EPITOME OF EVENTS

PARAGRAPHS THAT PERTAIN TO MANY SUBJECTS.

ARE BRIEF BUT INTERESTING

Record of What is Going on in Congress, in Washington and is the Political Field.

Foreign

The German government has issued a decree, which in effect permits American apples packed in barrels, in the head of which excelsior or paper is placed to prevent damage in shipping, to enter that country without the payment of the tariff rate provided.

An attendant of the Roggenau sanitarium at Heidelberg, in charge of Dr. Freuheerer, said that Dr. F. A. Cook had been staying at that institution for some time under the name of Gunther and that he left for Vienna. This, so far as, has been impossible of confirmation.

The American Red Cross society at Washington, having been notified by Robert Bacon, American ambassador in Paris, that contributions from this country to aid the flood sufferers in France would be acceptable, issued an appeal to the American public, asking that they contribute with their characteristic generosity.

After various conferences with the political leaders, the king of Greece has consented to the convocation of the national assembly and has charged that dragoumis with the formation of a cabinet.

A Heidelburg (Germany) dispatch says, inquiries in various directions failed to elicit confirmation of the report that Dr. F. A. Cook had been staying at a sanitarium there.

Chicago gave generous help to Paris on the occasion of the recent disastrous floods.

General.

Wealthy men of New York sat down to a dinner in which the menu was limited to vegetables and fruit.

The testimony of Louis R. Glavis in the Ballinger-Pinchot inquiry was full of interest.

Convicted members of the black hand were sentenced at Toledo to

long terms of imprisonment. The proposition to remove the speaker from the rules committee is

being seriously agitated. Ex-Governor Mickey of Nebraska has suffered a relapse and is again very low.

A senate committee decided to give limited hearings to the administration court of commèrce bill.

Jackson Smith, vice president of the Oregon Trunk railway, died at Portland.

Mayor Gaynor of New York took his strongest stand yet against official extravagance when he announced that any head of a department who exceeded his budget allowance without

sufficient cause would be removed. The court at Hesaya, Nicaragua, acquitted General Medina, Prosecuting Attorney Salomon Selva and other members of the court martial, of responsibility for the illegal conviction and execution of the Americans Groce

and Cannon. National Committeeman Taggart of Indianapolis, Ind., who was accidentally shot by Wf H. Morton, while hunting, will lose the sight of the right

Little headway has been made in the two months congress has been in session toward the enactment of important legislation demanded by President Taft.

More than half of the merchandise imported under the new tariff law en ters the United States free of duty. If Ballinger is convicted it will be a victory for honesty and conservatism. If acquitted at will be a vindi-

cation for a much abused man. The education interests of Alaska will soon be in the hands of W. T. Lopp, who has been selected by the commissioner of education as chief of

the Alaskan division. Baron Komura gave assurance in the Japanese diet that relations with the United States were excellent.

A letter from Gundalajara asserts that Conductor Cook, who is in jail in Guadalajara, is failing rapidly un-

der his close confinement. President Tast cabled to Emperor William of Germany a birthday greet-

Foodstuff exports last year fell off heavily as compared with the previous

General Paulino Godoy has been appointed inspector general of the

Nicaraguan army. President Taft has decided to pay a visit to Albany and Rochester, N. Y., some time in March and in both

towns will deliver addresses. Joseph A. Graham, a widely known editor and author, died at his some in Salisbury, Md. He was widely known

The house ways and means commit-

tee will begin an investigation of the hight cost of living

The senate committee on irrigation will report a bill providing for a \$30. 600,000 bond issue to complete irrigation projects.

Approximately 769,167 acres of land were designated by Secretary Ballinger of the interior department, as open under the enlarged homestead

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Thirty-five men are believed to have been killed by a mine explosion

near Drakesboro, Ky. Vice-President Sherman is urging the re-election of Senator Smooth of

West Virginia. Complaint was made in the house that agriculture is being neglected in the interest of the army.

The army appropriation bill has seen completed by the senate committee on military affairs and will be re perted at once. It will carry about \$95,000,000.

The demurrer interposed by Robert E. Peary, discoverer of the north pole, in the action for desecration of the American flag, growing out of the display of the famous "north pole flag" at the Hudson-Fulton celebration, was sustained by Justice Lyon at Elmira, N. Y.

