford Pinchot to succeed Dr. Charles W. Elliot as president of the National conservation association is announced.

Mrs. Elsie Sigel, widow of General Franz Sigel of civil war fame, died a few days ago in New York.

Senator Burkett believes he will get a postal banking bill through congress during this session.

Iowa editors will hold their semi-annual meeting at Boone, March 17.

John R. Walsh, now in the federal prison at Leavenworth, will not be granted any special privileges.

President Taft is showing much tact in bringing opposing congressional factions together.

The Ballinger-Pinchot committee is soon to start its investigation.

Senator Nelson has been selected as head of the Ballinger investigating committee.

INDIANS IN EARNEST

UNITED IN THEIR DEMANDS OF GOVERNMENT.

HAPPENINGS OVER THE STATE

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

Walthill, Neb.—The Omaha Indians were never so thoroughly earnest, as well as unanimous on any subject as they are at this time with respect to their relation to the government. Three special councils have been held lately to consider the question. All have been largely attended and unanimous action has been taken at each, namely, in demanding deeds to Indian lands, opposition to the placing of "farmers" in charge of Indian interests, and opposition to a joint agent with the Winnebagos.

The last council, held a week ago, was attended by about 200 Omahas who came from all parts of the reservation. At that gathering all action taken at previous meetings was confirmed and a committee of five was appointed to visit Washington and lay the grievances of the tribe before authorities there, taking them up to the president if no satisfaction was obtained elsewhere. This committee consists of Dr. Susan La Flesche Picotte, daughter of an Omaha and the widow of a Sioux Indian; Hiram Chase, formerly county attorney; Daniel Webster, Simeon Hallowell, White Horse.

The probationary period of twenty-five years, at the end of which the Omahas were to receive patents for their lands and become full citizens of the United States, expired in 1909, when the period was extended for another ten years. This disappointment weighs heavily upon the hearts of the Indians, for there are very many of them who are ambitious to be recognized as full citizens of a country where they and their ancestors have dwelt for hundreds, perhaps thousands of years.

The gravity of the situation, the bitterness of the disappointment, was emphasized at the last council held at the agency. Then an unusual thing occurred. For the first time in the history of the tribe prayer was offered at an Omaha council.

Agriculture in Schools.

Hastings, Neb.—A committee has been named by the county superintendent's section of the state teachers' association for the purpose of formulating plans to promote the teaching of agriculture in the public schools. Superintendents throughout the state have been furnished with blanks to be filled offering suggestions as to the best manner in which to put the new course into effect. Superintendent Willis of this county is a member of the committee. The replies will be compiled and presented at the next meeting of the association in Lincoln.

The questions submitted are as follows:

First—Should agriculture be made a compulsory subject in rural schools? Second—Do you favor congressional district schools for the training of teachers in agriculture, together with an experimental farm? Third—Do you favor county or township high schools for the public, with a strong course in agriculture, and ten or twenty acres for experimental purposes?

Fourth—How should these district schools and county high schools articulate with the agricultural college and what assistance should the college render these schools? Fifth—Should the state build the schools and the local district maintain their support? Sixth—Should the matter be presented to the legislature?

Plan State Meetings.

Hastings, Neb.—Preparations are being made for the entertainment of the state chess and checker association which will hold its annual meeting at the Lepin hotel in this city beginning Tuesday, February 8. Daily sessions will be held for five days. The state meeting was here last year and was liberally attended by some of the best chess and checker artists of Nebraska and Kansas. The officers look forward to a much larger attendance this year.

Wedded 55 Years Ago.

Cambridge, Neb.—Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Kelly, pioneers of this city, celebrated their fifty-sixth wedding anniversary Tuesday. All their sons and daughters and grand-children were present. John James Kelly was married to Miss Sophia Baldozer on January 25, 1855, in Ohio. He is one of the wealthy land owners of this vicinity where he has resided since the early twenties.

Fire Causes \$20,000 Loss.

Fairbury, Neb.—The business section of Gladstone, a small village nine miles west of this city, was totally destroyed by fire Monday afternoon. The fire was started about 3 o'clock by the explosion of an oil can in Sagerman brothers' implement store and spread to the double department store of C. N. Ude and the postoffice. The three buildings were burned to the ground. The total loss was about \$20,000 which was partially covered by insurance. A strong wind was blowing from the south which made it impossible to check the flames.

