

# THE WAGWORKER

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LINCOLN, - - NEBRASKA

The flour mills of the United States represent fixed investments of about \$200,000,000.

An alligator dinner may be well enough provided the alligator is not doing the dining.

What has become of the man who used to be a skeptic about the value of wireless telegraphy?

The value of horses in the United States is estimated at two billions. The auto is not king yet.

Kansas City man undertakes to prove that whisky is not a cure for snake bite. Mean disposition, that man has!

Oklahoma woman has 301 ways of cooking corn. And yet she may not know of one good way to cook parsnips.

In awarding praise for the recent ocean life-saving performance, don't forget the man who invented the water-tight compartment.

In view of Marconi's service to the race, this would not be an opportune time to indulge invidious reference to the people we get from Italy.

Perhaps the wireless telegraph will eventually be our long-hoped-for method of communicating with Mars and other interesting places in this neighborhood.

Apparently we are to have a revival of the old press stories of the stage which have done such yeoman service. Another actress has torn up a bunch of real money in mistake.

The newspapers of Rome publish enthusiastic praise of the heroism of the Russian sailors who landed at Messina to rescue such survivors as they could, and recommend that the city of Rome confer medals on them.

Plaster portraits are the fashionable form of "counterfeit presentment" in London. They are done in the form of miniature busts or bas-reliefs at the low price of half a guinea (\$2.50) apiece.

An elephant in New York seized a pitchfork from his keeper's hands and tried to beat him with it. It is to be feared an elephant like this will have to be sent to join the ranks of the nature fakery.

The Illinois man who dropped dead when he was whipping a colt was not overcome by his physical exertions, but by his violent rage. The man who whips a horse is invariably a man with a bad temper not under decent control.

A man in Philadelphia is suing his wife for divorce because she has a soul affinity on another planet. Although he does not explicitly say so in his complaint, every one will naturally infer that his hated rival is the man from Mars.

A remarkable case, unique in the history of all consular corps of the world, is that of the American consul at Gibraltar. Mr. Sprague is the third successive generation of his family to hold the post of consul, his grandfather and his father having held it before him.

There is a difference of opinion as to whether or not Menelik, head czar-kaiser-speaker of Abyssinia, is dead. We should think the simplest way to find out would be to ask him. Of course, he isn't easily approached, but there should be some way of getting the question to him and letting him settle it.

Unlike the creations of the millinery establishments, it fortunately happens that the old hat on the masculine head is reckoned just as good as new by the great majority of mankind. This will help mitigate the embarrassment that would otherwise come from a general and prolonged strike in the hatters' establishments.

Notwithstanding the financial stringency, the Young Men's Christian association had one of its most prosperous periods last year. Eighty-four new buildings, costing \$10,000,000, were opened, and work on as many more is now in progress. As the spirit of cooperation is growing among Christian workers of all denominations, the association is likely to expand more rapidly in the present century than in the last.

Civilization will never achieve the accidentless sea voyage, but the wireless telegraphy comes as near to that end, apparently, as human ingenuity can devise. A half century ago, such results would have been looked on as little less than a miracle. A couple of centuries ago its inventor would have been in danger of the stake as possessed of diabolical power. Yet some people still declare that the world is steadily getting worse in every respect.

This is the season of skating accidents. People ought to recognize the well-known fact that no river is ever safe in all parts. A skater should always approach new ice carefully on the lookout for airholes and thin spots.

Newsboys need not be greatly alarmed lest the newly devised slot machine for selling newspapers shall interfere with their business. The machine will not chase possible patrons along the streets or climb after them into street cars.

# CAPITAL CITY NEWS

ITEMS OF INTEREST AROUND THE STATE HOUSE.

## THE WORK OF THE LAW MAKERS

Legislative Facts and Gossip—News of the State Capital.

### Work of the Week.

During the week the senate passed the following bills:

S. F. 71, by Banning—Reciprocal demurrage.

S. F. 101, by Tanner—South Omaha charter.

S. F. 133, by Ollis—Physical valuation of railroads.

S. F. 152, by Miller—Establishing a school of citizenship at the state university.

S. F. 11, by King—License to carry firearms under certain restrictions.

S. F. 271, by Burrman—Quieting title to lots in St. Paul, Neb.

S. F. 159, by Miller—Prohibiting secret fraternities in high and elementary public schools.

S. F. 120, by Miller—Divorce law; requires two years' residence.

H. R. 103, by Clark—Emergency appropriation of \$600 for incidental expenses for governor's office and mansion.

H. R. 79, by Skeen—Memorial to congress to place clock in tower of Lincoln postoffice.

H. R. 29, by Begole—Appropriates \$3,600 to purchase 400 copies Cobbley's statutes.

S. F. 143, by Bartos—Requiring express, railway and telegraph companies to provide telephones in their local offices.

S. F. 153, by Ransom—To pension Omaha and Lincoln firemen.

S. F. 137, by Burrman—Prohibiting taking of pension at soldiers' home.

S. F. 155, by Ransom—Provides for registration of municipal bonds.

S. F. 95, by Wiltse—Damage claims against railroads not paid within 60 to 90 days to draw seven per cent interest and penalty of \$50 per day.