Directors of the International Har vester company at Aneago declared a stock dividend of 331% per cent on the stock to holders of record on February 3.

Medical inspector Henry C. Beyer or Surgeon F. Stokes will be the next surgeon general of the United States navy, according to the present indications, to succeed Thomas H. Rixey,

the incumbent. Capt. Peary is to be put back at duty in the army

Congress is holding back on all of the president's important recommendations for legislation.

Representative Kinkaid says he will make statement concerning his Alaska coal lands claim. A mine disaster in Colorado cost

150 lives, mostly foreigners. Friends of rivers and harbors say

some sort of a bill will pass this session of congress. with the American people is that they

are living too high. It is said a bill is to be introduced suspending the tariff on meat for a

The gay city of Paris is now in time:

Some one says, pay less for amuse ments, less for fun, and then there'll be more for the slaughter house magnets.

Senator Carter argued in favor o his postal savings bank bill.

America is having a touch of the old world land question to which we have hitherto been immune, and do not yet recognize the complaint.

In a pistol duel at Edgewood, Ky., Deputy Sheriff Gordon Givens and Benjamin Gatliff, a miner, were each mortally wounded.

Denial is made in the report of the immigration commission of any great over-crowding in the cities,

General John T. Wilder, who became famous as the head of Wilder's brigade during the civil war, celebrated his eightieth birthday.

Special dispatches from Seoul report a serious uprising of insurgents at South Phongan, Korea. Twenty Japanese settlers are said to have been

murdered. At Pittsburg a dozen foreigners, agreement. The twelfth choked to death on his beefsteak.

Warriner said Mrs. Ford was not aware of his shortage with Big Four at Cincinnati.

Washington.

Representative Moses P. Kinkaid of Nebraska, whose name has been brought into the Ballinger-Pinchot investigation by Louis R. Glavis will not make a statement until the evidence is all in.

Griffen Halsted, son of the late Murat Halsted, appeared in court to answer to a charge of withholding a hundred shares of railroad stock valued at \$5,000, the property of Hubert Kleinpeter, chauffeur for Mrs. Hanna, widow of the late Senator Mark Hanna.

Senator Penrose introduced a bill to amend the oleomargarine law in accordance with recommendations by associations of dairyman and grangers The measure imposes on manufacturers of oleomargarine a special tax of \$600° a year. The tax to be paid by wholesale dealers in uncolored oleomargarine is fixed at \$200 and the tax assessed against retailers in a similar product is fixed at \$6.

In a spirited attack on the postal savings bank bill, Senator Jeff Davis of Arkansas told the senate that it was a measure in the interest of the national banks, "the high-collared roosters, the money sharks, and

money grabbers of Wall street." An increase in round numbers, in customs receipts of \$33,000,000 and In internal revenue of \$10,000,000, but a deficit in the ordinary receipts of the government of \$25,000,000, against \$64,000,000, show the results of the first seven months' operations of the treasury for the fiscal year 1910, as compared with the corresponding period of 1909.

Personal.

H. E. Byram has been made second vice president of the Burlington. Ex-President Zelaya says he was

tricked by the United States. D. E. Thompson declared he had no at Mexico City.

During the months of July, August and September, 1909, the total number of persons killed on the railroads of the country was 852 and the injured 1.324.

The Irish-Americans of Chicago want President Taft to attend a banquet to be given at that city by the Fellowship club on St. Patrick's day. In a speech at Pittsburg Represenative Fordney of Michigan exalted

the new tariff law. King Edward and Queen Alexandria each contributed \$5,000 to the Mansion house fund for the relief of the him, but there is no hope of his recov- given February 1. Mr. Ott will reflood sufferers in France.

A SPECIAL ELECTION

COLUMBUS PLANS TO BUILD A \$15,000 CITY HALL BUILDING.

HAPPENINGS OVER THE STATE

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

and Vicinity.

Columbus, Neb .- March 1 is the a special bond election for a \$15,000 mate of that institution. city hall building, and extension bonds for the waterworks plant. The proposed city hall will be 44x74 feet, heating plant, and will contain quarters for the city council, fire depart- acre, ment and city jail for both men and women. It will be located at the corner of Eleventh and Platte streets on property recently acquired by the city. and will be modern. The extension of the water mains will do away with all the present dead ends, besides giving service and fire protection to a large district now outside of this limit.