NEBRASKA HAPPENINGS.

State News and Notes in Condensed Form.

The Fairfield electric light plant is nearly completed and will be in operation in a few weeks.

R. A. Fetz of Moorefield, Neb., will assume control of the Mead Advocate next Monday, Lewis King being the present editor.

A grand jury has been summoned for the February term of the district court, which convenes in Seward on February 21.

William Osterman of Arlington has just let a contract for a two-story steel front structure to be erected on the site of the Star livery barn at Fourth and Main streets.

Omaha's anti-meat enters now number upwards of 6,000 people who have signed the pledge that they will eat no meat for at least thirty days unless the prices are materially decreased within that time.

A Union Pacific work train with twenty cars figured in a collision with a freight train three miles west of Odessa Wednesday. The freight crew, owing to heavy fog, could not see the work train in time to prevent a clash. Both engines were considerably damaged.

Yates Adams, the Pickrell farmer who was injured recently by a falling tree, died late Tuesday night, following an operation for the removal of a small piece of skull. Two blood clots were also removed. The deceased was thirty years of age and is survived by the widow and two daughters.

From the present outlook the people of Kearney will be treated with an exceptional low price on ice during the next summer. A local ice company, dealing entirely in natural ice, has lowered the price to twenty-five cents per hundred pounds, and this has brought the artificial ice plant's price down to 30 cents per hundred pounds.

Two young men, Marcus R. Humphrey and Gilmore C. Nye, both residents of Pawnee City, started on Saturday morning to walk to San Francisco, Cal., via Denver, Phoenix, Los Angeles, then up the coast to San Francisco. They started without a cent and no baggage. They wore white hats, tan walking shoes and serge coats.

Officers of the engineering corps of the army are to be asked at once to come to Omaha to make estimates of the amount of money needed permanently to protect the river banks in the vicinity of Omaha from the encroachments of the Missouri river and congress is to be asked to amend into the pending appropriation ordinance such sum as may be recommended, \$1,000,000 if necessary.

The Fairfield commercial club held its annual meeting Wednesday evening and elected the following officers for the ensuing year: President T. P. Shively; vice-president, A. D. Baum; secretary, Dr. A. R. Ray; treasurer, H. T. Pether; directors, Geo. W. Cobel, E. H. Lewis and D. B. Potter. Plans were discussed for the work of the coming year and it was decided to hold a banquet in the latter part of February.

The severe winter and much snow has not had much effect on Polk county real estate. At an auction of stock and farm implements held by A. P. Linder one mile from Stromsburg, he offered his 160 acre farm for sale, which was bought by Louis Beckman, living west of town, for \$113 per acre. There was another half section sold near Polk without any improvements for \$32,000. Land is being listed at from \$125 to \$150 per acre. Some of this same land could have been bought ten years ago for from \$35 to \$50 per acre.

In 1909 the Midwest Life made a net gain of 338 policies for \$559,000 of insurance. The greatest gain was in 20 Payment Life Policies. The increase here amounted to 136 policies aggregating \$222,500 of insurance. The next greatest increase was in Ordinary Life Policies. The gain in this form was 101 policies carrying \$184,500 of insurance. The remaining gain was distributed over a number of different forms. Few companies operating in this state made as good a net gain in insurance in force in Nebraska as did The Midwest Life. Write the company at Lincoln for an agency or a sample policy.

The body of John Oberg, the Valley farmer who killed himself by drinking carbolic acid, was brought to Fremont for interment in Ridge cemetery. The family formerly resided in Fremont. A coroner's jury found that Mr. Oberg's death was accidental. He had declared that he would drink carbolic acid without it injuring him. Going out to the barn he procured a small quantity of the drug in a bottle and returning poured it into a glass containing some water and swallowed it. Mrs. Oberg was absent at the time, being at the home of a neighbor. Oberg, when he was taken violently ill, started to search for his wife. He died in a cornfield before he found her or before help could be summoned.