S. F. 167, by Ollis—Appropriating \$100 for seed corn experiments.

S. F. 148, by Myers—New military code for state guard.

S. F. 129, by Burrman—To provide free water courses and drainage through private lands.

The house passed the following bills during the week:

H. R. 162, by Taylor of Custer—Appropriating \$100 to aid experiments in seed corn growing.

H. R. 57, by Begole—Appropriating \$70,000 for two new buildings at Institute for Feeble Minded at Beatrice.

H. R. 70, by Case—Regulating the profession of nursing.

H. R. 127, by West—Provides penalties for advertising false pedigree of stallions.

H. R. 118, by Wilson—Provides for examination of criminal insane, under death sentence, by superintendents of state insane hospitals.

H. R. 128, by Lawrence—A new military code conforming to act of congress of 1903, for government of state guard.

H. R. 100, by Bygland—Appropriating \$200,000 to establish binding twine factory at state penitentiary.

H. R. 171, by Gerdes—Requiring insurance agents to secure license from state auditor, which auditor may revoke for violation of law.

H. R. 183, by Wilson—Making September 24, the birthday of John Howard, prison reformer, a holiday in penal and reformatory institutions of the state.

H. R. 170, by Moore—Establishing pounds per bushel of farm products.

H. R. 160, by Begole—Prohibits organization of fraternities in high or elementary public schools.

H. R. 39, by Kelly—To reimburse inmates of soldiers' homes for any pension money heretofore accepted by the state.

H. R. 158, by Bushee—Gives bond holders of irrigation districts authority to bring suit to test the validity of bonds.

H. R. 149, by Carr—Provides for changes in the boundaries of school districts.

H. R. 179, by Bushee—Creates field superintendent of irrigation districts.

S. F. 44, by Ransom—Grants authority to Omaha to increase municipal debt.

### House Favors Capital Punishment.

The house went on record Thursday morning as favoring capital punishment when the Raper bill to amend the present law so as to provide life imprisonment instead of hanging was defeated. Half a dozen members spoke for and against the bill, but the sentiment was overwhelmingly for capital punishment.

# NEWS OF NEBRASKA

ITEMS OF GREATER OR LESSER IMPORTANCE OVER THE STATE.

## THE PRESS, PULPIT AND PUBLIC

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

### Alliance's New Academy.

The first public entertainment by St. Agnes' academy was given at Alliance Wednesday night in which 150 children participated. The event marked the termination of the first six months of the academy's existence, and the magnificent showing in the way of thespian ability, and the discipline in the many difficult drills by the children, made it the best ever witnessed, and displayed a patience in its success that could only be equalled by the sisters. The academy is under the direction of the teaching order of St. Francis, and was built and paid for in a little more than one year prior to the opening of the school season of last fall. It is the only institution of its kind for 300 miles around. At present it has an attendance numbering students from Wyoming, South Dakota, northern Colorado and a good share of western Nebraska.

### Bad Accident at Superior.

W. J. Hill met with a bad accident south of Superior Saturday morning, which will probably result in his death. He had been working for J. H. Broyles on a traction engine, and at the time was running down a steep grade pulling a wagon load of coal and a hay baler when the reverse lever broke and he lost control of the engine, which ran over a bank and upset, throwing him off. The coal wagon, which was following, passed over his chest. A physician was called and found him suffering from internal injuries which he thinks must necessarily prove fatal. Mr. Broyles was on the engine at the time, but jumped and escaped injury.

### Big Hotel for Aurora.

A stock company is being formed in Aurora for the purpose of erecting a new hotel to cost \$50,000. The land has already been purchased. The new hotel is to be built on what is known as the old Tuttle house corner. F. J. Sharp, general secretary of the Royal Highlanders and one of the most progressive business men in that part of the state, is promoting the new company. It has long been felt that Aurora needs larger hotel accommodations, the lack of which in the past has resulted in its losing many conventions which would naturally come to Aurora because of the superior railroad advantages.

### Agent Man Suffers Injury.

Robert Taylor, for more than 35 years a resident of Merrick county, taking up a homestead when the country furnished anybody a choice of land, now after he has seen what at that time was considered almost worthless property grow into a price which is considered almost fabulous, met with a misfortune Sunday evening, slipping and falling on ice, and fracturing a hip. Owing to his age, which is past 70, the doctors in attendance consider his injuries serious.

### Fairbury Has Another Fire.

Early Monday morning fire was discovered in the frame building on fourth street at Fairbury, occupied by Allen & Davis as a feed and fuel store. The Heidelberg livery barn, which is located a short distance south of the burned building, was several times on fire, but the firemen managed to save it. The loss is estimated at \$4,000, with \$2,500 insurance. The building is a total wreck.