Lincoln Men Lead.

Hastings, Neb.—Two Lincoln men and Hastings men are in the lead in the finals in class A, first division, in the state checker tournament here. Those who qualified in the prelimi-Archbishop ireland says the trouble naries for class A, first division Wednesday, were: C. H. Reed, Lincoln. with 44 paints; G. F. Abbott, Lincoln, 41; W. M. Ellis, Hastings, 39; I. O. Whitesides, Hastings, 40; E. F. Os-

borne, McCook, 32. Those qualifying for finals in class gloom, having something to think B, second division, were: W. T. Seyabout beyond a bilarious time all the mour, Stromsburg, 23; W. W. Dye, Kearney, 22: Thohs. Dermody, Wood River, 18; C. G. Lewis, Elwood, 17; Jas. Campbell, Havelock, 13; Dr Adolphus, Lincoln, and C. A. Pesch,

Omaha, unfinished. At a business meeting Wednesday the following were elected officers for the ensuing year: I. O. Whitesides, Hastings, president: James Campbell. Havelock, secretary and treasurer; J. W. Shaw, Hastings, referee.

First Step for New Hotel.

Hastings, Neb.-The nucleus for the were taken conditionally that when and H. L. Brooks, secretary. \$50,000 was reached a meeting of the subscribers was to be called for the purpose of taking steps to secure the cent resignation of Miss Esther Alexbalance of the fund and choose a site for the structure.

A meeting of the subscribers and others interested was held in the Elks' club rooms and the preliminary steps

were discussed. The proposed building plans provide for four stories and to contain about rooms, kitchen and several store rooms. in every respect and to be centrally spring. located.

To Improve Postoffice.

Fremont; Neb .- Postmaster Swanson received the word from Washington, D. C., that his recommendation for a complete finishing of the second story of the new postoffice building and a few other changes, had been accepted, along with his recommendation that the Morse block at Fifth and Broad streets be leased for use as a postoffice building during the year that the \$50,000 addition to the postoffice is being constructed. The ly convenient location for the post office. The lease calls for \$160 a month for it and the present owner is to make several changes, including the installation of a large vault.

In Memory of Judge Gaslin.

Hastings, Neb .- At a meeting of the Adams county bar association. held in the district court room Mon-Batty, M. A. Hartigan, W. P. Mc-Creary, F. P. Olmstead and J. C. Stevens, all of whom were intimately acquainted with the dead jurist. Resolutions of respect were also passed.

Organize M. W. A. Camp. Albion, Neb.-A Modern Woodmen village of this county. The camp ties with a great deal of interest. starts out with a membership of thir. The first was the ice fight, when the W. E. Mahon was elected venerable consul, Leslie Colyer, adviser; Max Taylor, clerk; Ed. Lingle, banker; Frank Wright, escort; Miller Day, outer guard; Frank Lough, sen-

Stricken Blind While at Work. Nebraska City, Neb.-William Holfor a number of years, was suddenly stricken blind while at work tuning planos at Talmall. He was brought to his home here. Oculists who have \$1.50 per sack, the lowest it has sold examined his eyes give him no hope

Struck by Piece of Iron.

Columbus, Neb .- Roe Bushnell, one of the workmen on the Platte river bridge south of this city, met with an accident at 4 o'clock that will likely result fatally. He was working with a crow bar digging a hole to start another piling when a piece of iron fell from the top of a derrick, striking him on the head and driving the bar into his skull.

He was taken to the hospital as soon as possible and medical aid given residence there. Possession will be

NEERASKA HAPPENINGS.

State News and Notes in Condensed Form.

The farmers' institute which was held at Dunbar two days last week was largely attended. The exhibits

were larger than in years past. Arthur Cruiksbank and Ernest Black have bought the Thompson drug store at North Bend and will go to that town next week to take possession.

The three-year-old boy of Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Taylor of Wymore, died suddenly Saturday afternoon at 1:30 of ptomaine poison, supposed to have been in meat.