T. R. Crones, a resident of Amherst committed suicide Friday morning by hanging himself. He had secured a short string of wire and fastening one end of it to the top of a fence post he tied the other about his neck. At first he had tried to use a pair of suspenders, but these broke when he threw his weight on them. The body was afterwards found by some of his neighbors. Crones was forty-five years old and is said to have brooded over the sale of a farm. Friends believe he was temporarily insane at the time. He is also said to have been drinking heavily the last few days. A brother is in the asylum for the insane.

SEE TROUBLE AHEAD

UNITED MINE WORKERS INSIST ON HIGHER WAGES.

FRAMING UP NEW A SCHEDULE

Miners, According to Reports, Determined not to Yield, and Great Industrial Struggle Regarded Probable.

Indianapolis, Ind.—One of the greatest industrial battles in the history of the United States impends, in the belief of the leaders of the united mine workers of America. The convention of the organization, which has been in session in this city for two weeks, will adjourn Monday night, and it is probable that a majority of the 1,109 delegates immediately will depart for Toledo for the joint conference with the bituminous coal mine owners of western Pennsylvania, Ohio and Indiana, which will open Tuesday. This conference is specially for the purpose of negotiating a wage contract for these districts, to go into effect April 1. But as the tri-state contract in all the other districts of the United States and Canada it may be determined that most or all of the soft coal miners' representatives assembled here should take part in the Toledo conference.

The operators, according to reports, will not yield to the miners' demands for an increase in wages, and some of them have taken the stand that economic conditions warrant a decrease. The sentiment in the national miners' union is unanimously for a general strike if the operators refuse an increase in wages of at least 10 per cent. The western Pennsylvania delegates stand for a 20 per cent increase on the ground that the settlement of their recent strike against the Pittsburgh Coal company resulted in a decrease of 10 per cent from the wage contract signed by the last joint tri-state conference.

The faction in the united mine workers opposed to the administration of President Lewis charges him with responsibility for the alleged decrease in wages in western Pennsylvania. Francis Feehan, president of the western Pennsylvania district, is one of the leaders of the anti-Lewis element. The wage scale committee of the miners' union will bring in its report at the opening of the session of Monday's convention, and it is said the day will be spent in formulating the contract that is to be presented to the miners on Tuesday.

Cook Held as a Witness.

San Antonio, Tex.—There are several features in the celebrated Cook case which due to ignorance of Mexican jurisprudence, are not generally understood in the United States. In the first place, Cook is not being held without trial, and second his legal status is more that of a witness than of an indicted criminal. Peculiar as such a law may appear to people in the United States, it may be seen from article 272 of the penal code of the state of Jalisco that it is perfectly legal to keep a suspect imprisoned for a period of six months and even longer with the proviso that all confinement exceeding six months shall ultimately be deducted from any term of imprisonment the court may impose.

Will Look Into the Books.

Chicago.—When the government's investigation of the so-called beef trust is resumed by the federal grand jury Monday it is expected the books and documents of the National Packing company will be taken up. Ralph Crews, general counsel for the company, is scheduled to appear. Before the end of the week it is expected officials of Armour & Co., Morris & Co., and Swift & Co., will be questioned.

Says Ailds Took a Bribe.

Albany, N. Y.—Senator Benjamin Conger made public Sunday the formal charges which he will prefer under oath against Senator Jetham P. Ailds, president pro tem of the New York state senate. He said Senator Ailds is unfit for his position because he accepted \$1,000 on April 23, 1901 in his (Conger's) presence in consideration of his failure to press a certain bill then pending before the house.

Scarlet Fever at Academy.

Newport.—More than 2,300 naval apprentices will be shut up at the naval training station for the next five days on account of scarlet fever quarantine regulations. Only one case of the disease has appeared thus far, but having in mind the epidemic of last year, when three cases proved fatal, the authorities have taken prompt repressive measures.

Boycott Has a B-d Effect.

Pittsburg, Pa.—A dozen foreigners discussed the meat boycott at breakfast in a Mulberry alley boarding house Sunday and all except "Mick" Skovlax, a Slav, agreed to eat no meat. Skovlax, delighted with having the breakfast "stuck to himself," tackled it so violently that he choked to death with the first mouthful.

Three Cars Leave Track.