### Made in Lincoln Exposition.

The manufacturers of Lincoln will hold at the auditorium, the week of March 8, an exhibit of Lincoln made goods and during the week the retail merchants' association will hold a meeting in the capital city. The merchants of this association and other Nebraska people will be offered an opportunity to see what is made in the capital city.

### Quite Teaching to Write.

Professor Havne, who has been teaching in Nemaha and Pawnee counties for several years, has purchased an interest in the Auburn Granger and will go into the office as soon as his resignation as teacher in the Brock schools is accepted and he is released.

### Postmaster at McCook Dies of Consumption.

Stuart B. McLean of McCook passed away Saturday night, a victim of consumption. Brief services were held Sunday afternoon attended by the Knights of Pythias in a body. The remains were sent to Calumet, Michigan, his old home, for interment. His mother and brother, who were with him at his death, were accompanied by Miss Elsie Campbell and George Campbell, representing the Knights of Pythias, and by Dr. C. L. Fahnestock, for the McCook Commercial club.

# NEBRASKA HAPPENINGS.

State News and Notes in Condensed Form.

## WORK OF FINAL SESSION IS IN FULL SWING.

Happenings of Interest in Both the Senate and House During the Past Week.

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Under the treaty as negotiated these questions would be submitted to a board of three, one representing Panama, one the United States and one appointed by the president of Peru and thus if a dispute of serious character should arise, two South Americans would be pitted against one North American.

This feature of the treaty was objectionable to the senate committee on foreign relations, but in view of the indignation of the Republic of Panama at the recent speeches of Representative Rainey of Illinois, who severely criticized President Obaldia it was not thought advisable to ask Panama to amend the treaty, which already has been approved by that Republic.

House Passes Indian Bills.

Washington, D. C.—The following measures were passed by the house of representatives Tuesday: Providing for an accounting of certain funds held in trust to the Chippewa Indians in Minnesota, providing for the sale of timber or allotted Indian lands; authorizing homesteads of Osage Indians in Oklahoma to consist of land designated from any one or more of their first three allotment selections taken under the act of June 23, 1906.

### No More Express Franks.

Washington, D. C.—In an opinion by Justice Day in various cases of the United States against express companies of the country, the supreme court of the United States Tuesday held that under the Elkins law express companies could not legally grant franks for the free transportation of the property of their own employees or of the employees of other express or transportation companies.

### Kansans Visited the Kansas.

Washington, D. C.—The congratulations of the state of Kansas to its battleship namesake was conveyed by Representative Anthony and Representative Campbell at Hampton Roads. They boarded the battleship and told the officers how proud the Sunflower state was of its representative in the battle fleet and the officers thanked them and said some nice things about Kansas.

### President Attends a Funeral.

Washington, D. C.—The president, Mrs. Roosevelt, their son Kermit, Mrs. Nicholas Longworth, Rear Admiral and Mrs. W. S. Cowles and Secretary Loeb attended the funeral services in New York Wednesday forenoon of the president's nephew, Stewart Douglas Robinson, who was killed Saturday night by falling from a window in his dormitory at Harvard college.

### Oklahoma Churches Robbed.

Oklahoma City, Ok.—Vandals entered St. Paul's Episcopal and St. Joseph's Catholic cathedrals Tuesday night and after pillaging among the sacred altars and vessels took nearly \$1,000 in solid gold and silver vessels. Two solid silver communion services were taken from the Episcopal church and chalices and other golden vessels from the Catholic church. Locks were pried open and altars and vestries were ruthlessly ransacked.

### Found an Ancient Pearl.

Goldfield, Nev.—Dr. Samuel E. Green, an English geologist, while exploring the formation of the Indian Springs oil fields, discovered a strata that contained fossils of prehistoric animals and reptiles. He broke open a number of ancient oyster shells and in one of them discovered a perfect pearl, pure white and weighing nearly 450 karats. Dr. Green has refused a sum for the pearl which would buy a hundred "water jewels" of ordinary size.

### Threatens to Blow Up Ohio Capital.

Columbus, Ohio.—State Senator Gillett Wednesday received a letter threatening to blow up the senate chamber next Tuesday. The name signed was John Komiska. He said there no longer was any chance in this country for a poor man.

### A Million Dollars for Model Tenements.

New York.—Mrs. William K. Vanderbilt, Sr., has given more than \$1,000,000, it was announced Wednesday, for the erection of four model tenements for persons suffering with tuberculosis.

### The Eva Reaches Naples.

Naples, Italy.—The British steamer Eva, which sailed from New York February 1 with timber purchased by the fund provided by the United States congress, arrived here Monday and left for Messina.

### Injured in a Derailment.

Coffeyville, Kan.—Missouri, Kansas & Texas passenger train No. 25, which left here at 6:40 o'clock Monday morning, was wrecked just across the state line at South Coffeyville, Ok. Five passengers were badly cut and bruised.

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