Oliver Bosworth of near Utica, was adjudged insane by the insanity board Tuesday and taken to the asylum at date selected by the city council for Lincoln. He had formely been an in-

Louis Stander, living three miles northwest of Weeping Water, has sold his farm of 240 acres for \$120 two stories and a basement for the per acre. About twelve years ago he bought this same place for \$40 per Judge Thomas sentenced Harry Sweeney of Schuyler, to one year in

the penitentiary for a forgery recently

committed at Leigh, in that county When arraigned he pleaded and managed to secure the minimum penalty. James Barry of Odell pleaded guilty in district court to the charge of selling intoxicating liquors without a license. He was fined \$22 and costs which he paid. Barry was indicted by

the June term of the grand jury. Twenty-four new members have been added to the First Presbyterian church at Madison. This is the result of an active church movement that has been inaugurated in Madison. Other churches also report a number of new additions.

The court house at Imperial, Chase county, was entirely destroyed by fire at 10 o'clock Wednesday night. The records vaults have not been opened. hence the conditions of the records is unknown. The fire was undoubtedly of incendlary origin.

Report has it that E. P. Bracken, general superintendent of the Wyoming district of the Burlington, with headquarters at Alliance, has been transferred to the lines east as assistant general manager, with headquarters at Chicago.

The directors of the Boone county agricultural association met and decided upon the dates for the next annual fair. The dates choses are Sepproposed \$100,000 hotel was completed tember 20, 21, 22 and 23. John O'Neill Monday when the stock subscriptions was elected ppresident; Iver Bygland, reached \$50,100. These subscriptions vice president; J. E. Green, treasurer

> The chair of mathematics of Hastings college, made vacant by the reander, has been filled by the appointment of Professor Wells of Ollivette, Mich., college. Miss Janet L. Carpenter has been appointed as instructor in Latin, since Dean Filson resigned.

The village of Elm Creek, Buffalo 125 rooms for guests. The ground light plant. John Nitchie of that place save one, entered a meat boycott floor will contain the lobby, dining was in Kearney Thursday and was negotiating for a large gasoline engine The structure is to be of and other equipment for the construcstone and brick, to be strictly modern tion of the same, beginning in the

Mrs. Bowdish mother-in-law of Frank Wild, postmaster at DeWitt, was so badly burned at her home Thursday afternoon that she died shortly afterward. Her son, Homer Bowdish, who ran valiantly to her rescue and who carried her out while her clothes were still aflame, is in a critical condition from burns he received from the inhalation of flame.

Omaha banks made a splendid showing when the comptroller of the currency issued his call for a statement of the business of the national banks Morse block is considered an especial- for the close of January 31. The reports of the national banks of Omaha and South Omaha show an increase in loans over the corresponding call last year, February 5, of \$4,430,645, and an increase in deposits over the same

date of \$2,949,532. Pallas lodge, Knights of Pythias, of Schuyler gave its annual banquet Tuesday night. Over 200 were presday afternoon, memorial speeches of ent. W. M. Cain presided as toastmaseulogy on the late Judge William Gas- ter and responses were made by Richlin were made. Among those who are O'Neil of Lincoln, P. G. Chancelspoke were Judge H. S. Dungan, R. A. lor, supreme representative andothers.

Fremont's bank clearings were greater by nearly \$300,000 for January, 1910, than the clearing for the first month of 1909. The total clear ings for the month just closed were \$1,790,182,44.

During the last ten days Kearney camp has been organized at Boone, a has witnessed two fights on commodiprice was lowered for the coming summer to 25 cents per hundred pounds. The last and perhaps the most welcome fight on prices was a flour fight that started last week. A local grocery firm started selling flour at \$1.55 per sack when the price for the same grade was \$1.70 elsewhere. labaugh, whose sight had been failing The product being the output of the local mills, the balance of the grocers cried for help to the miller. The result was that they put flour down to for some time. The firm that started connection with the suspended bank that he may ever recover his eye- the fight declares it will sell flour for cost for the next year.

The old Oakland hotel site at Sutton has been purchased for the purpose of erecting a Carnegie library. Consideration, \$1,175. Work will begin as soon as spring opens. Mr. Carnegle has promised a donation of \$5,000 for the building. Several books of blography, history and fietlon have been added to the library this week.