Kansas City.—Missouri Pacific passenger train No. 2, east bound from Pueblo to St. Louis, was derailed near McCracken, Kas., Sunday night. The engine, smoking car and chair car left the track. According to meager details received at the general telegraph office in this city the passengers and crew escaped with a shaking up. The cause of the derailment is not known. The train left Pueblo at noon Sunday and was due in McCracken at 8:20 Sunday night.

NEWS FROM THE CAPITAL CITY

Items of Interest Around the State House

State's Wards Under Arrest.

Can the state of Nebraska seize from the clutches of the law one of its wayward wards who has committed a felony? This question is to be tested by a habeas corpus suit instituted by the superintendent of the Kearney industrial school. A bad boy named Clark at the state industrial school at Kearney was paroled and while at liberty violated a state law championed by Paul Clark of Lincoln, who is no relation to the boy. The law makes it a felony for any one to steal chickens. The boy, Clark, is alleged to have transgressed the law at Hastings. County Attorney Hartigan refuses to deliver the boy to the industrial school, but on the contrary desires to prosecute him and send him to the penitentiary. Now the other arm of the state desires to take possession of the boy and put him back in the state industrial school where he can raise cucumbers and other crops for the state. A test case is to be started. County Attorney English of Omaha has a few paroled boys let lose by Superintendent Manuel of the Kearney industrial school and will await a judgment in the Hastings case before acting. Attorney General Thompson is assisting in getting the paroled boys back into possession of the state school at Kearney.

Horticultural Premiums.

Secretary C. G. Marshall of the Nebraska state horticultural society, has received two immense silver cups which were taken by his society as prizes at the national fruit show at Council Bluffs, Ia. One cup is for the best display of any state horticultural society at the national show. The other cup is for the best eight varieties of apples intended to furnish the home with fruit the year round. In this contest Nebraska was first with Iowa, Missouri, Kansas and Wyoming as competitors. In addition the Nebraska society received a gold medal for the most attractive display at the show and received thirty premium ribbons, ten first premiums, twelve second premiums and eight third premiums. The showing made by Nebraska at the national show puts the state in the front rank of fruit growing states.

Burlington Lesing Money.

The Burlington and Northwestern railroads have filed remonstrances with the state railway commission against the application of the Union Stock Yards company at South Omaha for leave to increase switching charges within the stock yards. The Burlington desires the commission to take into consideration the yardage charges and the railroad charges of the stock yards as a whole before issuing an order allowing the proposed increase in switching charges.

The Burlington road alleges that it is carrying live stock at a loss at this time and cannot stand further increases in switching charges from the union stock yards.

C. S. Allen Made President.

C. S. Allen of Lincoln was unanimously re-elected president of the university board of regents Wednesday. The question of campus extension was referred to a committee without action by the board.

The board approved the recommendation of the faculty of the college of agriculture that the course of the school of agriculture be extended to cover four years. This leaves the college maintaining a four year course with nine months to each year, while the school will conduct four shorter terms.

Twelve Dollars a Year for a Clock.

Some of the state officers are considering the advisability of curtailing expenses by cutting off the expense of \$12 a year for a clock furnished by the Western Union Telegraph company. Governor Shallenberger was the first to cut out the electric clock. Such clocks are paid for by Attorney General Thompson, Secretary of State Junkin, State Treasurer Brinn and Auditor Barton. For a period of ten years the expense is \$120 for each clock.

Candidates for Secretary of State.

A. D. Gilmore, formerly chief clerk of the house and later steward at the Lincoln hospital for the insane at Lincoln, whose home was at Auburn, clerk of the house and secretary of the republican state central committee, are said to be republican candidates for secretary of state to succeed Secretary of State Junkin.

Mayor James Dahlman of Omaha has filed his certificate of nomination with the secretary of state. The paper was filed Wednesday. It shows that Mr. Dahlman of Omaha is candidate for governor, that he affiliates with the democratic party, that he desires his name placed on the primary ballot to be voted next August and that if he is nominated for governor and elected he will accept the favor.

The general government has remitted to Governor Shallenberger \$5,900 on account of 236 members of the state soldiers' home at Grand Island for the quarter ending December 31 and \$2,625 on account of the state home at Milford for the same period. There were 105 members in the Milford home. This money does not go direct to the support of the two homes, but is turned by the governor into the general fund of the state and is used to pay current expenses of the state government. The government grants \$100 a year to the state for each member of a state soldiers' home.