Charles K. Ott has sold his interest in the Lyons Sun to his partner, J. J. Haydon, who also purchased Mr. Ott's move to Lincoln,

ASK SPOILS OF WAR NEWS FROM THE CAPITAL CITY Items of Interest Around the State

JAPAN FEELS VICTORY OVER RUS-SIA COST HEAVILY.

RIGHT TO RECOUP DEMANDS

Justifies Negative of Proposition of the United States to Neutralize Rail-

way Property-Says Riots Would Follow.

Tokio-The proposition of the United States for the neutralization of the railways in Manchuria came as a surprise, and the publication of the details of the note, which was handed to the Japanese government December 30 by the American ambassador, aroused an immediate chorus of disapproval. Putting aside all questions of the basiness or political advisability of the proposition, sentiment entered most largely into the attitude of the people of Japan. The foreign office, while admitting that such a note had been received, would give no intimation as to how it had been or would be treated.

Count Haytshi, the last minister for foreign affairs and for a year ambassador to Great Britian, Count Okuma, formerly one of the most active statesmen, and every one whose name carried any weight whatsoever, were quoted in the newspapers in strenuous objections to giving up what is claimed to be the harvest of the war with Rus

"Tens of thousands of our soldiers died in Manchuria in the war with Russia," they said. "The material side is represented by the south Manchurian railway and the Antung-Mukden. The leased territory and Port Arthur were only recovered. These we won ten years before, and lost again by the intrigue of certain powers when United States, hitherto always our friend, comes into combination with other powers and proposes that we should give up the south Manchurian treasurers who are required to settle railway, a paying road, and the Antung-Mukden, the continuation of our railroads in Korea to the control of foreigners and strangers.

"The reasons assigned for this are that the principle of the 'open door' and 'equal opportunity for all nations doing business in China must be preserved," but Japan has entered into solemn agreement with the powers of America and Europe to preserve the integrity of China and to maintain the principle of the open door and equal opportunity in concert with China and with all other nations and to this Japan has adhered religiously. "In two ways, therefore, the United

ment of the people of Japan. Is it any wonder that we refuse to permit our government even to suggest that the proposal has been received by Japan with equanimity?" This statement practically voices the

States attacks the honor and the senti-

entire expression heard from the public during the first forty-eight hours after the news of the receipt of Secretary Knox's note. But further seniment was expressed thus: "The riots that followed the making of the treaty of Portsmouth would not

be a circumstance to the trouble that would follow the relinquishment by Japan of her rights in Manchuria, even though she received twice the intrin-So far as can be learned by responsible investigators there is little or no foundation for the charges of discrimination brought against Japan in con

nection with trade in Manchuria. The leading business firms of England and America are, in common with the Japanese, suffering from a depreciation in the trade in this territory, but that depreciation is due to conditions over which neither the Japanese nor any other country for the present has any control. One thing may be set down as absolutely certain, and that is that Japan is not going to give up her right in

the south Manchurian railway until those rights shall be terminated by the lapse of the term for which Japan has control. Japan was given control of the South Manchurian rallway for a period of thirty-six years from the signing of the Portsmouth treaty. The Antung-Mukden railway will remain in possession of Japan for fifteen years. There are now in Manchuria about thirty thousand Japanese settlers, and

since they are within the zone of the

railroad, where Japan has a sphere of

influence, the proposed taking over by

the powers would place the interestr

of these in jeopardy. Cincinnati, O., Feb. 6.-etoietao Cincinnati, O .- William C. Proctor announced that he had with drawn his offer of \$500,000 for the proposed graduate college of Princeton university. The offer was made last additional half million dollars was to one-half months ago. be raised by May 1, 1910. Mr. Proctor stated that his offer had been unconditionally wihdrawn on account of his inability to agree with the views entertained by President Woodrow Wilson and members of the Princeton faculty as to the scope and institution of the graduate college.

Must Not Close the Lake.

Peoria. Ill.-By the injunction granted to Attorney General W. H. Stead on behalf of the state against the commissioners of the Spring lake drainage and levee district a restraining order preventing the latter from closing the lake or interfering with navigation is entered. Master in Chancery H. C. sion Saturday. An order was also issued enjoining the fishermen and huntlake district.

NEWS FROM THE CAPITAL CITY

House

State General Fund Full. For the first time in the history of the state, so far as known, the state treasurer has \$100,000 in the general fund and the state is out of debt. The state generally had scads of school funds on hand and for many years has had \$8,000,000 of such funds invested in interest bearing securities, but usually there is nothing in the general fund and often that fund is far behind and school funds are used to take up state warrants presented for payment. As fast as general funds come in they are used in such cases to take up state warrants that have been registered to the credit of the school fund.

The unusual occurrence of \$100,000 in the general fund and no outstanding warrants to take up, caused Treasurer L. G. Brian to rake up a law passed in 1879 which provides that when there is in the hands of the state treasurer money of the state in excess of \$100,000 he shall in writing notify the governor and state auditor of the fact and within three days after such notice is given the governor, treasurer and auditor shall meet in solemn conclave and decide whether or not the excess funds shall be invested in 4 per cent government bonds or whether or not the money shall be kept as necessary funds to meet the current demands upon the state treasurer. The treasurer served this notice Wednesday

The old statute is considered something of a joke. In the first place there there are no 4 per cent government bonds floating about and in the second place the \$100,000 will soon melt away in the payment of current expenses of the state government. The three officers mentioned in the statute will decide to keep the money in the treasury to meet demands months hence, when receipts at the treasury are light and expenses heavy. It will be laid up against the rainy days that come in the summer time when little money is received at the treasury. The receipts are just now heavy on account of remittances from county annually with the state,

The wiping out of the state debt which was in the form of registered warrants was due to the Sheldon one mill tax law which was in force several years. No levy has been made for this year under that law.

Favors Local Inspection.

State Veterinarian Juckiness, on account of a recent experience, is in favor of local inspection of meat. He does not care for the much praised home killed pork since he stopped in a little town in Nebraska and visited a butcher shop where home killed meat was sold. He found two carcasses of hogs hanging up back of the shop. Both carcasses showed the effect of tuberculosis generalized. The disease was apparent throughout the carcasses, it not being confined to a few of the organs. He went into the shop and there found another tuberculosis carcass on the block. He does not believe butchers kill tuberculosis animals purposely but is of the opinion that they do not always know an affected animal. He thinks local inspection by trained veterinarians ought to be established. The state food commissioner's employes are not supposed to be experts in testing carcasses for disease, but are supposed to know merely whether or not food is decomposed,

Flour Rate an Issue.

The complaint of Kendall & Smith of Woodlawn against the Burlington was heard Tuesday by the railway commission. The complainants operate a flouring mill at Woodlawn, near Lincoln, and the complaint alleges that a rate of \$5 a car on flour and grain products, which was cancelled before the commission came into existence, should be restored or some other reasonable rate established. The railroad company alleges that the grain rate to Lincoln was 5 cents a hundred and is now 41/4 cents a hundred, which would enable Kenadli & Smith to ship a finished product cheaper than Lincoln millers could get raw material. It was alleged that the mill was not built on the strength of the per car load rate, but was built in 1872, many years before the car rate was established.

Fined \$100 for Killing a Deer.

Deputy Game Warden Boehler has returned from Cuming county, where he prosecuted Jack Webb for killing a deer that is supposed to have come from Dakota or some private park. Webb and Ed. Koneck contested for the honor of the kid till they found the fine was from \$100 to \$300. Webb pleaded guilty and paid \$100, but Koneck is said to have furnished half the May with the understanding that an money. The killing occurred two and

The Railway Commission.

William C. Brooks of Beatrice, a traveling man, has filed nomination papers with the secretary of state as a democratic candidate for stat railway commissioner. He was formerly a republican in politics.

State Experiment Stations. Director E. A. Burnett of thes state

experiment station has filed a report with Governor Shallenberger in which he states that the sub-experiment station provided for in northwest Nebraska has been located at a point five miles from Mitchell and seven and one-half miles from Scotts Bluff. Frings of Pekin announced his deci- The regents favor Valentine for the other station, but this has not yet been determined. The work of the ers from dynamiting or in any way de- state experiment station has been pubstroying any property of the Spring lished from time to time in bulletin